

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY IN TULARE COUNTY

Are you are interested in exploring Native American History and want to know more about the original inhabitants of this area? This hands-on exploration will have you traveling throughout the area in search of the amazing contributions made by the Yokuts and Western Mono or Monache people. This tour starts in Visalia and extends into Sequoia National Park (where an entrance fee is required).



Don't miss James Earle Fraser's *End of the Trail* sculpture on display at Mooney Grove. The medicine bag and presence of a strong wind represent the spiritual side while the musculature of the figure represents the strength of the Native American. The original piece once stood here but it was given to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. This bronze casting was given to us as a gift.



BASKETRY AS AN ART FORM

Did you know? **Mooney Grove Museum** has one of the largest collections in California of Native American basketry on display. Come stroll through the museum for a close up look at these beautiful textiles. Wander through the museum to learn more about their life in this area.



MORE ARTIFACTS TO SEE

Along the drive toward Sequoia National Park, the **Kaweah Heritage Visitors Center** has bedrock mortar on display. More than just grinding holes, these served as important meeting places.

Continuing along the highway, the **Three Rivers Museum** has Native American structures as well as artifacts on display. Explore the "Native Voice" exhibit.



NATIONAL PARKS PRESERVE AND EDUCATE

A stop at the **Foothills Visitors Center** in Sequoia National Park provides more information about the indigenous peoples that lived in the area. Head to **Hospital Rock** to see some of the finest examples of local Native American pictographs.

The largest Indian village within current park boundaries once thrived here. Be on the lookout for grinding holes, indentations in the rock bed that were used in food preparation!