

## Trail Of Tears Timeline

### 1838

- **February:** 15,665 people of the Cherokee Nation petition congress protesting the Treaty of New Echota
- **March:** Outraged American citizens throughout the country petition congress on behalf of the Cherokee
- **April:** Congress tables petitions protesting Cherokee removal; Federal troops ordered to prepare for roundup
- **May:** Cherokee roundup begins
- **June:** First group of Cherokees driven west under Federal guard
- **July:** Over 13,000 Cherokees imprisoned in military stockades awaiting break in drought
- **September:** Drought breaks -- Cherokee prepare to embark on forced exodus to Indian Territory in Oklahoma
- **October:** For most Cherokee, the "Trail of Tears" begins
- **November:** Thirteen contingents of Cherokee cross Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois

### 1839

- **January:** First overland contingents arrives at Fort Gibson
- **March:** Last group reaches Oklahoma

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