

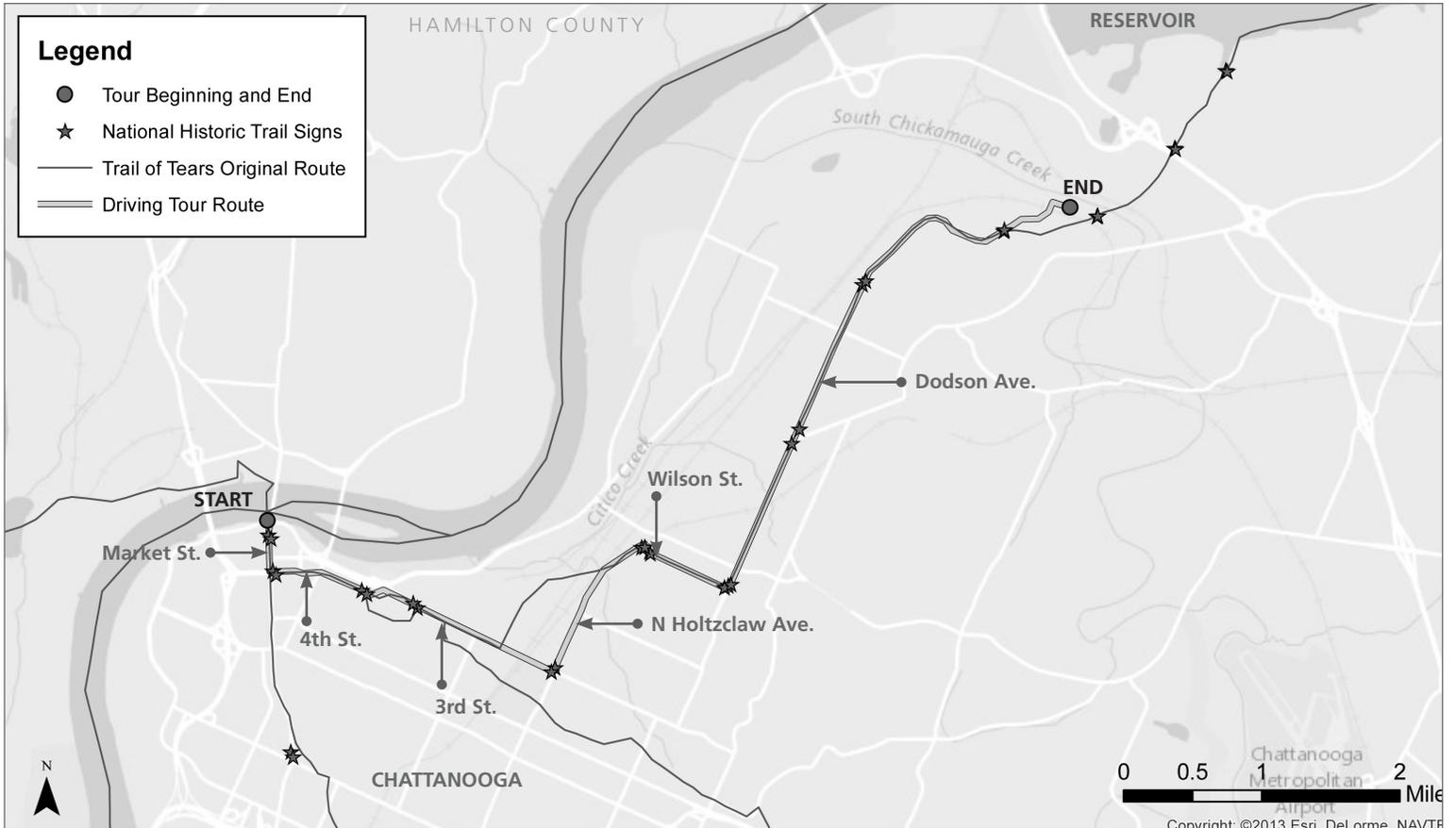
Trail of Tears

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Trail of Tears National Historic Trail
Hamilton County, Tennessee



Retracing the Trail of Tears through Chattanooga, TN



General guidance for following the route

This driving tour is approximately seven miles long in one direction. Along the drive, you will be following the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail as closely as possible along modern day roads. Keep an eye out for "Original Route" signs that mark the route along the way. Images of these signs are shown below.

Beginning the tour, Ross's Landing to 4th Street

Beginning at Ross's Landing, head south on Market Street. You are now on the original route of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Follow the historic route along Market Street for four blocks until you reach 4th Street.

At 4th Street, turn left. You are now on the route Richard Taylor used to guide 897 Cherokee to

Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma), now known as the Taylor Route.

Note: If you continue south on Market Street, you can also follow the historic route of the Trail of Tears, known as the Round-Up Route, for 11 blocks to the intersection of Main and Market Streets.

4th Street to Wilson Street

Continue east on 4th Street. In 0.8 miles, 4th Street will merge onto 3rd street. Continue southeast on 3rd Street for another mile until you reach the intersection of North Holtzclaw Avenue.

Turn left onto North Holtzclaw Avenue, and follow it north for one mile to the intersection of Wilson Street. Turn right onto Wilson Street.



Wilson Street to Sterchi Farm Trailhead

Follow Wilson Street for a half a mile to Dodson Avenue. Turn left onto Dodson Avenue and continue north for 3.7 miles until you reach the Sterchi Farm trailhead (on the right). This entire stretch of road follows the historic route of the trail. Note: Dodson Avenue turns into Harrison Pike around the 2.5 mile mark.

The Sterchi Farm trailhead marks the end of this driving tour. From here, the Taylor Route of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail crosses Chickamauga Creek and heads northeast towards present-day Harrison.

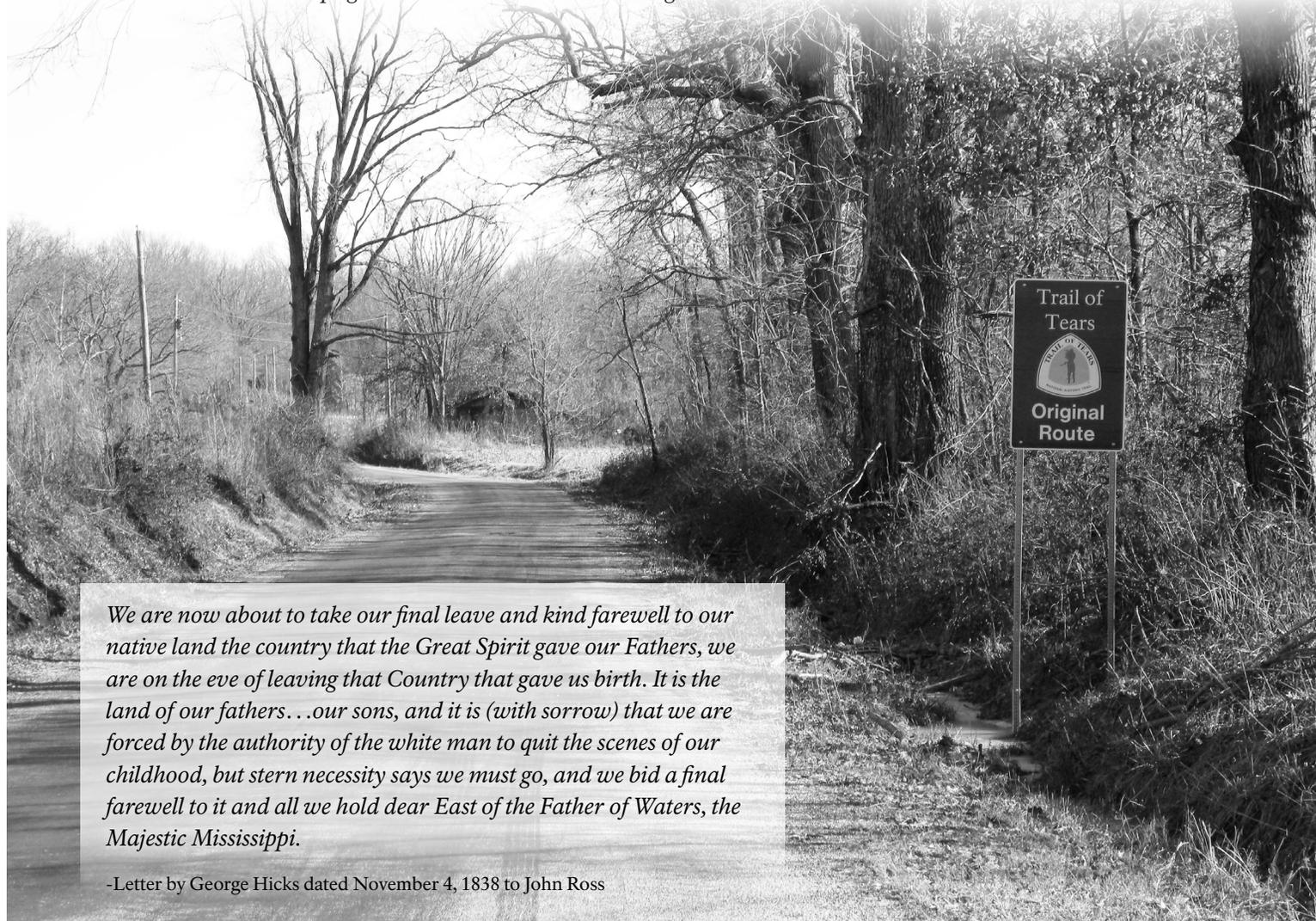
Tidbit of history: From this location in 1838, the Taylor detachment was headed towards Vann's Town, where it set up camp and made its final preparations for the journey west. From Vann's

Town, the detachment crossed the Tennessee River and traveled northwest through what is now Chester Frost Park and the cities of Lakesite and Soddy-Daisy. Much of the trail across this area, including historic Vann's town, now lies under the Chickamauga Reservoir.

If you wish to continue the driving tour, please go to www.chattanoogaofun.com/vacation-packages/civil-war-history or www.nps.gov/trte/planyourvisit and download the driving tour labeled Hamilton County Driving Tour. That tour is approximately 12 miles long one way.

To access a map that details the alignment of the Trail of Tears as it heads west visit: imgis.nps.gov/#Trails and click on the National Historic Trails Map Viewer link.

For more information on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and opportunities to visit sites, please go to the official websites at: www.nps.gov/trte or www.nationaltota.org.



We are now about to take our final leave and kind farewell to our native land the country that the Great Spirit gave our Fathers, we are on the eve of leaving that Country that gave us birth. It is the land of our fathers. . .our sons, and it is (with sorrow) that we are forced by the authority of the white man to quit the scenes of our childhood, but stern necessity says we must go, and we bid a final farewell to it and all we hold dear East of the Father of Waters, the Majestic Mississippi.

-Letter by George Hicks dated November 4, 1838 to John Ross

Thank you to our partners and many volunteers for making this trail experience a reality.