



Native American Tribes of North Carolina

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Tribes we will learn about



- Coharie
- Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians
- Haliwa-Saponi
- Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
- Lumbee
- Meherrin
- Sappony
- Waccamaw Siouan



Map of North Carolina Tribes

<https://www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/american-indian-affairs/map-nc-tribal-communities>

Coharie

- southeastern region of NC
 - Harnett and Sampson counties
 - Moved to their present location between 1729 and 1746
 - First recorded meeting in 1910
 - Became recognized by the state of NC in 1971
 - Four primary communities: Holly Grove, New Bethel, Shiloh, and Antioch
- Rivers near the Coharie tribe
 - South River
 - Little Coharie River
 - Great Coharie River
 - Six Runs
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eriHwbFjvdI>

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

- Western NC
- Great Smoky Mountains
- Adopted a governing structure and a constitution in the 1800s
- Federally recognized in 1868
- Waterfalls, rivers, mountains,
- View visitcherokeenc.com to view images of many landforms
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch_MPIiwK8M

Haliwa-Saponi

- North East Piedmont
- Halifax and Warren County
- Started as Haliwa Indian club in 1950
- Recognized by NC in 1965
- Hills, plains
- You can find images on the county websites of different landforms seen
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGGtZ4Uq30I>

Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation

- Little Texas
- Pleasant Grove Township
- Alamance County
- Recognized by NC in 2002
- Forests, streams, woodlands
- You can find images on the county websites of different landforms seen
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fa2eoeYpmQ>

Lumbee

- Southeastern NC
- Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland counties
- Recognized by NC in 1885
- Recognized by Congress in 1956 without providing benefits
- Pines
- Swamps
- Rivers
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1vTOKSGCBc>

Meherrin

- Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina
- Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, and Gates counties
- 1677 and 1680 land treaties are signed
- 1705 new reservation was founded
- 1726 reservation in NC
- 1758 given rights by NC
- Coastal plain
- Rivers
- Plains
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mk4YxH-FFo>

Sappony

- Piedmont highlands
- North Carolina and Virginia Border
- State recognized by NC in 1911 and Virginia in 1913
- Hills
- Foothills of Blue Ridge Mountains
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9Zk1co1Tik>

Waccamaw Siouan

- Columbus and Bladen Counties
- 1790 names appeared in the Census
- 1971 recognized by NC
- Still not federally recognized
- NC Swamplands
- Lakes
- Rivers
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNxwhFKDvrU>

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