ROUTE 66 DESERT PASSPORT

Mrs. Orcutt's Driveway

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This passport belongs to _____

Trip dates _____ Party _____

Chicago to Santa Monica · 1926-2026

How to use this passport

Collect a stamp, sticker, signature, or a one-line note at each stop. Stay on public property. If a place is private, admire it from the road. Tag photos #MrsOrcuttsDriveway.

Her original driveway reached old Route 66. Interstate 40 crossed that track. The featured page is for the Bagdad Cafe and a public-road view only. Do not enter the property. Carry water. What she did next is in the book.

Print on US Letter. A booklet print (flip on the short edge) fits a glove box. The web page is mrsorcuttsdriveway.com/passport.

1. Begin Route 66 sign

Chicago, Illinois

The traditional eastern end of U.S. 66 is marked in downtown Chicago, where the highway was designated with the rest of the first federal numbered system in 1926.

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Source: National Park Service

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

2. Gemini Giant

Wilmington, Illinois

The Gemini Giant is a giant astronaut figure long associated with the Launching Pad drive-in on Route 66 in Wilmington. Confirm where the statue is standing before you detour; roadside giants are sometimes moved.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

3. Chain of Rocks Bridge

Madison, Illinois

This former Route 66 crossing of the Mississippi River is known for a sharp bend in the deck. It is now used by people on foot and on bicycles.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

4. Meramec Caverns

Stanton, Missouri

Meramec Caverns is a show cave in Stanton that advertised heavily to families driving Route 66.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

5. Gay Parita

Paris Springs, Missouri

Paris Springs Junction is a tiny community on U.S. 66 in southwest Missouri, known for the recreated 1930s Gay Parita Sinclair station and a Route 66 store.

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Source: TheRoute-66.com

Date _____ Mileage _____

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6. Galena and Baxter Springs

Kansas

Route 66's path through Kansas is only about 13 miles, passing Galena and Baxter Springs in the southeast corner of the state.

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Source: Wikipedia

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What I saw _____

7. Blue Whale of Catoosa

Catoosa, Oklahoma

Hugh Davis built the Blue Whale beside a swimming hole as a gift for his wife. The whale was completed in 1972.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

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8. Arcadia Round Barn

Arcadia, Oklahoma

The Arcadia Round Barn was built in 1898 and now welcomes Route 66 travelers as a landmark on the road through Arcadia.

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Source: Wikipedia

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9. U-Drop Inn

Shamrock, Texas

The Tower Station and U-Drop Inn, opened in 1936, is an Art Deco gas station and café that has been restored on Route 66 in Shamrock.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

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10. Cadillac Ranch

Amarillo, Texas

In 1974 the art group Ant Farm buried ten Cadillacs nose-down in a field west of Amarillo. Visitors are expected to leave the art, not the trash, and to respect the working ranch around it.

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Source: Wikipedia

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11. Midpoint Cafe

Adrian, Texas

Adrian is widely marked as the midpoint of historic Route 66 between Chicago and Santa Monica. The Midpoint Cafe sits on that claim.

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Source: Wikipedia

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12. Blue Swallow Motel

Tucumcari, New Mexico

The Blue Swallow Motel is a long-running Route 66 court in Tucumcari, known for its swallow neon and the slogan "100% Refrigerated Air."

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Source: Wikipedia

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13. Central Avenue neon

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Central Avenue carried Route 66 through Albuquerque, and a string of neon motel signs still marks that path across the city.

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Source: Wikipedia

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14. Blue Hole

Santa Rosa, New Mexico

The Blue Hole is an artesian pool more than 80 feet deep that stays near 62°F. An early alignment of Route 66 passed beside it.

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Source: Wikipedia

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15. Petrified Forest National Park

Arizona

Historic Route 66 crossed Petrified Forest National Park. The National Park Service keeps a page on that crossing, often described as the highway's only national-park passage.

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Source: National Park Service

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16. Wigwam Village No. 6

Holbrook, Arizona

Finished in 1950, Wigwam Village No. 6 offers concrete teepee rooms on old Route 66 in Holbrook and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Source: National Park Service

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17. Standin' on the Corner Park

Winslow, Arizona

Standin' on the Corner Park, dedicated in 1999, celebrates the Eagles line about standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

18. Seligman

Seligman, Arizona

In 1987 barber Angel Delgadillo helped found the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona in Seligman, a spark for the road's comeback after decommissioning.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

What I saw _____

19. Hackberry General Store

Hackberry, Arizona

The Hackberry General Store is a long-running Route 66 stop between Seligman and Kingman, piled with signs, pumps, and travelers' photos.

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Source: Wikipedia

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20. Cool Springs Station

Near Kingman, Arizona

On the pre-1952 mountain alignment, U.S. 66 left the Black Mountains at Cool Springs Station, between Oatman and Kingman. Confirm the station is open before you stop.

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Source: Wikipedia

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21. Oatman

Oatman, Arizona

Oatman is a former gold-mining town on the mountain alignment of Route 66, where free-roaming burros walk the main street.

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Source: Wikipedia

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22. Needles

Needles, California

Needles sits on the Colorado River where Route 66 entered California. El Garces, beside the railroad, was a Harvey House hotel.

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Source: Wikipedia

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23. Roy's Motel and Café

Amboy, California

Roy Crowl opened Roy's in Amboy in the late 1930s. The boomerang sign still marks the desert alignment of Route 66. Amboy Crater, a nearby cinder cone on public land, is a separate stop: check current Bureau of Land Management access before you hike.

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Source: Wikipedia

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24. Bagdad Cafe

Newberry Springs, California

The café, once the Sidewinder Café, became famous as the setting of Percy Adlon's Bagdad Café, filmed here in 1987, and later took the film's name. The motel from the film is gone; the café and its sign remain.

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Source: Wikipedia

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25. Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch

Oro Grande, California

Elmer Long built a roadside forest of bottle trees along National Trails Highway in Oro Grande. Confirm that the ranch is open before you plan a stop.

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Source: Wikipedia

Date _____ Mileage _____

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26. Harvey House and Mother Road Museum

Barstow, California

Casa del Desierto, the 1911 Harvey House by the Barstow rail yard, houses the Route 66 Mother Road Museum and the Western America Railroad Museum. Hours change: check before you go.

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Source: Wikipedia

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27. Wigwam Village No. 7

San Bernardino / Rialto, California

Frank Redford built Wigwam Village No. 7 in the late 1940s on historic Route 66 at the San Bernardino to Rialto line. The mailing address is Rialto; the motel sits on the city boundary.

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Source: Wikipedia

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28. End of the Trail sign

Santa Monica Pier, California

The End of the Trail sign at Santa Monica Pier marks the western end of Route 66 at the Pacific Ocean.

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Source: Wikipedia

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Featured stop

Mrs. Orcutt's Driveway

Newberry Springs, California

Margaret "Bonnie" Orcutt's original driveway reached old Route 66. An I-40 survey crossed that track. Stamp this page for the Bagdad Cafe, and stay on public roads. Do not enter the property. What she did next is in the book.

Stay on public roads. Do not trespass. Take nothing, leave nothing. Carry water. This is not a tourist destination.

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Trip log

Miles this trip _____

Favorite stop _____

A name to remember _____

Weather _____

Something I will tell later _____

Keep her story on the seat beside you.

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