



## Trail News

### TOTA To Hold Workshops in June Theme: "Marking and Marketing the Trail of Tears"

The Trail of Tears Association, with help from the National Park Service, will be hosting two workshops in June with the theme, "Marking and Marketing the Trail of Tears." The first workshop will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 16-17, 2014, in Springfield, Missouri. The second workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2014, in Dalton, Georgia.

These workshops will be available to TOTA members only. Also available will be travel assistance funds on a first come, first served basis. These funds will cover hotel, travel expenses, and meal per diems. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, make sure you have paid your 2014 membership dues. Then, email or call Mike at totaadmin@arindianctr.org, (501)666-

9032; state your name and which workshop you would like to attend. There will be no need to contact Mike if you *do not* want to take advantage of the travel assistance. You will just need to register when materials are mailed out later this spring.

The goal of these workshops are to empower state chapter and local communities by teaching them about site certification, working with local governments to get sites and trail segments signed and marked, and how these certifications and signs can be used to market the trail for visitor use.

Look for more information in the mail this spring! This mailing will include registration materials.

### Happy 95th Birthday!



photo courtesy of Deborah Kirk

Long-time TOTA member Sarah Lena Vann Kirk celebrates her 95th birthday on March 25th! Ms. Kirk has attended every TOTA conference to date, including the 2013 conference in Hopkinsville, Kentucky (above).



photo courtesy of Carolyn Kent

Dan Littlefield, Sequoyah National Research Center director; Carolyn Kent, Arkansas chapter board member; and Reverend Von Dell Mooney unveil the interpretive panel at Old Austin, Arkansas.

### Ten Interpretive Panels Placed Along Trail in Arkansas

By Carolyn Kent, Arkansas chapter, TOTA

The Arkansas chapter is completing a major project that has been in the works for several years. We have located sites and placed ten, two-by-three foot interpretive panels around the state depicting the removal of the five major southeastern tribes.

The "Ten on the Trail" project was funded by a grant from one-time appropriations of the 86th Arkansas General Assembly and was administrated by the Arkansas Department of Heritage. Chapter project and research coordinator Carolyn Kent researched and designed the panels. The communities selected for the panels had to

agree to be responsible for installing the panels and also to help the chapter arrange a dedication ceremony.

Panel one was dedicated at Lavaca where members of all five tribes passed on one of the land routes. Panel two was installed at Point Chicot, one of the landing places for the Choctaws as they crossed the Mississippi River; and panel three was erected at Camden, a Choctaw land route to Indian Territory. Ruby Bolding, an employee of the Choctaw Nation, painted an original painting of Choctaws getting off a ferry boat for the Point Chicot and

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## Trail of Tears Association State Chapter News

### ALABAMA

In recognition of the 175th Commemoration and Remembrance of Cherokee Removal, the Alabama chapter engaged in several events to promote awareness and educate chapter members, the public at large, and the board of directors. The chapter's May 2013 and September 2013 chapter meetings were focused on panel discussions. These meetings were quite successful and imparted a huge amount of information about various aspects of removal to the audience. Because of the great reception by audience members, the chapter plans to use this meeting structure again in the future.

As part of 175th Remembrance, a short segment of the Bengé Route that goes through Lake Guntersville State Park was officially named "The Bengé Route Trail" and is open to the public. The trail was almost destroyed by a tornado two years ago, and Larry Smith and several chapter members, park rangers, and other volunteers assisted in cleaning up the debris.

A national magazine, *Alabama Heritage*, featured a brief article this past fall that discussed the meaning of the 175th removal anniversary of the Cherokee Nation from Alabama. The article was a group effort by members of the Alabama chapter. Hopefully, the chapter will have a feature length article sometime in 2015 or 2016!

As part of the continuing 175th, chapter members John Stanton and Randy White walked the Bengé Route from Fort Payne to Pulaski, Tennessee, which is over 130 miles! They posted their progress and thoughts and it's been a pleasure to keep up with them. They can be found on Facebook at TOTATRAVELOR.

Marty King, husband of the late Gail King, the previous Alabama chapter president, has entered into an agreement with Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC) and has donated Gail's books and personal papers. The college has established The Gail Tate King Southeastern Indian Research Center, which includes a modest room with over 2,000 of her books, her personal

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papers and reports, and DVDs. The college has provided computers, a microfilm reader, desks, and everything one would need to conduct research. A grand opening date has not been announced yet but hopefully will be soon. The chapter thanks Dr. David Campbell, president of NACC, for his insight. The chapter is so happy for Gail and Gail's family and believes the research center will have a huge impact on Alabama history and research on the Trail of Tears.

