

Ocmulgee National Monument



Contact and Conflict

As early as 1540, European explorers contacted the American Indians living in the Southeast. Spaniard Hernando DeSoto encountered the thriving towns and culture built by the ancestors of the Muscogee (Creek) people. His expedition's 600 men and 300 horses devastated local food supplies and epidemics of European diseases decimated many populations.

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