

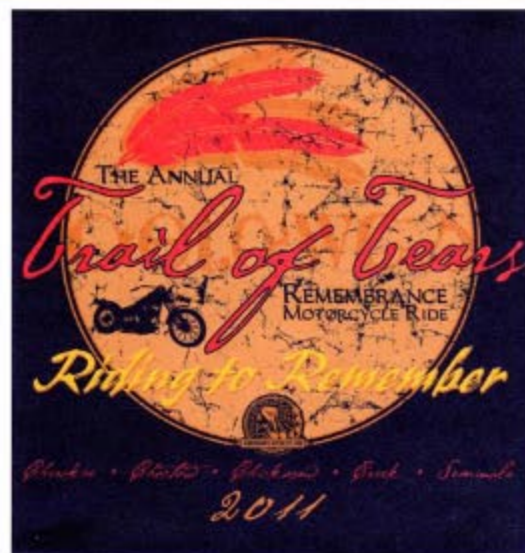


18th Annual Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride

Sept. 17, 2011

The Official 2011 Trail of Tears
Emblem Was Designed By:
Russ Evans
Pinson, TN

This Emblem Will Appear On All
Official Event T-Shirts.
Proceeds From The Official
Merchandise Fund The Trail of
Tears Education Programs &
Scholarships For Native Americans



Riding To Remember

Experienced Motorcycle Riders Are Invited To Join In The Largest Organized Motorcycle Ride In History (Est. 50,000 Motorcycles) To Remember Native American Heritage & The Tragic Trail of Tears.

The Chattanooga to Florence Map

The 2011 Trail of Tears Remembrance Ride will start in Chattanooga, TN, and follow scenic highway 41/72 around Lookout Mt. To Jasper, TN. In Jasper the ride will leave the Drane Hood route and follow Highway 41 to Monteagle, TN. This route is one of the most scenic and historic routes in the state. As the ride comes off Monteagle Mt. it will pass thru Cowan, TN and on to Winchester TN. We will take highway 64 at Winchester which is the Bell Removal route. This route went from Calhoun, TN to Memphis, TN. We will remain on the Bell route to Fayetteville, TN where we will stop for lunch, gas, and restrooms. Official Trail of Tears Remembrance merchandise will be available during our stop. We will depart at 11:30 am CST.

Upon departure we will follow highway 64 to Pulaski, TN, the only point at which 2 land removal routes cross; the Benge and Bell routes. This is a very historical point on the Trail of Tears. We will continue on highway 64 to Lawrenceburg, where the Trail of Tears was routed through downtown. Lawrenceburg holds a Trail of Tears reenactment each year in November. From Lawrenceburg we will head south on highway 43 to Florence, AL and the end of the main ride at McFarland Park. Thank you for riding with us and supporting Native Americans. Ride Leader and Originator, Bill Cason 1-877-868-8747



September 18-19, 2011: Oklahoma Ride Schedule - All times CST

Sunday, September 18, 8:00 a.m. CST

400 Miles

- Depart Parking Lot adjoining the Tuscumbia Harley Davidson Dealership, Highway 72, Tuscumbia, AL. Be prepared with full tank, water, & snacks.
- Stop # 1 - Corinth, MS. Harper Rd Shopping Center
 - Stop # 2 - Senatobia, MS. Gas stop.
 - Stop # 3 - Helena, AR. Lunch stop.
 - Stop # 4 - Pine Bluff, AR. Gas stop.
 - Stop # 5 - Hot Springs, AR. Overnight

Monday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. CST

235 miles

- Meet at Oaklawn Park Racetrack Parking Lot, Central Ave. Have full tank of gas and full stomach. Leave 9 a.m.
- Stop # 1 - Heavener, OK. 125 miles. KP's Quik Mart. One hour Lunch and Gas stop.
 - Arrive Tablequah, OK. 2:00 p.m. CST - 110 miles. Proceed to Cherokee Heritage Center for Welcome ceremonies.



