

Furs to FACTORIES

4. Charles Hall Museum



The museum is located in Tellico Plains, the western gateway to the Cherohala Skyway, and a crossroads for travelers for 10,000 years. Humans have inhabited the bottomlands of the Tellico River for at least 10,000 years. In 1886, a representative of the Smithsonian Institute described the remains of 15 Native American mounds here, stating that one mound in particular was the finest he had ever seen. Great Tellico, one of the largest and most powerful towns of the Cherokee Nation in the 18th century, stood about a mile from present-day Tellico Plains. An important crossroads for centuries, the Overhill (Unicoi) Trading Path and the Warriors' Path diverged at Tellico Plains. The Overhill Trading Path climbed over the mountains into North Carolina while the Warriors' Path ran southwestward to join the Cherokee settlements along the Hiwassee River. An impressive collection of guns, historic photographs, and other artifacts relating to the history of Tellico Plains and surrounding area are on display in the museum. The site of the Tellico Iron Works that was burned by federal troops in the Civil War is located just a few miles from the museum on Hwy 165 (Cherohala Skyway).

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Christmas & Thanksgiving)**