

Native Cultures of Arkansas: Cross Cultural Encounters

AD 1492

AD 1850

| Tribal Nation | Location | Site Types | Foodways | Important changes/events |
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| Quapaw | <i>Along Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers; Mississippi Delta</i> | <i>Towns with longhouses</i> | <i>Grew corn, beans and squashes, gathered wild plants, hunted</i> | <i>Visited by La Salle Expedition in 1687; US government bought their land in 1803; they were forced what is now Oklahoma.</i> |
| Osage | <i>Southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas</i> | <i>Villages with semi-annual buffalo hunts</i> | <i>Grew corn, beans and squashes, gathered wild plants, hunted, traded food with Europeans</i> | <i>Forced to sell land in the 19th century; moved to what is now Kansas, and then Oklahoma.</i> |
| Tunica | <i>Along Mississippi River in southern Arkansas and northern Mississippi</i> | <i>Farms with circular mud-walled houses</i> | <i>Grew corn, beans and squash, gathered wild plants, hunted, made salt, traded salt with Europeans</i> | <i>Joined the Biloxi Indians in the 19th century; currently live in Marksville, Louisiana</i> |
| Caddo | <i>Southwest AR and parts of Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma</i> | <i>Farms with circular grass-thatched houses</i> | <i>Grew corn, beans and squash, pumpkins and fruit, hunted and fished, made salt</i> | <i>Forced from their land after 1840. moved to Texas and then Oklahoma</i> |
| Cherokee | <i>Moved to Arkansas from the east by AD 1800. located along the north side of the Arkansas River</i> | <i>Farmsteads with log cabins, barns, fences, and orchards</i> | <i>Farmed, had peach orchards, raised livestock</i> | <i>Old Settler Cherokee forced to move from Arkansas to Indian Territory, (what is now Oklahoma) in 1828. Cherokee still living in original homeland forced to move from their land in the East in 1838-1839 in what is often called the Trail of Tears.</i> |

Additional key events: Spread of disease, new religion, trade, raids, etc.

1539-1543 DeSoto Expedition; 1687 LaSalle Expedition