18th Annual Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride

Sept. 17, 2011

Trail of Tears History

The Indian Removal Act of 1830 called for the voluntary or forcible removal of all Indians from the eastern United States to the state of Oklahoma. May of 1838 marked the deadline for voluntary native removal, many people agreed to move, however many refused. The military was prepared to use force and did so under the command of General Winfield Scott. General Scott ordered the round-up and removal of over 17,000 Cherokees who refused to leave. So began the Cherokee "Trail of Tears," one of the darkest episodes in relations between the United States and Native Americans.

The process was swift and brutal. Detachments of soldiers arrived at every Cherokee house and drove men, women, and children out of their homes with only the clothes on their backs. They were forced into encampments while awaiting removal. The first group was taken by boat across Alabama after leaving Ross's landing. Great hardship and death became part of their journey. Food and supplies were limited and disease was rampant. Because of so much hardship, all remaining were carried on different routes. As many as 4,000 deaths occurred because of this forced removal of civilized Native Americans from their rightful homes.

The Creeks were from Alabama and Georgia. They gave up millions of acres of land and homes. Many were put into chains and taken to Oklahoma. Over 14,000 were removed, with over 3,500 dying. They traveled thru the Tusculum area and camped near Spring Park.

The Chickasaw were people from Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. They also suffered the same indignation.

The Choctaw were from Alabama and Mississippi. Over 14,000 were sent to Oklahoma, however approx. 5,000 remained in Mississippi and lower Alabama.

During the Seminole removal from Florida, a group split and entered into the swamps. There they fought the U. S. for 7 years, and were never conquered.

Join us as we honor those from the past who traveled this Trail of Tears. Let us learn from this mistake, accept each other as we are, and walk together in peace.

Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, Inc. 8272 Carlitos Lane, Hixson, TN 37343 Phone: 423-842-6770

Jim Dunn
jimanddeedunn@hotmail.com
423-842-6770

Ellen Pittman, Alabama
loyall@centurytel.net
256-574-6805

Sammy Myers
myersllc@charter.net
423-942-2640

Terry Sweet, Wisconsin
terryst@hiwaay.net
256-683-3415

Ken Markham, Georgia
markhamandassoc@aol.com
770-329-6067

Bill Cason
billcason@charter.net
423-942-6868

Charlie Peek
charliep@caengrs.com
423-899-1322

Charlie Schaerer
ceschaerer@charter.net
423-942-8701

For all Reservations: Say "Trail of Tears"

Chattanooga:

Host: Days Inn/Rivergate - 901 Carter St. -
423-266-7331

Best Western Heritage Inn 7641 Lee Hwy.
423-899-3311 Across Lee Hwy. from Thunder
Creek.

Holiday Inn Express - 3710 Modern Industries Park
way, Lookout Valley 423-424-0125 I-24 Exit 174

Best Western Royal Inn - 3644 Cummings Highway,
Lookout Valley 423-821-6840 I-24 Exit 174

Comfort Inn 6710 Ringgold Rd.,
East Ridge 423-893-7979 I-75 Exit 1

New Motel 6 of East Ridge 1417 Saint Thomas St.,
East Ridge 423-894-1417 I-75 Exit 1

Raccoon Mt. Campground - 423-821-9403

Chattanooga Visitors Bureau -
1-800-322-3344 or www.chattanoogaafun.com

Monteagle:

Jim Oliver's Smoke House Best Western, On the
Trail www.the.smokehouse.com 1-800-489-2091

Florence, AL:

Host: Holiday Inn Express Hotels & Suites
180 Etta Gray Street- Florence, AL 35630 1-256-246-2200
www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/sheff

Comfort Inn - 1-256-740-0444

150 Etta Gray St, Florence, AL

Hampton Inn - 1-256-764-8888

2281 Florence Blvd., Florence, AL

City Lodge - 1-256-760-8888

400 S. Court St. Florence, AL.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism -

1-888-356-8687 or www.flo-tour.org

Colbert County Tourism -

1-800-344-0783 or www.colbertcountytourism.org

Hot Springs, AR:

Host: Best Western Winners Circle 1-800-643-8722
(previously Best Western Stage Coach Inn)

TAHLEQUAH, OK:

Host: Tahlequah Best Western
1-918-458-1818 Say "Trail of Tears"

NO FEES TO RIDE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Join the Ride at Designated Areas Only: In Jasper-Ingles Supermarket, Tracy City - Empty Bldg. across from BP & Dollar Store, Monteagle - Jim Oliver's Smoke House, Cowan - Smart Shoppers Grocery, Lawrenceburg - Story-Lee Furniture Store on Hwy 43. RIDERS WHO BREAK INTO THE RIDE WILL BE TICKETED AND ASKED TO LEAVE!

Friday, September 16- Pre Ride Activities

Cherokee, NC - Group ride to Thunder Creek H-D, Chattanooga, TN. Will line up at Convention Center, 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC leave at 11:00 a.m. EST. Hotels: Great Smokies Inn (828)497-2020; Baymont Inn (828) 497-2102 Contact: Mike Callahan 336-889-6527.

Cartersville, GA.— The Official TOT Ride from Georgia. 13th year for the "CHARLIE MAXWELL MEMORIAL RIDE" Cartersville, Ga. Pre-ride Festivities start Thursday 9/15, 3 pm to 9 pm at Harley Davidson of Cartersville. In honor of the Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, Harley Davidson of Cartersville will have activities on Thursday 9/15. Check Official web site for full details. www.georgiatotride.com . **FRIDAY 9/16, 9AM to 12 NOON**, the gathering of TOT riders at Harley Davidson of Cartersville. Vendors, Food, Native American Dancers and the Blessing Of The Bikes. Depart promptly at 12 Noon EST, to join the ride coming from Cherokee, NC for a group ride in remembrance of the Native Americans of Georgia and North Carolina. Our destination will be Thunder Creek Harley Davidson in Chattanooga. Host Hotel- Holiday Inn of Cartersville, 770-386-0830 / mention TOT for special rates for Thursday evening. Complete information: www.georgiatotride.com or Ken Markham 770-329-6067.

Kentucky Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride

Friday 9/16 Leave Wal Mart at Oak Grove, KY at 8:00 a.m. (Wal Mart is located 1.5 miles south of I-24 on Hwy 41A) Ends at Thunder Creek Harley Davidson in Chattanooga, TN. Sunday there will also be a group that will return to Oak Grove, KY via the Natchez Trace. Ride at your own risk. Contacts: www.kytotride.org
Larry Swinney 270-881-0203 swinney@hoptown.net
Walter Cummings, 270-348-2759, wcummings@hcsenergy.net
Stix Douglas 314-304-3709 joybonel@aol.com

Chattanooga, TN -

THE OFFICIAL TOT KICK-OFF-PARTY –

Held at **THUNDER CREEK HARLEY-DAVIDSON**
7724 Lee Hwy. 423-892-4888.

Directions & info @ www.thundercreekharley.com.

Bands performing all day; Food and beverage; Native American and other vendors; Official Trail of Tears merchandise for sale: t-shirts, patches, pins, rockers, & caps.

Monteagle, TN - KICK-OFF-PARTY, at Jim Oliver's Best Western Smoke House Lodge. For those traveling down I-24 or those just wanting to sleep longer on the ride morning, come join in the party, sleep late and then ride. You can join the ride Saturday morning as it passes the motel/ restaurant.

Saturday, September 17 - Main Ride Activities

Chattanooga, TN. Travel west on Martin Luther King Blvd. to Riverfront parkway to receive instructions on where to line up. Downtown Chattanooga - Leave 8 a.m. EST.



Rest/Lunch/Fuel/Stop: Fayetteville, TN

Junior High School - During the lunch stop, the First Nations People will be drumming and dancing to welcome the riders. There will be plenty of food vendors. Leave at 11:30 a.m. CST.

