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(National Park Service)

This map shows the routes followed west by the Cherokee Nation to reach "Indian Territory," now the state of Oklahoma, in the 1830s.

The pink trail is the northern route. It was a land route and the largest group of Cherokees followed this part of the trail. The blue trail is the water route. The red trails show the other routes on the trail.

Questions for Map 2

1. How many different routes are shown? Why do you think there might have been so many?

2. Find the water route. What rivers does it follow? What advantages to you think it might have over an overland route? What difficulties might it present?

3. Locate the northern route. How does it compare with the other main routes? What major rivers did it cross? What advantages and what disadvantages might the northern route have?

4. The largest group of Cherokees left Tennessee in the late fall of 1838, followed the northern route, and arrived in Indian Territory in March. What problems do you think they might have encountered on the journey?

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therefore will print poorly. You can obtain a larger version of Map 2, but be aware that the file may take as much as 60 seconds to load with a 28.8K modem.

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