The Alabama chapter is making plans for the next few months and coming years. The chapter's immediate focus is to identify additional sites, to get signage in certain areas, and to transcribe documents from the National Archives. The Alabama chapter has already marked a 36-mile continuous Trail of Tears route segment of the Bengé Detachment from Fort Payne to near Gunter's Landing in Marshall County, Alabama. The chapter is determined to extend this segment as far as possible to the Alabama/Tennessee State line.

### ARKANSAS

On September 28, 2013, the Arkansas chapter, in cooperation with the Heritage Trail Partners and the Pea Ridge National Military Park, hosted a 175th Anniversary Commemoration event at the National Military Park. The park features a long segment of Original Route trail running approximately north/south through the entire park. The Cherokee National Youth Choir presented a great musical program, and guest speakers included Bethany Henry and Troy Wayne Poteete. Around 70 people attended the event from Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. At the end of the event a thunderstorm rolled in reminding many of the entry in the Buttrick Journal indicating that thunderstorms delayed the travel of the Taylor Detachment when they passed through the area in March 1839.

In October 2013, members of the Arkansas chapter and the Heritage Trail Partners took a tour, conducted by Alan Thompson

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photo courtesy by John McLarty

**TOTA Vice President Troy Wayne Poteete introduces the Cherokee National Youth Choir at the Arkansas chapter's 175th Anniversary Commemoration of the Trail of Tears.**

of the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park and Bobby Braly of Historic Cane Hill, of the Cane Hill area. There were many highlights of the tour, but two locations were of special interest regarding the Trail of Tears. Bobby showed the group the Manse House located on the main highway through town. The Manse House was the home of the Methodist minister and was reportedly built in 1834. That would make it a "witness structure" and possibly a place visited by some of the Methodist members of the Bengé Route. Another intriguing location was the old Carnahan Cemetery, which predated the current Cane Hill Cemetery. Bobby showed the group the oldest grave stone dated November 14, 1827. Could this cemetery be the final resting place of Alsey Timberlake, the young Cherokee girl with the B. B. Cannon Treaty Party detachment whose coffin was purchased from Cane Hill resident James Coulter in December of 1837?

On December 19, 2013, the La Petite Roche (aka Little Rock Waterfront) became Arkansas's newest site on the Trail of Tears. The La Petite Roche site was the landing place for the many steamboats that carried removal parties on the Arkansas River. The last steamboat, the *Victory*, stopped there in February 1839. On board was chief John Ross and his recently deceased wife Quatie.

On March 29, 2014, the Arkansas chapter will host a program on the Bengé Route. The program will be held at the 1872 Randolph

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County Court House, 107 E. Everett Street, Pocahontas, Arkansas, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The program will open with welcomes by Bill Carroll, Arkansas chapter board member, and Pocahontas Mayor Frank Bigger, followed by speakers William MacNeill, zone archeologist Mark Twain National Forest ("The Trail of Tears on the Mark Twain National Forest Past, Present and Future"), Rusty Weisman, senior historical preservation specialist for Missouri Department of Transportation ("The Bengé Detachment Trail of Tears Route in Southeast Missouri"), Daniel Littlefield, director of the Sequoyah National Research Center ("The Bengé Group, the Wealthiest Contingent"), and Joan Gould, preservation consultant at Preservation Matters ("The Bengé Detachment, Local Perspectives on the Route, the Missionaries, the Indomitable Spirits").

The program will conclude with a tour of significant sites in Randolph County. Contact Bill Carroll at [fiveivers6@gmail.com](mailto:fiveivers6@gmail.com) or Carolyn Kent at [carolke5@aol.com](mailto:carolke5@aol.com) for more information.

Through the efforts of Sasha Bowles and Glenn Jones, the Arkansas chapter now has a Facebook page! If you have a Facebook account please search for "Arkansas Trail of Tears Association" and "like" us. Also check out our webpage at [www.artota.org](http://www.artota.org).