Florence, AL/McFarland Park -Trail of Tears

Native American Festival,

organized by - Teresa Wolfwoman, Sacred Path Ministries and Cherokee Road Singers and Drums September 16th, 17th & 18th. Join a host of Native American Drummers and Dancers in full Regalia, this was and is the Native American people's way of meeting together, to Honor their Ancestors and Celebrate their Heritage. Join them in dancing to the beat of the Drum, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new friends. Several Native vendors will be on hand offering a wide variety of hand made Native arts and crafts, Native food vendors will provide a taste of our rich past. Event begins Friday September 16th at 1:00 pm and ends Sunday afternoon. There will be Sunday Service at the Park. Check our web site for updates on McFarland Park.



3rd Bikers Free Gas, Sept 17, Mapco Station 2291 Florence Blvd. next to Hampton Inn Free Hot Dogs and Water. Iron Ministries Truck & Museum sponsored by: Servant Rider Ministries - HELL FIGHTERS @ servantriderministries.com

Vendors Contact: Ellen Pittman

loyall@centurytel.net or 256-574-6805

MOTORCYCLE VENDORS NEEDED FOR MCFARLAND PARK

RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

Join The Ride at Designated Areas Only !!!

General Event Information & Ride Updates:

www.trailoftears-remembrance.org or Toll Free 1-877-TOT-TRIP (868-8747)

The Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride Is Organized By A 501(c)3 Non Profit Board of Directors

NO FEES TO RIDE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Join the Ride at Designated Areas Only: In Jasper- Ingles Supermarket, Tracy City - Empty Bldg. across from BP & Dollar Store, Monteagle - Jim Oliver's Smoke House, Cowan - Smart Shoppers Grocery, Lawrenceburg - Story-Lee Furniture Store on Hwy 43. RIDERS WHO BREAK INTO THE RIDE WILL BE TICKETED AND ASKED TO LEAVE!

2011 Trail of Tears Remembrance Motorcycle Ride Sponsors



THUNDER CREEK HARLEY DAVIDSON
 CHATTANOOGA, TN -
TOT KICK OFF PARTY -
 7724 Lee Hwy.
 423-892-4888 or www.thundercreekharley.com



Screen printing • Embroidery • Awards
 1220 E. Main St.
 Chattanooga, TN 37408
 (423) 756-1144
 Fax (423) 267-6032
www.customwerks.net



MOUNTAIN CREEK HARLEY DAVIDSON
 DALTON, GA
 1001 Market Street Suite 37
 706-370-7433 or www.mountaincreekharley.com



1408 Workman Rd.,
 Chattanooga, TN 37407, 423-867-7541
www.southernhonda.com



US-101 FM



Sale Creek Self Storage
 and
 D.W.'s Motorcycle Accessories
 14402 Dayton Pk. Hwy. 27
 Sale Creek, TN 37373
 Phone/Fax (423) 332-0007



Indian Motorcycle
 116 Battleground Road
 Kings Mountain, NC 28086
 (704) 937-7333
www.indianmotorcycle.com



CARTERSVILLE, GA
 678-721-0203 www.hdcartersville.com



Earl Small's Harley-Davidson
 770-919-0000 www.earlsmallshd.com

Native American scholarships, other educational activities, and expenses connected with the ride, are funded from the proceeds of merchandise acquisitions, donations from sponsors, and vendor fees from the powwow held at the end of the main ride from Chattanooga to McFarland Park in Florence, AL. "No Registration or Fees to Ride" Check our online store for OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE as it becomes available.

ALL LOGOS AND DESIGNS USED BY THE TRAIL OF TEARS REMEMBRANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. HOLD COPYRIGHTS AND/OR TRADEMARKS AND MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT. THIS INCLUDES THE TERM "TRAIL OF TEARS REMEMBRANCE MOTORCYCLE RIDE" OR ANY ABBREVIATION THEREOF. MONIES RECEIVED FOR OFFICIAL TRAIL OF TEARS MERCHANDISE ARE ACCEPTED AS DONATIONS WHICH BENEFIT NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS. UNAUTHORIZED USE IS ILLEGAL AND SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION.