

Buckeye Trail Timeline

- 100 million years ago** Shallow seas and tidal flats deposit limestone in bands running through North Texas
- 65 million years ago** Uplifting of North American continent creates Trinity River system, carving through limestone deposits and depositing alluvial sand as it drains toward the Gulf of Mexico
- 12,000 years ago** Humans begin living in North Central Texas in small extended family groups of hunter gatherers
- ~1500BC** Indigenous people eventually known collectively as Wichita or *Kirkir'i-s* separate from Caddo tribe and occupy area from Kansas to Red River
- ~900-1200AD** Wichita people adapt a Plains village culture of bison hunting, semi-permanent villages of grass-covered huts, and horticulture



[photo of Wichita hut]



[photo of Wichita hut interior]

- 1541** First European encounter with Wichita people by Spanish explorer Coronado expedition
- ~1700** To avoid armed conflict with the Osage and Comanche, Wichita people begin migration and consolidation in Trinity River basin
- ~1780-1820** Epidemics and warfare cause decline in Wichita population in North Texas to less than 1,500
- 1841** Republic of Texas militia attacks Wichita village along Trinity tributary in Battle of Village Creek; founding of Dallas
- 1843** Sam Houston treaty delegation camps at Big Springs near Trinity River; Treaty of Bird's Fort executed, effectively ending the presence of Indigenous people
- ~1846** Ned, the Buckeye Trail Bur Oak, emerges as a seedling
- 1856** Frederick Law Olmsted journeys through Texas, describes Trinity River bottomlands as 'luxuriant confusion'

1908

Worst Trinity River flood submerges Dallas



[photo of 1908 flood]

1924

Ideal Addition in Southern Dallas completed

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[photo of newspaper ad]

1932

Trinity River rerouted and levees constructed near downtown Dallas; levees not extended to protect South Dallas neighborhoods

Early 1970s

Environmentalist/lawyer Ned Fritz discovers Texas Buckeye grove, begins leading tours to educate public on impact of Trinity industrialization

1973

Trinity River canalization plans defeated

1993

After worst flooding of Ideal+Botton in 1991, Rochester levee completed

1996

Dallas Historic Tree Coalition designates Ned as its first historic tree



[photo of the 'Ned' Bur oak and North Texas Master Naturalists]

2003

Dallas acquires 6,000 acres in Trinity floodplain, names Great Trinity Forest

2016

Big Springs near confluence of White Rock Creek and Trinity River designated Dallas Historic Landmark



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