### GEORGIA

The Georgia chapter of the Trail of Tears Association welcomes three new board members this year: Jeff Stancil, former site manager of the Chief Vann House in Chatsworth; Tony Harris, Cherokee Nation citizen and expert on native plants; and Bill Barker, local historian for Chattooga County and last year's "Volunteer of the Year." The new board met in January and set the agenda for the coming year.

Georgia will serve as host for one of two capacity-building workshops this summer.

### GEORGIA (continued)

Georgia will host its portion of the event at the Bandy Heritage Center in Dalton. The event will include field trips and a workshop led by National Park Service interpreter Carol Clark. The theme will be "marking and marketing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail."

Signs were recently unveiled at one of the state's newest certified sites, the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska. Signs were also unveiled along an original route corridor in Chattooga County. Plans are afoot to place signage along the Old Federal Road across North Georgia and wayside exhibits at important Cherokee sites in Chattooga County. New certified sites are also in the offing, along with new signage and wayside exhibits at the Cedartown Removal Fort site. The chapter is also working with the City of Roswell on a project to place commemorative boulders along the Chattahoochee River, which at one time served as the southern boundary of the Cherokee Nation.

The successful brochure of Georgia Trail of Tears sites will also be revised this year to include the new certified site in Cave Spring – the location of the Avery Vann log cabin. Chapter President Jeff Bishop is also working on completion of a historic structure inventory for Trail of Tears-related sites in Georgia for the National Park Service.



photo courtesy of Jeff Bishop

**A public unveiling of new signage for the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Georgia, was held recently. The Funk Heritage Center is one of Georgia's newest certified sites on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Unveiling the sign are Waleska Mayor Doris Jones, Georgia TOTA President Jeff Bishop, and Cherokee Nation citizen Tony Harris.**

### MISSOURI

A dedication and sign unveiling was held for 35 signs along 31.7 miles of the Hildebrand Route in Centerville, Missouri, on Friday, October 11, 2013. The event was held in remembrance of the 175th Anniversary of the Cherokee Removal in recognition of the longest marked original route trail segment on the Trail of Tears to date. Adalee Gray, 4,



photo by Deloris Wood

**Adalee Gray, 4, stands by one of the Original Route signs erected on the Hildebrand Route in Missouri.**

started the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deloris Gray Wood, president of the Missouri chapter, and Eddie Williams, a Reynolds County commissioner, unveiled

the signs, which are located in Reynolds and Iron Counties. This segment of the Hildebrand Route goes through the Mark Twain National Forest in The Doe Run Company mining country.

The keynote speaker was the Honorable Troy Wayne Poteete, Cherokee Nation Supreme Court justice and TOTA vice president. Other speakers included Jack Baker, TOTA president and Cherokee Nation tribal councilor; Mike Harper, Reynolds County clerk; the Honorable Gary Romine, Missouri state senator; and Elinor Dotson, human resources manager of Doe Run's Southeast Mining and Milling Division.

This sign unveiling project was sponsored by the National Park Service in partnership with the Trail of Tears Association; Reynolds County, Missouri; Missouri Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks & State Historic Preservation Office; The Doe Run Company; and Mark Twain National Forest. For more information, call Deloris Gray Wood at (573) 729-2545.

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### ILLINOIS

In 2013, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency awarded a Trail of Tears research grant to the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. This grant was used to fund archaeological excavations, analyze artifacts, and conduct additional archival research focused on the Bridges Tavern and Wayside



photo courtesy of Heather Carey

Archaeologist Dave Birnbaum prepares to excavate adjacent to the original tavern.

Store in Johnson County. The research goal was to determine the age of the Wayside Store, and to identify other types of evidence that would support or refute the oral history that the Wayside Store was part of the southern Illinois Trail of Tears story.

Production of the final report is still underway, but the preliminary conclusion is that the combined archival, architectural, and archaeological information indicate that there is a strong likelihood that the Wayside Store does indeed date to the Trail of Tears period.

Legal papers indicate the Bridges family was present in southern Illinois by 1818 and that it is very likely they were running a store, which sold alcohol as early as 1834. The log structure inside the barn has been present at the site since at least 1933. Archival papers indicate the Bridges family paid to have a barn built on the site in 1880, which encased the earlier log structure. The absence of a chimney or firebox, as well as the failure to recover cinders in archaeological excavation, indicate the structure was originally constructed as

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an outbuilding (or store) rather than a residence. Organic refuse dumps of the kind normally associated with log homes in southern Illinois was not recovered. Along with the absence of cinders, these two lines of evidence suggest the building was not used as a residence, but rather a store.

