



Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

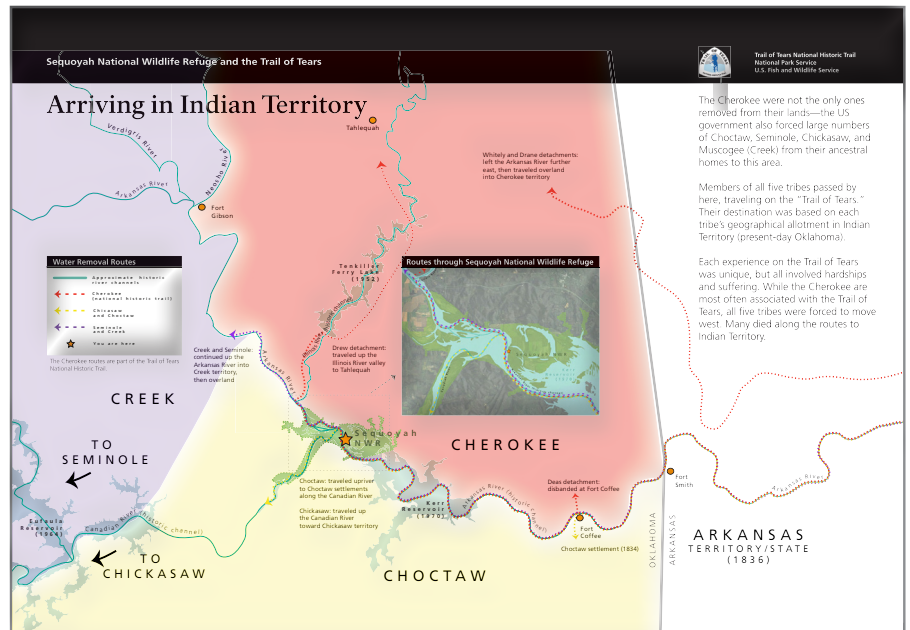
Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

Preservation Workshops

Trail of Tears Association (TOTA) members and National Park Service (NPS) staff are planning two preservation workshops for this summer: July 8-9 in Cleveland, Tennessee and July 12-13 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. All TOTA members and friends, particularly those who live near the eastern and western ends of the trail, are invited to these workshops. The primary purpose of these meetings is to research and identify any trail-related historic sites or trail segments that are not currently known, and to assist TOTA members and friends in describing and recording these sites. For further information, please contact Jerra Quinton at (501) 666-9032, or Frank Norris at (505) 988-6005.

Historic Building Survey

TOTA members have done an excellent job of providing information and leads on historic sites to the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University (NPS partner). Staff at the center is conducting and recording a condition assessment for historic structures identified along the trail in nine states. Please refer to the preservation workshop article (above) for more information on how you can participate in a workshop and increase your skills and awareness for preserving historic sites on the trail.



Exhibits

Two wayside exhibits have been installed at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge. All five removed tribes traveled the Arkansas River through the refuge, located about 30 miles west of the Arkansas-Oklahoma border. The exhibits focus on the water route and on how land allotments determined the dispersal patterns of each tribe in Oklahoma.





New Certifications

- Crider Tavern Complex, Fredonia, Kentucky (12/6/12)
- David Crockett State Park Trail Segment, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (12/7/12)

Tennessee State Brochure

Work continues on the Tennessee Trail of Tears state brochure with Middle Tennessee State University Graduate Research Assistant Amy M. Kostine and NPS staff. The brochure will mirror the Trail of Tears Official Map and Guide format. Scheduled completion is spring 2013.

Georgia State Brochure

A cooperative agreement between the University of West Georgia and the NPS will produce a Georgia Trail of Tears state brochure. It has been written and designed and will be printed in 2013.

Exhibit Projects Underway

- Cave Springs, Georgia (2)
- Chattooga County, Georgia (3)
- Westville, Oklahoma (2)
- Trail of Tears State Park, Missouri (2)

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A Story of Certification — Crider Tavern Complex

Alice Murphree, president of TOTA's Kentucky Chapter, has been working hard to find Trail of Tears properties on the 23-mile stretch of the Northern Route between Princeton and Salem. Along that route, she discovered the Crider Tavern (near Fredonia) built by Jacob Crider in 1836. The tavern is now a residence, and the property includes a historic corn crib (also dating from 1836) and a small cemetery with American Indian graves. In December 2012 the landowner Linda Bennett signed on as a new certified partner. Many thanks to both Alice and Linda for their help in identifying and protecting this important historic site.

Design & Development Projects

- Mrs. Webber's Plantation Disbandment Site at Stilwell Cemetery, Stilwell, Oklahoma: three directional road signs and one site identification sign are installed.
- Cedar Town Removal Camp, Cedartown, Georgia: a site identification sign and a pedestrian Ends-of-the-Trail distance sign are ordered.
- New Madrid Bend Water Route Overlook, New Madrid, Missouri: five directional road signs and one site identification sign will be ordered.
- Davy Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee: plans are underway to develop a segment of the trail.
- Madison County, Alabama: Alabama Chapter is planning to sign the Bengé Route through Madison County. Phase 1 of the plan will sign more than five miles of original route through the Huntsville area.
- Tuscumbia Landing and TC&D railroad to Decatur, Alabama: the design charette document is in the final stages of completion and should be sent out for review to the charette participants in April.
- Pope County, Illinois: plans are underway to fund completion of the original route signing of the trail.
- The standards for pedestrian signs are now available. The pedestrian signs come in three sizes and are carsonite posts or aluminum backed.

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