



15th Annual Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride

Sept. 19-22, 2008

PRE-RIDE: SEPT. 19 - Cartersville, GA To Chattanooga, TN
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MAIN RIDE: Sept. 20 - Chattanooga, TN To Florence, AL
EXTENDED RIDE: Sept. 21-22 Ride To Okmulgee, OK

The Official 2008 Trail of Tears
Emblem Was Designed By:
Eric Jordan
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. 100,000 To 130,000
Motorcycles) To
Remember Native
American Heritage & The Tragic Trail of
Tears.

TRAIL OF TEARS REMEMBRANCE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT

The Annual Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride was started in 1994 by Bill Cason to mark one of the trails used during the 1838 removal of Native Americans from their homelands in the Southeast to Oklahoma. The ride started at Ross's Landing in Chattanooga, TN with eight riders and ended with 100 riders in Waterloo, AL. The ride has now grown to over 150,000 riders, making it the largest organized motorcycle ride in the world.

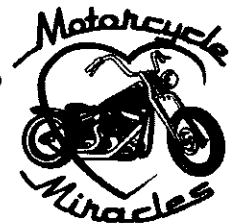
Mr. Cason, originator and leader of the Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride for the past 14 years, has chosen the Trail of Tears Remembrance Association, Inc. (TOTRAI) to assist in the management of the event beginning in 2007 (The ride was previously sanctioned by the AL-TN Trail of Tears Corridor Association). The TOTRAI Board of Directors is made up of all volunteers from Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and Wisconsin, and are the individuals who have worked diligently for the past 14 years to make this ride a success. The Association now proposes to assist the Five Civilized Tribes in the Southeast and Oklahoma through Native American scholarships and educating the public about the Trail of Tears Removal Act of 1838.

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.

The Association may install historical markers in the states through which it passes (Oklahoma, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Arkansas). Money may also be donated to colleges in these states for Native American scholarships. TOTRAI may also help other organizations to further educate and bring awareness of the Trail of Tears history.

The TOTRAI board has aligned with an exciting, new fundraising concept company called **Motorcycle Miracles** that *allows you to get involved* in raising money to support the Trail of Tears Education programs, Native American scholarships and *receive Substantial rewards for your efforts*. All you have to do is register online at www.motorcyclemiracles.com or through clicking on the link at www.trailoftears-remembrance.org and follow the automated process to be on your way.

You do not have to ride to participate in fundraising for this worthwhile cause and there are still *no fees to ride*. See how you will benefit by getting involved!



RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

Join The Ride At Official Stops 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.



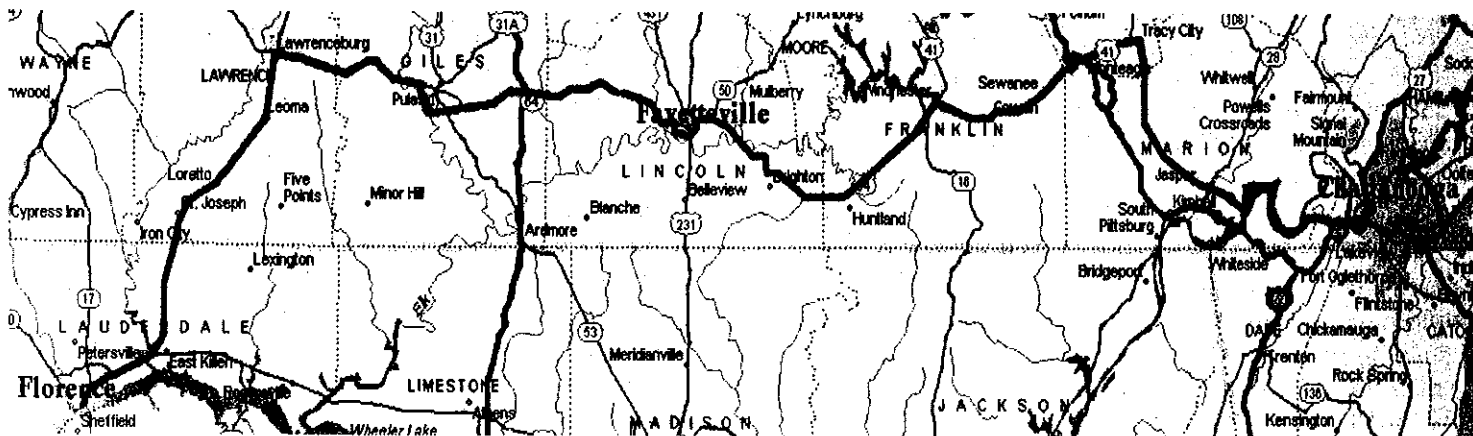
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The Chattanooga to Florence Map

