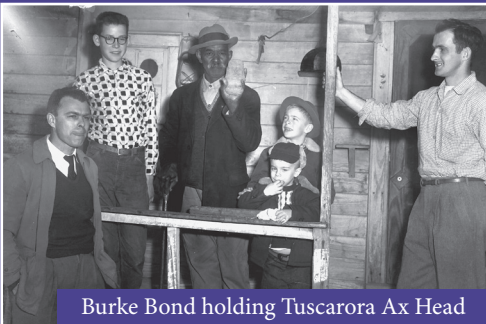


Tuscarora Chief holding War Club



Mr. Outlaw watering his mule



Burke Bond holding Tuscarora Ax Head



Rascoe Family on porch



Children with dogs

Historic Indian Woods Events

February
A Taste of History

April
Easter Fish Fry

June
Basketball Camp
Youth Summit
Blue Jay Community Center

June - July
Special Events
Check with Blue Jay Community Center

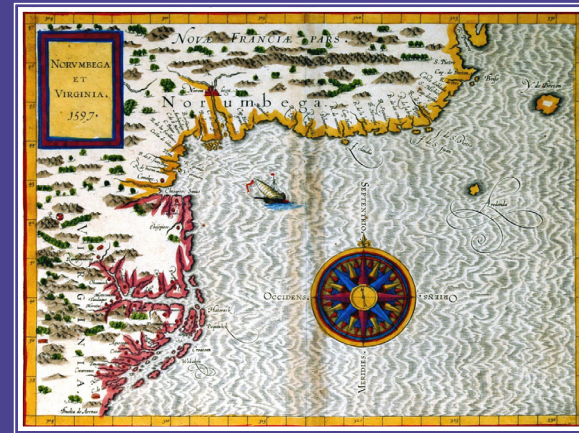
August
Classic Car Show
Barbecue Chicken Contest

September
Fall Harvest Festival
US Colored Troops Encampment

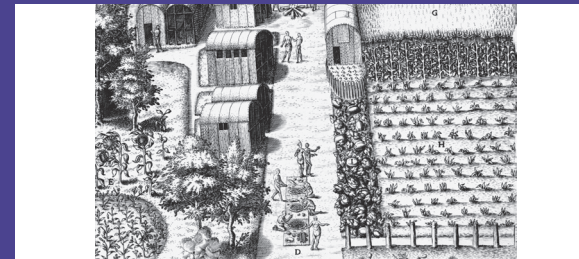
November
Tuscarora Pow Wow
“Gathering of Iroquois Nations”



U.S. Colored Troops and Confederates



English Map showing Indian Woods 1597



A Typical Tuscarora Village



The Gospel Oak



Slave Cabin



The Outlaw House

Discover North Carolina and American History through Indian Woods

Explore 500 years of Historic Indian Woods. The ancient homeland of the Tuscarora Nation before contact with the English in 1584.

Indian Woods was North Carolina's first Native American Reservation and later, a community of Tuscarora, Africans (enslaved and free) and Europeans. Experience the people and community of Historic Indian Woods and the First Peoples of North Carolina.

