

CHEROKEE HERITAGE TRAILS



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From the peaks of the Balsams...

To the muddy banks of the Little Tennessee
River...



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Cherokee Heritage Trails—

Tsalagi usdi nvnohi

Take you to:

- places of myth and legend
- museums
- village sites, battlefields, and
- The Trail of Tears



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And to events with Cherokee people:

- festivals
- stickball games
- music
- storytelling
- arts and crafts demonstrations

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Start your journey at the
Main interpretive center for the trails:

MUSEUM
OF THE
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INDIAN





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Explore seven centers throughout the southern Appalachians, original homeland of the Cherokee:

- Cherokee NC
- Robbinsville NC
- Franklin NC
- Murphy NC

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- Vonore, Tennessee
- Red Clay, Tennessee
- New Echota, Georgia



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Cherokee, N.C.—Qualla Boundary

Meet Cherokee people where they live:

- Museums
- Living history
- Outdoor drama
- Authentic crafts
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Cherokee Fall Fair
- Kituhwa, mother town of the Cherokee



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Robbinsville—the Snowbird Community

- Junaluska Museum and Memorial
- Tatham Gap—the Trail of Tears
- Fading Voices Festival
- Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest



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Franklin, NC—The Middle Towns— *Gaduni*

- Scottish Tartans Museum
- Nikwasi Mound
- Old village sites and battlefields
- Waterfalls and mountaintops



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Murphy, NC—The Leech Place

- The Leech Place
- Cherokee Co. Historical Museum
- Unicoi Trail—The Trail of Tears



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Vonore, TN—

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
- Overhill Towns
- Unicoi Trail—the Trail of Tears

Red Clay, TN—

- Red Clay State Historic Site



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To help you on your journey:

- *Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook*
- *Cherokee Artist Directory*
- Tour guides from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook

- More than 100 sites
- Color photos and maps
- Stories, poems, and quotes from Cherokee people
- www.cherokeeheritagetrails.org



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- Will guide your group or family
- Trained and certified through the Museum of the Cherokee Indian
- Storytellers, musicians, artists
- 1-888-665-7249



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Cherokee Artist Directory

- More than 50 Cherokee artists
- Willing to travel and present programs
- Basketmakers, potters, carvers, weavers, jewelry makers
- Artists and sculptors
- Musicians, dancers, storytellers
- Online at cherokeeheritagetrails.org



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Partners:

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Museum of the Cherokee Indian
- North Carolina Arts Council
- Blue Ridge Parkway—National Park Service
- Tennessee Arts Commission
- Tennessee Overhills Association
- University of North Carolina Press

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- Cherokee Heritage Trails
- Music Heritage Trails
- Craft Trails of Western North Carolina
- Gardens and Countryside Trails