



Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

Project Updates - Interpretation, Certification, & Public Awareness

What's New? Fall 2010

We are excited to announce that there has been a lot of on-the-ground work along the trail during the last year!

This newsletter summarizes:

- Exhibits & signage
- New certified partnerships
- Projects underway
- Projects completed

Thanks to you, our partners in the field, we are catching up on overdue work and planning for the year to come.



Original artwork by Dorothy Sullivan for the exhibit project at Stilwell, Oklahoma.

New Faces and Places

In the last year, our staff has increased to include three new interpretive specialists, one in Salt Lake City, and two in Santa Fe.

Our new year begins on October 1, 2010. We anticipate the addition of a cultural resources specialist and outdoor recreation planner this calendar year!

CCS Projects for 2011

- Research of National Archive Records on Cherokee Removal - *Oklahoma Chapter of Trail of Tears Association*
- The Transportation Experience of the Cherokee Removal - *Southeastern Anthropological Institute*

Completed Challenge Cost Share Projects 2010

- Research at the National Archives - *Oklahoma Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association*
- The Chieftains Excavations 1969-1971 - *Chieftains Museum*
- Research & Documentation of the Historic Ridge Property on the Calhoun Road in Floyd County, Georgia - *Jeff Bishop & Chieftains Museum*
- Remote Sensing Investigation at Campground Church Cemetery near Anna, Illinois - *Harvey Henson, CESU Southern Illinois University*

New Certified Partnerships along the Trail of Tears

- Bell's Route Segment, Village Creek State Park, Arkansas
 - Fort Payne Cabin Site, Fort Payne, Alabama
 - Cedar Town Cherokee Removal Camp, Cedartown, Georgia
 - Willstown Mission Cemetery, Fort Payne, Alabama
 - Andrew Ross House, Fort Payne, Alabama
 - McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, Anna, Illinois
 - Toler Farm Trail Segment, Anna, Illinois
 - Golconda Riverfront, Golconda, Illinois
 - Wagner Farm Trail Segment, Golconda, Illinois
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Trail of Tears NHT Highlights

Looking for a project near you?



Thanks to our partners, we have these to report!

Original Route Signs

New original route signs are in place:

- Pope County, Illinois
- Union County, Illinois

Crabb Abbot Farm

Signs are in place and Joe Crabb is welcoming people onto his property with directions on where to park and where to retrace the trail.

New Brochure

We have reprinted the current Trail of Tears brochure, and are in the queue for an official NPS map and guide for Trail of Tears.

New Web Projects

New sign-planning tools will be uploaded to the Trail of Tears NHT website. Partners will see different sign templates and their intent, and then place markers on a map. This will streamline the signage process.

Dorothy Sullivan's Artwork

Ms. Sullivan and the NPS will arrange for a loan of her artwork for the dispersal sites on display at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Prints will be available later this year.



Stilwell and Westville, Oklahoma

The first exhibits that tell the story of Cherokee arrival and dispersal in Indian Territory will be placed at these two sites in Oklahoma.



Mantle Rock Preserve, Kentucky

The new exhibits and retracement trail opening ceremony will be held at Mantle Rock during the Trail of Tears Association conference in September 2010.



Cedartown, Georgia

The first exhibits telling the story of Cherokee removal will be placed at the site of the Cedar Town Camp.

Sign Projects

Stay Tuned- projects in the works

- Georgia Federal Road (pilot project using Google Earth-based sign plan), Cedar Town, Cave Springs Road Segment
- Georgia Chieftains Museum to Running Waters and Camp Wool area
- Benge Route Fort Payne to Guntersville Original Route Segment

Completed sign projects:

Fort Payne Cabin Site, Willstown Mission, John Ross House Alabama; Fitzgerald Farm, Arkansas; Snelson Brinker Cabin, Missouri; Tuscumbia Landing, Alabama; Wagner Farm, Illinois; Mantle Rock, Berry's Ferry, & Salem to Berry's Ferry, Kentucky; Pope and Union Counties, Illinois.

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