



CHEROKEE REMOVAL MEMORIAL PARK: BLYTHE FERRY
6630 Blythe Ferry Lane, Birchwood, TN 37308
(423) 339-2769

Site Information: The park contains a visitor center, walking trails, and outdoor interpretive exhibits that explain the history of the Trail of Tears. The park is located on a bluff that overlooks Blythe Ferry, where 9,000 Cherokee and Creek were encamped while waiting to cross the Tennessee River on their way to Indian Territory.



HIWASSEE RIVER HERITAGE CENTER
8746 Hiwassee Street, Charleston, TN 37310
(423) 413-8284

Site Information: Charleston was the site of the Indian Agency and later Fort Cass, the military operational headquarters for the entire Trail of Tears removal. This and other stories, including pivotal Civil War positioning and the filming of Wild River involving TVA damming, are told at the center.

Other Sites to Visit:
WILSON-ERWIN HOUSE (Private property. View from street)



AUDUBON ACRES
900 North Sanctuary Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 892-1499

Site Information: Audubon Acres contains the Spring Frog Cabin, a pre-removal Cherokee home, and the visitor center has exhibits on the Brainerd Mission site and on Cherokee culture. At Audubon Acres, visitors can learn about the typical Cherokee agricultural life and their level of acculturation at the time of removal.



ROSS'S LANDING & THE PASSAGE
100 Riverfront Pkwy, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Site Information: Ross's Landing was one of three emigrating depots for thousands of Cherokee on their way to the Indian Territory. The park contains a historical marker and various memorials dedicated to Cherokee history and culture.

Other Sites to Visit:
JOHN ROSS HOME (Northern Georgia)
BROWN'S FERRY TAVERN (Restricted, private property)



BRAINERD MISSION CEMETERY
5700 Eastgate Loop, Chattanooga, TN 37066

Site Information: Brainerd Mission once consisted of some 40 buildings, including boarding houses, schools, and churches. During removal, the mission was a stopping point and hospital. Evidence suggests that the mission's cemetery is the final resting place for some Cherokee who died at the removal camps.



HAIR CONRAD CABIN
433 Blythewood Road SW, Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 476-8942 (by appointment only)

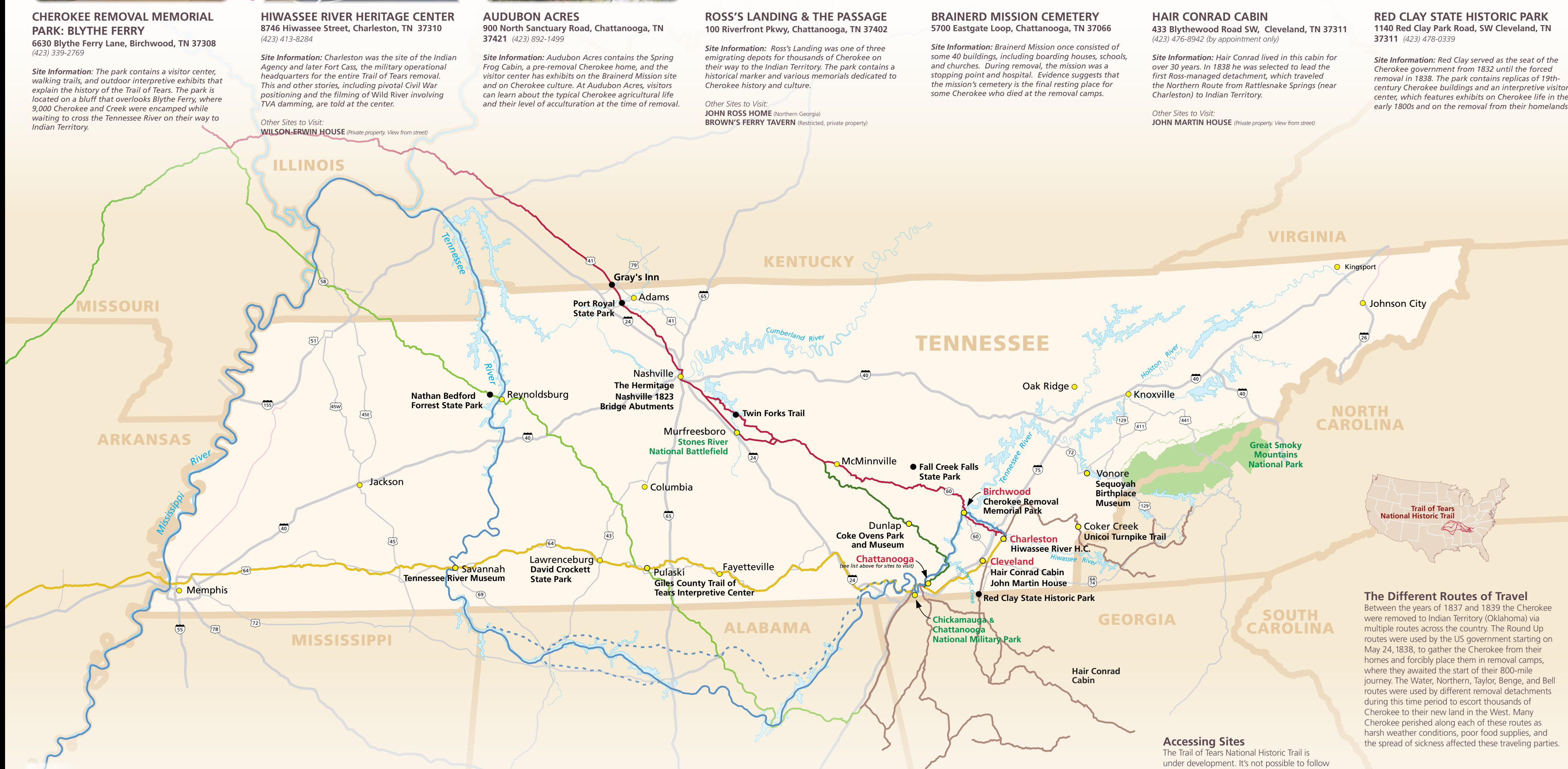
Site Information: Hair Conrad lived in this cabin for over 30 years. In 1838 he was selected to lead the first Ross-managed detachment, which traveled the Northern Route from Rattlesnake Springs (near Charleston) to Indian Territory.

