

**“BIRTHPLACE
OF THE
LEGEND”
BUFFALO BILL**

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**OAKLEY
KANSAS**

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE SCULPTURE

In 1886 William F. Cody, “Buffalo Bill”, made his living as a contract buffalo hunter feeding the crews laying track across Kansas for the Kansas Pacific Railroad. At the same time William Comstock, who was also called “Buffalo Bill” by the soldiers at Fort Wallace, made his living providing buffalo meat feeding the soldiers at Fort Wallace. To determine the real “Buffalo Bill” a contest was staged west of Oakley, in Logan County Kansas. Buffalo Bill Cody won 69 to 46. On that day in the spring of 1868 the legend of “Buffalo Bill” Cody was born! By the turn of the century “Buffalo Bill” Cody had become the most famous person in the entire world and shaped the world’s image of the west.

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Discover Oakley at the crossroads of US 83, Hwy. 40 and I-70. Oakley is more than just a stop along the way—it's a way of life!

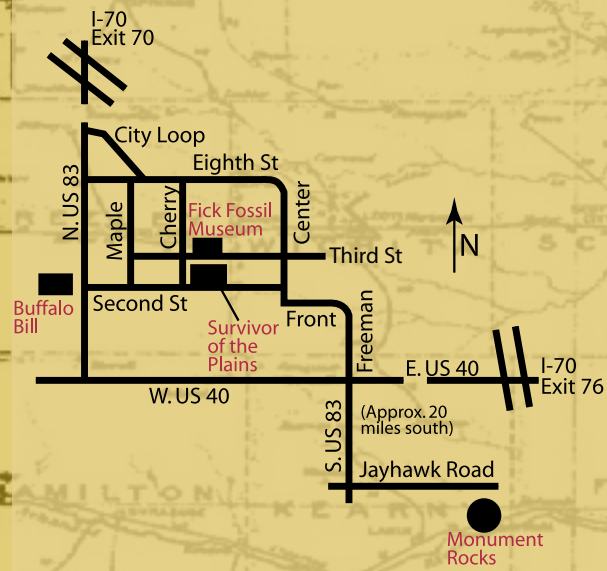
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| Elevation | 3,042 | |
| Population | Oakley | 2,197 |
| | Logan County | 3,145 |
| Avg. Temp | January | 30° |
| | July | 90° |

OAKLEY—A GREAT TOWN!!! PLACES TO GO—THINGS TO DO

- ☞ Twice-Life Sized Buffalo Bill Bronze Sculpture
- ☞ Fick Fossil & History Museum
- ☞ Survivor of the Plains
- ☞ Monument Rocks
- ☞ Annie Oakley Park with the “Cool Pool”, Gazebo and Walking Trail
- ☞ Bertrand Park and Trail



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- ☞ Home-owned Carnival
- ☞ Kansas State Corn Husking Contest
- ☞ Butterfield Trail Ride
- ☞ Old Settlers Day Cowchip Throwing Contest
- ☞ World's Largest Prairie Dog
- ☞ Nature's Conservancy Shortgrass Prairie
- ☞ Nine-hole Golf Course

- ☞ Great Hunting—Antelope, Deer, Dove, Quail and Pheasants
- ☞ Keystone Gallery by Monument Rocks
- ☞ Butterfield Trail Museum Russell Springs
- ☞ Miniature Golf
- ☞ Trap Club
- ☞ Souvenir Shops
- ☞ Antique Stores
- ☞ Plenty of great accommodations and Good Hometown Cookin'

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Oakley—the “Fossil Capital of Kansas”

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