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Camden panels. She used current members of the Choctaw Nation for her models.

Panel four went up at Benton where the Choctaw, Chickasaws, and Quapaws passed along the Southwest Trail to their new homes. Panel five was dedicated at Old Austin where members of the Choctaws and Muscogee Creeks traveled on the Arkansas Post to Cadron Road. Panel six was installed and dedicated at Morrilton for the old town of Lewisburg where all the parties traveling the Water Route passed on their journey and where the Whiteley and Drane parties of Cherokee were stranded for several days.

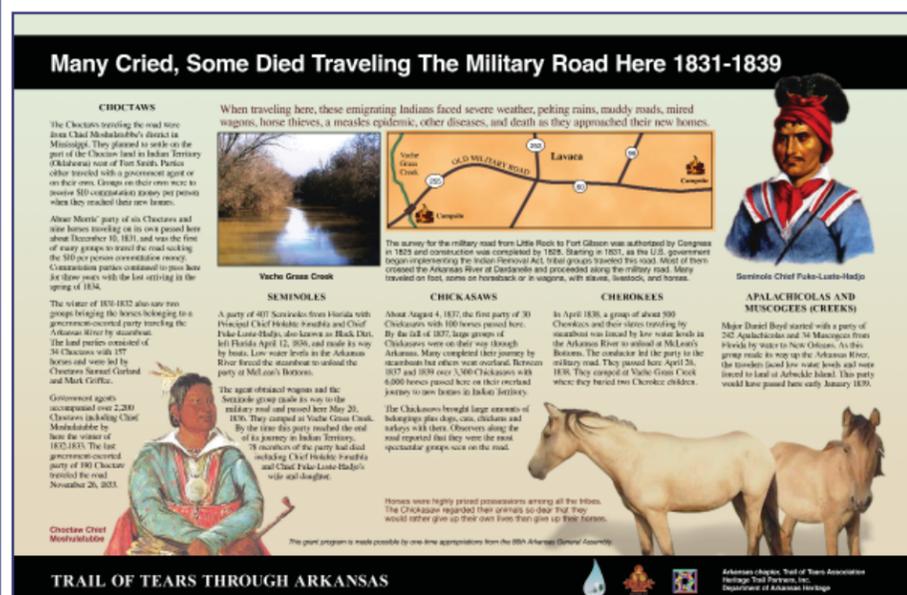
The seventh panel was placed at Evansville where the Bell party of Cherokee disbanded and at least two other parties passed. The panel prompted the people

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The Illinois chapter will be using the findings of this report, along with additional evidence, to eventually nominate this property to the National Register of Historic Places.

of Evansville to further study their history. With the help of Glenn Jones, Arkansas chapter vice president, members of the Evansville community have been researching original parts of the route and the Latta House, where the Bell party disbanded. Oral interviews have been conducted with area residents.

Panel eight was placed on the Water Route at Old Post Road Park and the Arkansas River Visitor Center in Russellville. All five tribes traveling the Water Route passed here. Members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes crossed the Arkansas River at the ferry on their journey west. Panels nine and ten cover the Cherokee Bengé Route. One was installed and dedicated at Maynard, and the other is to be installed and dedicated at Carrollton, marking the completion of this major chapter project.



Ten interpretive panels were recently placed along Trail of Tears sites in Arkansas. The image shown here is the panel located at Lavaca.

## Four Trail of Tears Sites in Oklahoma Nominated to National Register

By Michael Taylor, NPS

Through a cooperative agreement between the Oklahoma Historical Society and NPS National Trails Intermountain Region, four historic properties in Oklahoma associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail have been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations are being forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington D.C., for official listing. Oklahoma TOTA chapter members, under the leadership of Curtis Rohr, were critical to the success of this project by providing archival information and property owner contacts on disbandment sites and road segments. The Oklahoma chapter was awarded a certificate of merit for its exemplary collaboration on the project by the Oklahoma Historical Society at its annual awards ceremony last year.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Listing properties in the National Register often changes the way communities perceive their historic places and strengthens the credibility of efforts by private citizens and public officials to preserve these resources as living parts of the community. Listing does not place any restrictions on the private property owner.

The four sites that have been nominated are:

The **Ballard Creek Roadbed** is the remnant of a 19th-century wagon road along Ballard Creek in far eastern Adair County. It is associated with the arrival and resettlement of several Cherokee detachments in Indian Territory. It linked an important location in the new Cherokee Nation with supply sources and services in northwestern Arkansas. In early 1839, some Cherokee immigrating parties completing the Trail of Tears disbanded near today's Westville, Oklahoma, about two miles from the roadbed. The wagon road along Ballard Creek connected the Baptist Mission settlement to supply sources in Silvia (Cincinnati), Arkansas, and beyond. The Baptist Mission settlement was destroyed in 1862 during the Civil War. It was not rebuilt,

and the need for the wagon road along Ballard Creek diminished as the mission moved to another location. Consequently, the period of significance for the Ballard Creek Roadbed is 1839 to 1862.

**Breadtown** is significant for its association with the Cherokee Trail of Tears and the subsequent Baptist Mission. In early 1839, some Cherokee parties completing the Trail of Tears disbanded in this area. Food



photo courtesy of NPS

TOTA members and NPS staff inspect the Ballard Creek roadbed. From left to right: Jack Baker, TOTA president; Lynda Ozan, Oklahoma Historical Society, National Register coordinator; Curtis Rohr, TOTA Oklahoma chapter president; Aaron Mahr, superintendent, National Trails Intermountain Region, NPS.

stores intended to sustain them during their first year in the Indian Territory were delivered to a supply depot at the site, hence the name Breadtown. A Baptist mission was soon here as well, and beginning in 1841 missionary Evan Jones and Cherokee minister Jesse Bushyhead made it a center for Cherokee Christian evangelism, church organization, education, and publishing until 1862. Geophysical and archaeological survey indicates that intact deposits dating to the mid-to-late-1800s exist, including the foundations and cellars of multiple buildings. It has the potential, given its location as the disbandment site of Cherokee detachments, Breadtown, and

Baptist Mission, to yield archaeological information about Removal and its aftermath for the Cherokee people who used the area as they settled, traded, worshipped, and educated their children until the Civil War reached Indian Territory. The location is much as it was upon its abandonment, remaining rural as undisturbed pasture.

Also located in a rural setting, **Beattie's Prairie**, approximately ten miles southeast of Jay, Oklahoma, in Delaware County, is associated with the Cherokee Trail of Tears and its immediate aftermath. The site is linked to the arrival and resettlement of the Cherokees after Removal. In 1839 some Cherokee parties completing the Trail of Tears disbanded at this site. The fort at Beattie's Prairie (and its predecessor First Fort Wayne) were part of a line of forts stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes that protected settlers of the frontier in times of danger. However, prior to the fort's construction this site served as a dispersal and rations site for four or five Cherokee detachments.

The **Walker Farmhouse** was built by George Washington Walker, or Tahlakitehi (1829-1911), a Cherokee Indian who survived the removal as a child. The Walker family settled near Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, in today's Oklahoma. In the late 1850s, George Walker moved to the Cherokee Neutral Lands in Kansas. Forced out again after the Civil War, Walker moved his family to the Cooweescoowee District in the Cherokee Nation and built the Walker Farmhouse in 1866. There he farmed, helped found Rogers Indian School in the Cherokee Nation's school system, and represented Cooweescoowee District on the Cherokee National Council. The Walker Farmhouse was his home until his death in 1911. His grave site is at the nearby cemetery and has been marked by TOTA's Oklahoma chapter. Now 148 years old, the Walker Farmhouse remains the property of a Walker descendant.

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**Vision Becoming Reality**

**Using Partnerships to Develop  
the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail**

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of this tragic event in our nation's history by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies; the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; interested groups; and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service, National Trails Intermountain Region, Santa Fe have been working with trail partners to increase visibility for the trail and to develop it for visitor use. Old traces, historic buildings, and other resources are being preserved. Many sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as route signing, visitor-use development, interpretive wayside exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities.

**Certified Sites**

- Andrew Ross House, AL
- Arcadia Valley Campground, MO
- Audubon Acres, TN
- Berry's Ferry and John Berry Homesite, KY
- Big Spring, KY
- Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
- Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
- Campground Cemetery, IL
- Cedartown Cherokee Removal Camp, GA
- Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
- Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
- Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
- Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
- City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
- Columbus-Belmont State Park, KY
- Crabb-Abbot Farm, IL
- Crider Tavern Complex, KY
- David Crockett State Park Trail Segment, TN
- Delta Cultural Center, AR
- Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, AR
- Fort Gibson, OK
- Fort Payne Cabin Site, AL
- Funk Heritage Center, GA
- Green County Trail Segments, MO
- Golconda Riverfront, IL
- Gray's Inn, KY

- Hair Conrad Cabin, TN
- The Hermitage, TN
- Historic Road from Ross to Ridge's, GA
- Hiwassee River Heritage Center, TN
- James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
- Jentel Farm Trail Segment, IL
- John Martin House, TN
- John Ross House, GA
- Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
- Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
- La Petite Roche, AR
- Laughlin Park, MO
- Mantle Rock, KY
- Maramec Spring Park/Massey Iron Works, MO
- McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, IL
- Mount Nebo State Park, AR
- Murrell Home, OK
- Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
- New Echota State Historic Site, GA
- Petit Jean State Park, AR
- Pinnacle Mountain State Park, AR
- Port Royal State Park, TN
- Radford Farm, KY
- Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
- Rockdale Plantation/George Adair Home, GA
- Running Waters, John Ridge Home, GA
- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
- Snelson-Brinker Cabin, MO
- Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
- Tennessee River Museum, TN
- Toler Farm Trail Segment, IL
- Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
- Trail of Tears State Park, MO
- Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
- Tuscumbia Landing, AL
- Vann Cherokee Cabin, GA
- Vann House Historic Site, GA
- Village Creek State Park, AR
- Wagner Farm Trail Segment, IL
- Wayside Store and Bridges Tavern Site, IL
- Waterloo Landing, AL
- Willstown Mission Cemetery, AL

**Federal Protection Components and Interpretive Sites**

- Arkansas Post National Memorial, AR
- Cadron Settlement Park, AR
- Cherokee Memorial Park, Blythe Ferry, TN
- Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN
- Mark Twain National Forest, MO
- Mocassin Bend, TN
- Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR
- Shawnee National Forest, MO
- Stones River National Battlefield, TN

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TOTA members (L-R) Deloris Wood, Laurie Brockman, and Deborah Kirk attend the Partnership for the National Trails System conference. Deborah was also a presenter. To see details about her presentation, visit [www.pnts.org/conference/program/conference-archive](http://www.pnts.org/conference/program/conference-archive).

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| <p>Sarah Hill – \$215 (2013)/\$120 (2014)<br/>Andrew Denson – \$200 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Lucie Atkerson – \$250<br/>Lawrence Simmons – \$140 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Rowena McClinton – \$130 (2013)/\$105 (2014)<br/>Barbara Heffington – \$125 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Maxwell Ramsey – \$125 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Gary Werner – \$100 (2013)/\$150 (2014)<br/>Anna Smith – \$120 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Gilles Carter – \$100 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Don Higginson – \$100 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Gary Payne – \$100 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Robbin Skinner – \$100 (2013)/\$100 (2014)<br/>Patricia Edgar – \$150<br/>Glenn Jones – \$180<br/>KY Mississippi River Parkway – \$150<br/>Terence Brennan – \$135</p> | <p>Billie Napolitano – \$135<br/>John McLarty – \$130<br/>Ken Blankenship – \$125<br/>Donna Byas – \$125<br/>Billie Napolitano – \$125<br/>Paul Phillips – \$125<br/>Marvin Sowder – \$125<br/>Diana Threadgill – \$125<br/>Robert Wyland – \$120<br/>John O'Dell – \$110<br/>D. Robert Akerhielm – \$100<br/>Richard Bass – \$100<br/>Riley Bock – \$100<br/>Chris Boyd – \$100<br/>Chickasaw Press – \$100<br/>Cindi Crane – \$100<br/>Ernest Clark – \$100</p> | <p>Sue Folsom – \$100<br/>Jay Hannah – \$100<br/>Don Kinney – \$100<br/>Wayne Lee – \$100<br/>Mark Twain National Forest – \$100<br/>Edwin Marshall – \$100<br/>Mary Ellen Meredith – \$100<br/>Jerry Muskrat – \$100<br/>Becky Nelson – \$100<br/>Kathy Robinson – \$100<br/>Ansley Saville – \$100<br/>Robert Shook – \$100<br/>Richard Starbuck – \$100<br/>Bill Tanner – \$100<br/>Eddie Tullis – \$100</p> |