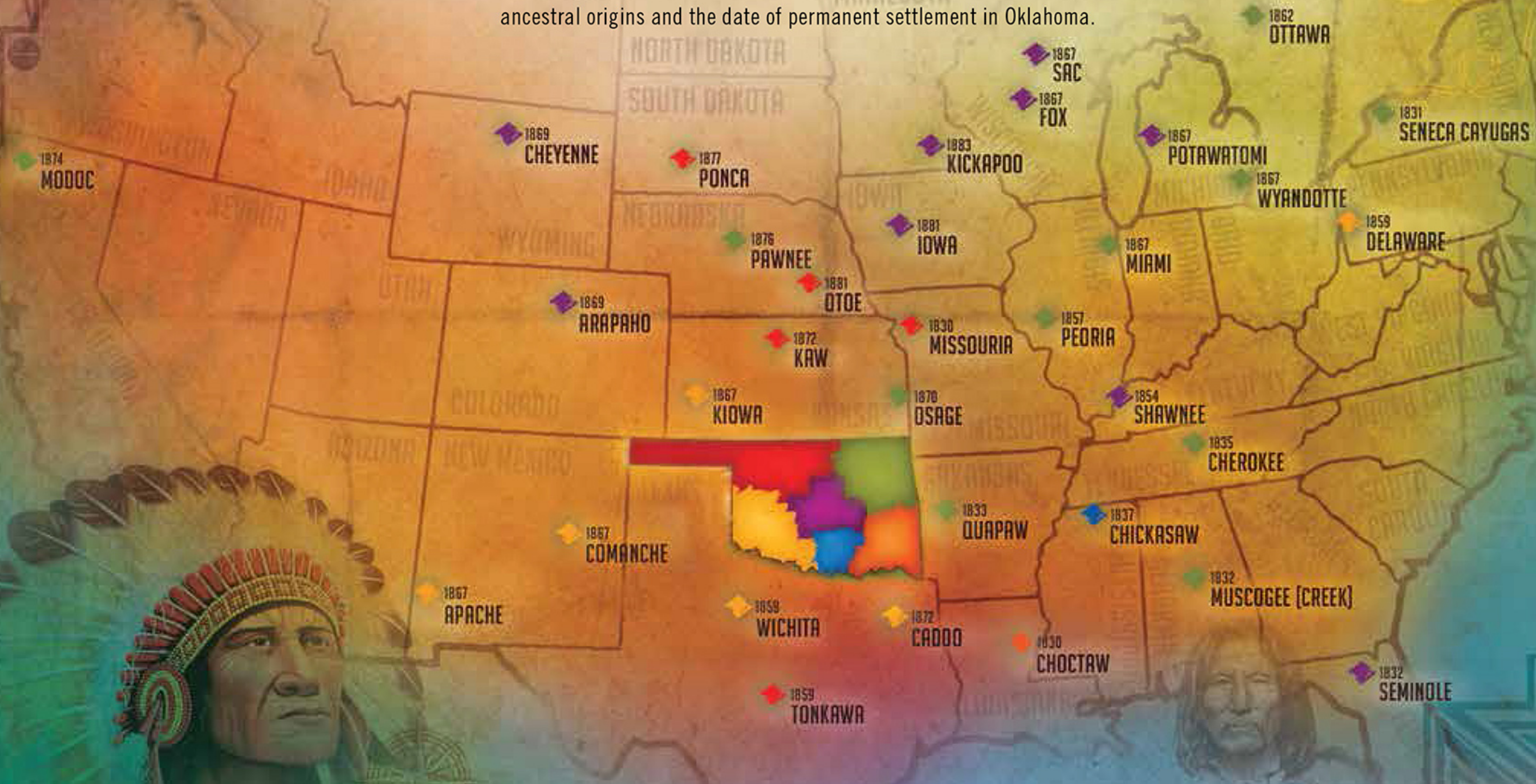




GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS of OKLAHOMA TRIBES

The great plains and rolling hills of Oklahoma have always been home to a diverse group of America's native citizenry. From the earliest indigenous tribes to those relocated to Indian Territory in the 19th century, 67 nations have called this land of red earth, home. This illustration maps their ancestral origins and the date of permanent settlement in Oklahoma.



Oklahoma comes from the Choctaw words "*okla*" and "*humma*," meaning "*red people*."

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Discover and explore more than 85 tribal attractions, museums, and cultural centers, and experience a world-class immersion into Oklahoma's native roots. Here are six favorites to get you started.

Cherokee Heritage Center- Tahlequah

Nestled in the foothills of Oklahoma's Ozark Mountains in Tahlequah, the Cherokee Heritage Center conveys the detailed history and vibrant heritage of the Cherokee people through exhibits, reenactments, cultural workshops and events.

Chickasaw Cultural Center – Sulphur

See, feel, and even taste the heritage of the Chickasaw tribe through interactive exhibits, botanical displays and traditional dwellings at the largest tribal cultural center in the nation, located on 100 picturesque acres in south-central Oklahoma.

Red Earth Museum – Oklahoma City

Experience Native American history in an innovative and unique way through paintings, carvings, pottery and revolving exhibitions. Visit in June and witness the country's greatest display of American Indian visual and performing arts at the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival.

Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center – Spiro

Explore the only prehistoric, Native American archaeological site in Oklahoma open to the public. Located on 150 acres of protected grasslands, visitors can tour the remaining artifacts of mound-building culture and enjoy a spectacular view into ancient life.

Standing Bear Park, Museum & Education Center – Ponca City

Celebrate the history of American Indians in Oklahoma with a visit to this 63-acre park featuring a 22-foot bronze statue of Ponca Chief Standing Bear, walking trails, a peaceful memorial grove, artifacts, artwork, and outdoor interpretive center.

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site – Cheyenne

Walk through history and witness the tragic site of Custer's surprise attack on the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle. A registered national landmark, the site and visitor center feature exhibits, guided tours, and a park film about the events leading up to the battle.

ANNUAL POWWOWS & EVENTS

Share in the traditions of Oklahoma's American Indian tribes by attending an authentic celebration or powwow.

- ▶ **June** – Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma City
- ▶ **July** – Indian Hills Powwow, Oklahoma City
- ▶ **August** – Oklahoma Indian Nation Pow-Wow, Concho
- ▶ **August** – Ponca Powwow, Ponca City
- ▶ **September** – Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival, Tuskahoma
- ▶ **September/October** – Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, Tishomingo, Sulphur
- ▶ **June** – Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, Okmulgee
- ▶ **July** - Annual Quapaw Powwow, Quapaw
- ▶ **August** – American Indian Expo, Anadarko
- ▶ **August** – Powwow of Champions, Tulsa
- ▶ **September** – Standing Bear Powwow, Ponca City
- ▶ **October** – Miami Now: Native Oklahoma Weekend, Miami
- ▶ **October** – Cherokee Art Market, Catoosa

For a detailed history of Oklahoma's original people, order the free Oklahoma Indian Country Guide at TravelOK.com/Brochures.


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