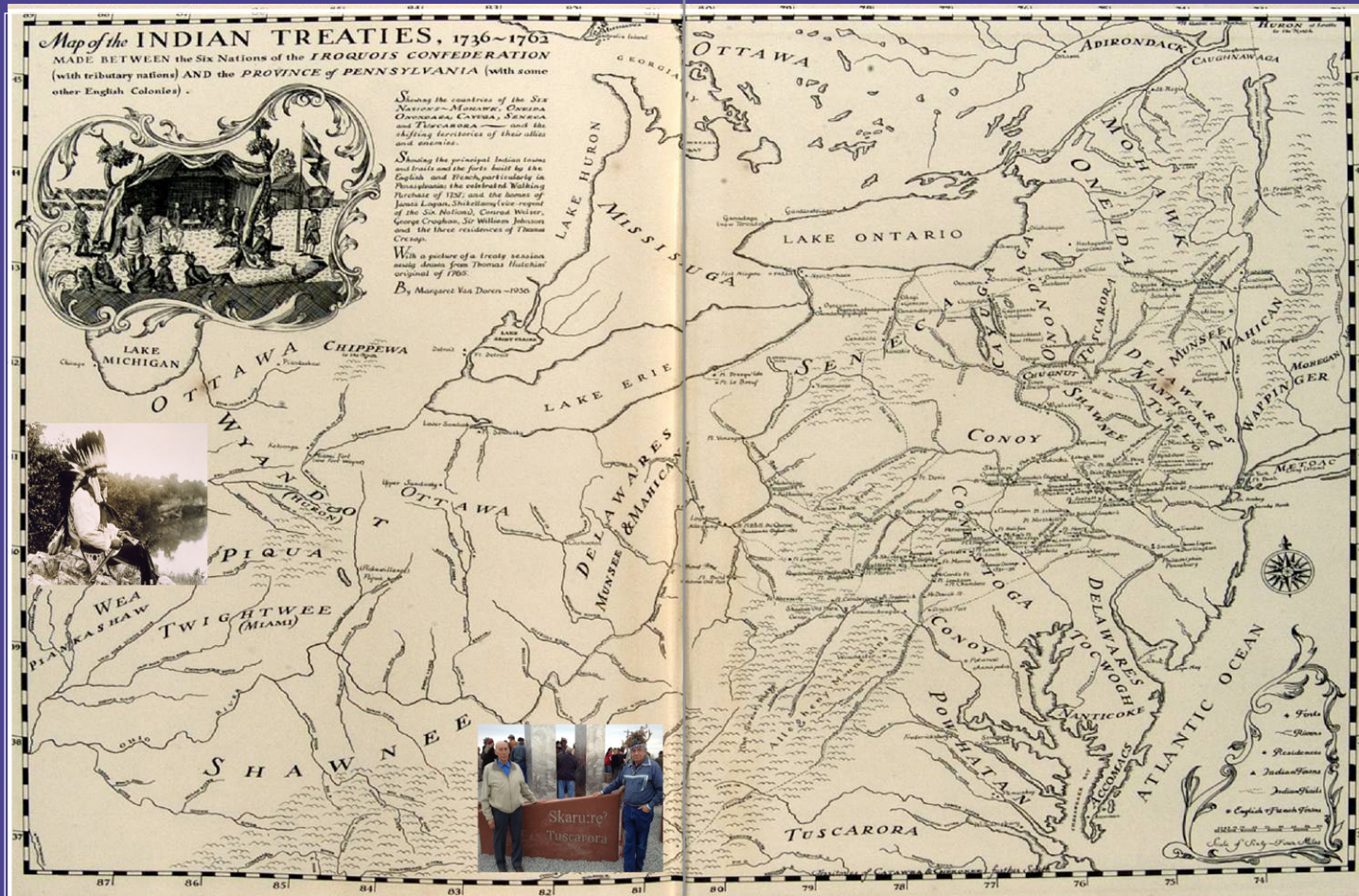


David Stone's Map of North Carolina Showing Indian Woods in 1808

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The Tuscarora Nation, along with those remaining in Indian Woods officially became the Sixth Nation of the Iroquois or Haudenosaunee Confederacy in 1722.



Take the Historic Tour of Indian Woods which winds along Indian Woods road to Grabtown and Saint Francis roads which curve through Southern Bertie County. As you travel through this wonderfully beautiful landscape, you will see over 500 years of North Carolina and American history in a way you have never seen and experienced before. You will experience the ancient homeland and burial sites of the Historic Tuscarora Nation members of the powerful Six Nations Confederacy that dates to before 800 A.D. You will see the home of the first Indian agent after the Tuscarora were defeated in the Tuscarora War and moved on to the Indian Woods Reservation in 1717. You can walk the forest, canoe and kayak the creeks of this extraordinary landscape while learning what it means to be a North Carolinian and an American. You will see the ancient forest the beautiful plantations cut from those forest by Tuscarora, African and mixed-race slaves in the 1700s and 1800s. You will see the beautiful Antebellum homes, slave cabins, and overseer's homes that gave way to today's farms.

You will learn about the numerous (USCTs) United States Colored Troops, who fought for their and their family's freedom all over North Carolina and Virginia and the south returning home to build their historic community churches. By the early 20th Century, they would help fund and build a number of Rosenwald Schools to educate their children and prepare them to attend Colleges and Universities and lead productive lives. You will learn about the lives of both tenant farmers and land owners and how they worked their land together and by doing so built the wonderful historic community that it is today. Conclude your visit by experiencing the Blue Jay Recreation Center and its History Museum and view the community's fire trucks at the Blue Jay Volunteer Fire Department. So come experience North Carolina and American History by traveling through Historic Indian Woods.

Explore Historic Indian Woods

Tuscarora Heritage

- Recreated Tuscarora Village – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum
- Tuscarora Burial Mounds
- Tuscarora History Artifacts – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum
- Tuscarora wooded walking trail
- The Indian Gallows

Colonial Heritage

- Colonial Historic Homes Sites
- Colonial Families Burial Sites
- Colonial History – Artifacts – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum

Antebellum & Civil War Heritage

- (USCT) United States Colored Troop Renactments – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum
- Union and Confederate Soldier Burial Sites
- Civil War History – Artifacts – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum

- Liberty Hall (Outlaw House)

- Spruill House
- Rascoe Farm Grist Mill
- Slave Cabin – on Williams Farm
- The Gospel Oak Site

20th Century Community Heritage

- Rosenwald Schools
- Historic Churches
- Masonic Lodge
- Homes and Farms



Sgt. Major Parker D. Robbins 2nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops Calvary



Indian Woods Baptist Church Artist, Pearlis Speller NC A&T Alum



Spring Hill Rosenwald School



Life on the Farm

Maritime Heritage

- Visit the Historic Roanoke River Landings: Coniott, Jordan's, Old Mill, Spellers and Quitsna
- Canoe or Kayak the Historic Creeks; Chowatic Creek, Connie Creek, Connitte Creek, Indian Creek and Roquist Creek,
- Learn about Caesars Island
- Learn about the many Pocosins and Swamps of the area and their history
- Maritime History – Artifacts – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum

Animals (Domesticated and Wild)

- The Farm – Goats, Hog, Cattle, Chickens, Ducks and Geesee – Rascoe Farm
- The Hunt – Rabbits, Squirrels, Turtles, Deer, Beaver, Snakes – Walton Farm and Hunt Club
- Guns and Other Hunting weapons over 500 years – Blue Jay Recreation Museum

Nature Trials and Unspoiled land

- Roanoke River Wild Life Reserves
- Five Miles of Hiking Trails
- 12 miles of Canoeing and Kayaking
- Maps of Historic Rivers and Creeks – Blue Jay Recreation Center Museum

Nearby Historic Sites

- Historic Hope House
- King Bazemore House
- Historic Windsor
- Fort Branch
- Fort Plymouth
- Historic Edenton
- The Winton Triangle (Winton, Ahoskie, Cofield, and Murfreesboro)
- Avaco on Salmon Creek
- Site X Lost Colony
- Site Y Lost Colony