

Themed Exhibits – Native American and Colonial



The Native American exhibit is designed to introduce visitors and students to the sciences of archeology and anthropology as they relate to the culture and people that previously inhabited the Piedmont region. As Americans move forward into a modernized, technological world, it is important to understand past cultures so that we may gain insight to improve our lives and relationships to the land. The Native American exhibit shall replicate housing structures consistent with those found in the mid-eighteenth century. The replicated structures include a winter lodge, a summer lodge, and a corn crib. The winter lodge will be approximately thirty feet in diameter and fifteen feet high with a small doorway three feet high and eighteen inches wide. The summer house will be an open-air structure approximately twenty three feet wide by forty three feet long. These basic living structures were the center of day-to-day life for the average Cherokee familial unit. The patterns and associations of these structures are consistent from village to village.

The pioneer, or colonial, exhibit is another opportunity to glimpse back in time to a culture that help to shape who we are as a people and our culture now. The pioneer exhibit (not shown) will be a depiction of a homestead typically found in the area in the early 1800s. The fenced yard will contain a small homestead, out-buildings and vegetable gardens. This area will be located along the peripheral trail near the education center for easy access.