Stillwater and USRI Guide
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1 Facility and Site Locations

1.1 Getting to Stillwater
Stillwater is approximately 1 hour & 10 minutes from either Tulsa or OKC. **From OKC**, travel north on I-35 until you reach exit 174. Head east for 15 miles. Turn left (north) at Western Ave. (4th stoplight). If going to student union or Atherton Hotel, turn right on University until you reach the parking garage just past the duck pond and Washington St. Otherwise, stay on road as it veers east and turns into Hall of Fame. Turn right (south) on Washington. **From Tulsa**, take highway 412. This is a toll road (cost about $2.50). Take the Stillwater Exit and continue to the end, which is Washington/177. Heading south takes you straight to campus.

1.1.1.1 Directions to the OSU Architecture Building.
Note that construction is taking place in various places along Hall of Fame Rd., including Washington, and adjacent to the Architecture Building. Detours around each construction site will be marked.
1.2 Off Campus Sites
The Unmanned Systems Research Institute (USRI) is housed in the Richmond Hills Research Complex at 5200 Richmond Hills Ct. To reach this, take Washington from the OSU campus. Turn right on Airport Rd., then left on Perkins. Richmond Hills will be on your left. The DML is located is 1724 W. Tyler Ave. on the north side of campus.

1.2.1.1 Directions to Richmond Hills Research Complex.
1.3  OSU Unmanned Aircraft Flight Station (UAFS)

OSU UAFS Head East on highway 51 out of Stillwater travelling 12 miles from highway 177 (Perkins Road). Turn North on Clay Rd. and proceed 3.2 miles. The field is on the right.

1.3.1.1 Directions to OSU UAFS.

GPS Coordinates:
36.164349, -96.835728
36° 09' 51.66", -96° 50' 8.62"

1.3.1.2 Aerial view of UAFS.
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2.1 Airports
Stillwater (SWO) has twice daily service by American Airlines. Oklahoma City (OKC) and Tulsa (TUL) are serviced by all major carriers and are located approximately 1 hour away by car (in the case of Tulsa, a toll road).

2.2 Places to Stay
There are many hotels in Stillwater. Here are some of the nicer options located close to campus. There are also brand new La Quinta and Holiday Inn Express on the west side of town (about 2 miles from campus); see their respective web-sites for details. While the latter are newer, they are also more remote. Suggested hotels closer to Stillwater include the Atherton and Cimarron. Blocks of hotel rooms (at the per diem rate where possible) have been reserved at the Cimarron and Hilton Home2 Suites under UAS or CUAS.

Recommended Hotels

- www.athertonhotelatosu.com 405-744-6835
- www.bestwestern.com/plus_cimarron_hotel 800-637-5958
- www.hilton.com/Home2_Suites/Stillwater 844-311-6145

2.3 Weather
August is the hottest month of the year in Oklahoma. While August is entering the dry portion of summer, severe storms are not uncommon throughout the entire month, so be prepared for severe weather. Tornados have occurred in every month of the year in the state.

2.3.1.1 Historical temperature highs, lows, and precipitation for Stillwater, OK.
2.4 Things to Do

Stillwater is a college town, and as such features a variety of college related activities. Stillwater houses the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. The Botanic Garden and Boomer Lake both offer nice nature walks. Museums include the Gardiner Art Gallery and the OSU Museum of Art (located in the Postal Plaza downtown).

Nightlife includes the Strip on Washington, which houses the college bars, including Willies and lots of others I know nothing about, though engineers seem to gravitate to Stonewall (aka the Wall) near Joe’s. Seasoned adults will prefer Town Hall’s, Gatsby’s or Zanotti’s, however. Iron Monk is our local brewery.

In OKC, I suggest Pops, Science Museum Oklahoma, the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, Fred Jones Museum of Art, and the OKCMOA. Bricktown and the Paseo are the places to be. Unique options include the American Banjo Museum (Steve Martin’s banjo is there) and the American Pigeon Museum.

2.5 Places to Eat

Popular restaurants include Stillwater landmarks Hideaway Pizza and Eskimo Joe’s. The former was selected as the best pizza in Oklahoma by the Food Network. The Thai Café, Café 88, Golden Dragon, and Mainstreet Noodles all offer good selections of Asian fare. The best BBQ is arguably Bad Brad’s but opinions vary. Starbucks is located on Hall of Fame near Main St. and is a short drive or walk from the Cimarron Hotel.

Suggestions by category: (FF: Fast Food)

- **Breakfast**: Granny’s, Jimmy’s Egg, Old School Bagel Café, Braum’s (Fast Food)
- **Bar/Pub**: Iron Monk Brewery, Finnegan’s Fighting Goat, Louie’s Bar & Grill
- **BBQ**: Bad Brad’s, Cherokee Strip (Lunch Only), Rib Crib, Purdy-Q (Food Truck)
- **Burgers**: The Garage, Eskimo Joe’s, Braum’s (FF), Louie’s
- **Steakhouses**: The Rancher’s Club, Freddy Paul’s, Texas Roadhouse
- **Mexican**: El Bto Vaquero, El Vaquero, Fuzzy’s, El Tapatio, Palamino’s, Taco Bueno (FF)
- **Asian**: Thai Café, Thai Loco (Asian Tacos), Golden Dragon, Café 88, Main Street Noodle
- **Deli (Sandwiches & Salads)**: Red Rock Café, McAllister’s, Old School Bagel Café
- **Pizza**: The Hideaway, Pie Five, Marco’s (Take Out Only), Pizza West (Take Out Only)
- **Coffee Shops**: Blue Spruce, Aspen, Daily Grind, Hasting’s
- **Ice Cream**: Braum’s, Blue Spruce (Gelato), Orange Leaf (Frozen Yogurt), Freddy’s
- **Fast Food (Regional Only)**: Braum’s, Whataburger, Zaxby’s, Taco Bueno

For UAFS operations, 7 miles NE of the flight field at the intersection of Hwy 18 and 412 is Howler’s BBQ and McDonald’s as well as a convenience store.