

DRIVING TO CLEAR CREEK FROM POINTS SOUTH

From south Tulsa and Broken Arrow, travel east on **Highway 51** (the Broken Arrow Expressway). On the east edge of Broken Arrow, you will have the choice of staying on Hwy. 51 or taking the Muskogee Turnpike. The Turnpike saves you a few minutes but costs \$1.00.

IF YOU USE THE TURNPIKE, take the Wagoner exit. Or if you stay on Highway 51, continue through Coweta all the way to Wagoner.

From Texas, Arkansas or other southern approaches, you will arrive at WAGONER via **Highway 69** or the Muskogee Turnpike (165).

From Oklahoma City, you will get to WAGONER either going northeast on I-44 around the southern edge of Tulsa to the Broken Arrow Expressway, or by traveling east **on I-40**, and then going north on Highway 69.

At WAGONER, continue east on Highway 51. WATCH THE SIGNS FOR 51 CAREFULLY THROUGH WAGONER - the road turns a few times.

Continue east on 51. Cross Lake Fort Gibson. Pass the entrance to Western Hills Lodge. ON THE LEFT pass huge nursery and firewood lot. About a mile past the firewood lot, you come to a crossroads.

There are three or four signs here for churches, a 4H arena, etc. A green sign reading "**Clear Creek Road**" marks this corner.

TURN LEFT (north) at this corner onto Clear Creek Road. (If you come to the bridge on Highway 51 that crosses Fourteen Mile Creek, you have missed Clear Creek Road - go back.)

Go north on Clear Creek. Road. Pass **general store** (last chance for gas).

AT FIRST STOP SIGN, turn right (east). Pass **firehouse** on left. TURN LEFT AT FIRST INTERSECTION PAST FIREHOUSE. (People constantly miss this turn, as there is no landmark or sign of any kind, not even a sign warning of the intersection.)

Continue north on paved road. After about three miles, you cross Clear Creek on a **low-water bridge** - a concrete slab. AT END OF PAVEMENT, make sharp left turn up the hill onto gravel road. Do not turn left till the pavement runs out.

Follow the road up the hill and around for a mile or so. At the top of the hill, you will come to the Clear Creek Monastery entrance on the left. **The gate** is set back from the road, and is easy to miss at night.

It's one mile and a half from the gate to the monastery. You **turn right at the "Y"** (going Northwest). This scenic road leads down hill, across the monastery's stone bridge, back up to the monastery. The Gatehouse is very visible, near the parking lot. Just sound the doorbell.

IN CASE OF HIGH WATER AT THE SLAB (The low-water bridge referred to above)

Turn around and go back south three miles or so to the stop sign that's just east of the firehouse. Turn left (east). Go exactly two miles, to the first stop sign, which is in the tiny community of **Lost City**. (At the stop sign, you should be able to look off to your right and see the Lost City School in the distance).

Turn left (north) at the stop sign onto what the locals call the Lost City Road (paved). After three or four miles, ON YOUR LEFT you will see a small sign reading "Clear Creek Freewill Baptist Church". TURN LEFT AT THIS SIGN ONTO THE GRAVEL ROAD THERE. (If you come to **Peggs**, you have gone too far - turn around.)

The road snakes around for four or five miles, passes the **Clear Creek Freewill Baptist Church**, but in general FOLLOWS THE CREEK. With some exceptions, you are mostly headed west.

The road forks WHERE THE PAVEMENT BEGINS. Do not veer left onto the pavement. VEER RIGHT UP THE HILL. The right fork is still gravel. After a mile, you will come to the gate to the monastery on the left. On the gravel road between the Clear Creek Freewill Baptist Church sign and the fork which leads up the hill to the monastery, you may encounter standing water, but it is usually safe to cross in a car, even after a hard rain.

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