The 2008 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 at the Lincoln Co. fairgrounds. We will depart at 11:30 or 12:00. Upon departure we will follow highway 64 to Pulaski, TN, the only point at which 2 land removal routes cross; the Bengie 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



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 Parkway, 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
- Econolodge of East Ridge 1417 Saint Thomas St., East Ridge 423-894-1417 I-75 Exit 1
- Howard Johnson/East Ridge - 423-892-8100 or 6700 Ringgold Rd. - 1-800-1GOHOJO
- Raccoon Mt. Campground - 423-821-9403
- Chattanooga Visitors Bureau - 1-800-322-3344 or www.chattanoogaofun.com

Florence, AL:

- Host: Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa 1-866-746-2569
- 800 South Cox Creek Pkwy. - Florence (Request Trail of Tears Block)
- City Lodge 400 S.Court St., Florence AL 256-760-8888

McFarland Park Camping Contact:

1-256-740-8817

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 Stage Coach Inn -800-643-8722

Okmulgee, OK:

- Host: Okmulgee Best Western (50 Rooms) 1-800-552-9201
- Best Western Glen Pool, OK (20 minutes North) 1-800-678-5201
- Days Inn, Okmulgee, OK 918-758-0660

NO FEES TO RIDE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. RIDERS MUST ENTER THE RIDE AT THE DESIGNATED STARTING POINT IN CHATTANOOGA OR REST STOP AT FAYETTEVILLE. RIDERS WHO BREAK INTO THE RIDE WILL BE TICKETED AND ASKED TO LEAVE!

September 19 - Pre Ride Activities

Cherokee, NC - Group ride to Thunder Creek H-D, Chattanooga, TN. Mike Callahan 336-889-6527.

Cartersville, GA. - 10th year for the "CHARLIE MAXWELL MEMORIAL RIDE"

The official TOT ride from Georgia.

THURSDAY 9-18, 3PM to 9PM Pre-ride festivities at Harley Davidson of Cartersville. FRIDAY 9-19, 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 at www.georgiatotride.com or Ken Markham 770-329-6067

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. 3 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, do-rags. Easy Rider Scarlet Cross will be at TCHD with the Captain America Motorcycle. They will be selling the Trail of Tears Documentary CD's. Sheree Wilson of Walker Texas Ranger who narrated the documentary will be there also to autograph each CD purchased.

September 20 - 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.

During the lunch stop, we will be entertained by Cherokee Indian Drummers and performances by the Elk River Singers. There will be plenty of food vendors including Cathy's Native American fry bread.

Florence, AL/McFarland - Activities include a 3-day Native American Festival featuring dancers, storytellers, crafters, vendors and demonstrators. Motorcycle merchandise vendors will be on site and a special Welcome Ceremony will take place when the riders arrive.

The Trials Training Center from Sequatchie, TN will put on exhibitions displaying their outstanding riding skills.

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Vendors Contact: Perry White

828-524-3715 or perryatoned@aol.com.

MOTORCYCLE VENDORS NEEDED FOR MCFARLAND PARK

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. In June of 1838, the rivers were too low for travel. The last group was sent by land to Waterloo, where they reloaded and continued. 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 Tuscumbia 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.

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September 21-22, 2008: Oklahoma Ride Schedule - All times CST

Sunday, September 21, 8:00 a.m. - 400 Miles

Depart Shoals Outdoor Sports at 1605 Hwy. 72, Tuscumbia, AL. Open at 7:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts for the Oklahoma riders.

Full day's ride. 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 22, 9:00 a.m. -270 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 Okmulgee, OK. 3:30 p.m. CST - 145 miles.

Historic Council House For Activities.

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Creek Council House Activities (National Historic Landmark)

5:30 p.m. Go eat.

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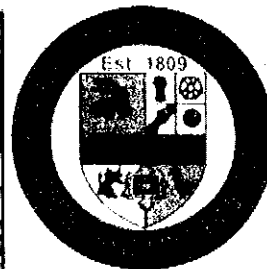
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