



Sited at a principal Illinois River crossing named for a famous Cherokee family, Tenkiller Ferry Dam impounds one of the finest lakes in the Tulsa District. Among amenities along the lake's dogwood-studded shores: four nature trails and eighteen park areas. Top photo: straw-hatted engineers oversaw the installation of equipment in the powerhouse that produces an average of 115 million kilowatt-hours of power annually. Cherokee Landing, bottom and right photo, is a popular Tenkiller spot for boating, fishing, and picnicking.



Summertime, 1953: The Tulsa District dedicated Fort Gibson and Tenkiller on the same day — America's first double-barreled dams dedication ceremony, according to press accounts. Former Sen. Elmer Thomas kicked off the Tenkiller speeches at 10:25 a.m., and Sen. Bob Kerr led off the Fort Gibson ceremony at 3:25 p.m. Festivities included a demonstration of a sport unknown in the area: water skiing.