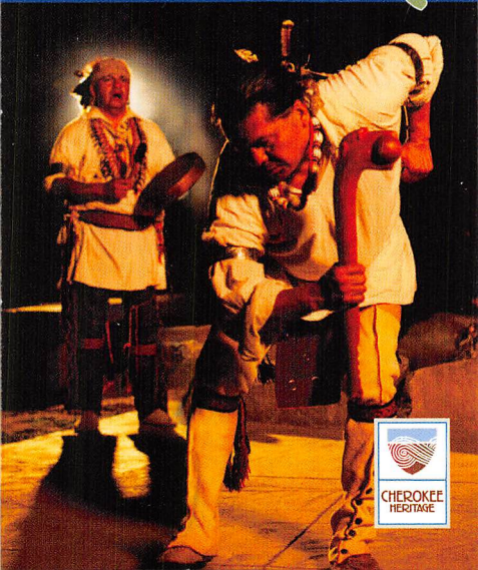


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A Culture More Than 10,000 Years Old **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

For more than 10,000 years, native Americans, the ancestors of the Cherokee, lived on and worked the land in the far western part of what now is North Carolina, as well as north Georgia and Tennessee. Today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians preserves and passes forward the traditions of their forebears with the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the living history exhibit at Oconaluftee Village, and the long-running outdoor drama, *Unto These Hills*. Other traditions are being passed along to new generations through a Cherokee language program and educational heritage programs supported by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

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