Other Sites to Visit:
JOHN MARTIN HOUSE (Private property. View from street)



RED CLAY STATE HISTORIC PARK
1140 Red Clay Park Road, SW Cleveland, TN 37311
(423) 478-0339

Site Information: Red Clay served as the seat of the Cherokee government from 1832 until the forced removal in 1838. The park contains replicas of 19th-century Cherokee buildings and an interpretive visitor center, which features exhibits on Cherokee life in the early 1800s and on the removal from their homelands.



TRAIL OF TEARS RETRACEMENT TRAIL
David Crockett State Park
1400 West Gaines, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
(931) 762-9408

Site Information: Visit the Trail of Tears Interpretive Retracement Trail located in David Crockett State Park, and hike a portion of the Bell Route. This route was used to transport 650-700 Cherokee from Tennessee to Indian Territory in 1838.

GILES COUNTY TRAIL OF TEARS INTERPRETIVE CENTER
220 Stadium St, Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 424-4044

Site Information: In October and November of 1838 the Bell and Benge detachments passed through Pulaski on the Trail of Tears. Explore both indoor and outdoor exhibits at the interpretive center to learn more about the journey of these two detachments and the broader story of Cherokee removal.

SEQUOYAH BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM
576 State Highway 360, Vonore, TN 37885
(423) 884-6246

Site Information: Exhibits at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum trace American Indian history in the region, beginning with the Paleo-Indian period. A video presentation, map, and pictorial display tell the Trail of Tears story.

PORT ROYAL STATE PARK
3300 Old Clarksville Highway, Adams, TN 37010
(931) 358-9696

Site Information: During 1838 and 1839, Cherokee passed through the present-day park as part of the Trail of Tears' Northern Route. Diary records of the removal mentioned Port Royal, the last stop before leaving Tennessee, as an encampment site where the Cherokee stayed to resupply, grind corn, and rest. Within the park are the remains of several old roadbeds.

More Sites to See:

THE HERMITAGE
4580 Rachel's Lane, Nashville, TN 37076

UNICOI TURNPIKE TRAIL
250 Ranger Station Road, Tellico Plains, TN 37385

TENNESSEE RIVER MUSEUM
495 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372

JAMES BROWN CHEROKEE PLANTATION (private property)
9521 Ooltewah-Georgetown Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363

For more information on Cherokee history and sites in Tennessee, visit the Southeastern Tennessee Tourism Association website at: southeasttennessee.com/roadtrip/chokeee-heritage-sites/ or Visit the National Park Service Trail of Tears website and select the Quicklink: Places to go nps.gov/trte

The National Park Service administers the trail in close partnership with Trail of Tears Association, the Cherokee Nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, federal, state, county, and local agencies, interested groups, and private landowners. Trail sites are in private, municipal, tribal, federal, or state ownership.

Accessing Sites

The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail is under development. It's not possible to follow the entire trail along the historical course. In most cases travelers will have to follow public roads that are close to the authentic trail.

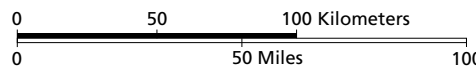
Please ask for permission before visiting any trail sites on private lands and check with public sites for visiting hours and regulations.



While traveling along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, you will see a variety of roadway signs meant to help you explore the trail's stories, routes, and sites.

TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ROUTES

- ROUND UP ROUTES
- WATER ROUTE
- OVERLAND WATER ROUTE
- NORTHERN ROUTE
- TAYLOR ROUTE
- BENGE ROUTE
- BELL ROUTE



LAWRENCEBURG



PULASKI



VONORE



ADAMS