



Passport Program for National Historic Trails



Trail Partners

The staff at the National Trails System office in Santa Fe are pleased to include your site in the Passport to Your National Parks Program for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Introduced over 20 years ago, the Passport Program has been an overwhelming success at park sites and is gaining popularity within units of the National Trails System.

Enclosed are your cancellation stamp, ink pad, and a supply of ink. Please place these at your visitor contact station or information desk so that your visitors can stamp their passport books. We have modified the stamp from the first issue in which all nine states were listed on a single stamp, to a format using one stamp per each state the trail passes through.

Thank you for your support in the continuing development of the national historic trail through participation in the NPS Passport Program. We hope your visitors enjoy using their passport books to help them connect with the history of your site and the Trail of Tears story.

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Passport Program

The Passport to Your National Parks Program has been very popular at national park sites for the past two decades. Visitors have enjoyed filling their passport books with cancellation stamps as a reminder of their visit and park experience, and collecting the annual national and regional stamps featuring the diverse units of the National Park System. Recently, the program has broadened to include units of the National Trails System—both national historic and scenic trails.

The National Trails System office staff in Santa Fe have ordered a state-specific cancellation stamp for certified sites along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail that have a visitor facility with regularly scheduled hours of operation. The stamp comes with a chain to attached it to a solid surface, such as your visitor information desk. Passport books can only be stamped by visitors while at your site; not through the mail.

This second issue of the cancellation stamp is valid from 2005 through 2011. Should your stamp wear out, get damaged, or become outdated, we will replace it at no cost.

Sites are encouraged to sell the passport book in their retail outlets so that visitors new to the program can purchase a personal copy to get started. You may also order the annual national and regional stamps to sell. Passport program materials can be ordered at:

Eastern National Parks Association
America National Parks Warehouse
1-800-821-2903

Passport Participants 2005

Georgia

- New Echota State Historic Site
- Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home
- Vann House Historic Site
- Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

North Carolina

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian
- Cherokee County Historical Museum
- Junaluska Memorial and Museum

Tennessee

- Red Clay State Historic Site
- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
- Audubon Acres
- Tennessee River Museum
- Chattanooga Regional History Museum
- Stones River National Battlefield
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Kentucky

- Trail of Tears Commemorative Park

Alabama

(None at this time)

Oklahoma

- Cherokee Heritage Center
- Murrell Home

Arkansas

- Lake Dardanelle State Park
- Mount Nebo State Park
- Petit Jean State Park
- Pinnacle Mountain State Park
- Fort Smith National Historic Site
- Pea Ridge National Military Park
- Arkansas Post National Historic Site
- Trail of Tears Association National Office

Missouri

- Mark Twain National Forest
- Visitor Center/Moccasin Springs Road/Nancy Hildebrand's Gravesite in Trail of Tears State Park

Illinois

- Trail of Tears State Forest

New Mexico

- National Trails System - Santa Fe office



CHEROKEE REMOVAL ROUTES



Trail of Tears National Historic Trail: Land Route ●●●● Water Route — Other Major Routes —

Map courtesy of Western National Parks Association



To foster the appreciation and preservation of historic sites and segments, and to tell the story of the forced removal of the Cherokee people and other American Indian Nations, the National Park Service partners with tribes; federal, state and local agencies; non-government organizations; and private land owners.

The Trail of Tears Association was formed in 1993 through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service to assist with the preservation and protection of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail resources, and to promote awareness of the trail's legacy.

For further information about the Trail of Tears NHT and the NPS Passport Program, contact either:

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