

## Trail of Tears at the Chattahoochee Nature Center

The next meeting of the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, GA. The speakers will be TOTA members Lisa Simpson and Kris Barkley. Lisa is a Fulton County teacher and long time docent at the Nature Center. Kris teaches in Cobb County and has used the Nature Center as a resource in her classroom. The topic will be “The Hightower Indian Trail in Cobb County Georgia”. Lisa and Kris have spent years researching the trail and the Native Americans who used it. Following their talk, they will lead us on a short tour along the trail as it passes through the Nature Center property. The GA TOTA business meeting will follow. The Center will be open until 5:00 p.m.

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is located on the Chattahoochee River in Roswell and sits on a beautiful site comprised of 127 acres of native plants and gardens that showcase the beauty of Georgia. It has a River Boardwalk, Discovery Center, wetland demonstration gardens and woodland trails that are home to over 30 species of wildlife. For 30 years, this facility has continued to grow and reach out to citizens as a place to explore new ideas and expand the awareness of the natural world.

There is no charge to attend the meeting or tour the grounds of the Center – there will be a charge to visit the new museum on the site if you wish to do so. There are picnic areas available if you plan on spending the day. The Nature Center is located at 9135 Willeo Road in Roswell. From I-75, take Hwy. 120 (also called Marietta Highway or Upper Roswell Road) east toward the city of Roswell. Cross Johnson Ferry Road and travel approximately four miles to Willeo Road. Turn right onto Willeo Road. The CNC is located one mile on the right.

The Trail of Tears Association was created to support the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail established by an act of Congress in 1987. The TOTA is dedicated to identifying and preserving sites associated with the removal of Native Americans from the Southeast. The Association consists of nine state chapters representing the nine states that the Cherokee and other tribes traveled through on their way to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

Our meetings are free and open to the public. You need not have Native American ancestry to attend our meetings, just an interest and desire to learn more about this fascinating and tragic period in our country’s history. For more information about the TOTA, visit the National TOTA website at [www.nationaltota.org](http://www.nationaltota.org) and the Georgia Chapter website at [www.gatrailoftears.org](http://www.gatrailoftears.org). For further information about the July meeting, contact Linda Baker at 770-704-6338 or [badnil@windstream.net](mailto:badnil@windstream.net).