

River of Time Museum

Tips and Tidbits

THE STORY OF THE YAVAPAI

Circa 1968, the Yavapai of Ft. McDowell came and left and returned

- the Yavapai first migrated from Camp Verde
- the Yavapai concept of sharing mother earth's blessings were in conflict with the white man's notion of private ownership
- the white man confused the Yavapai with Apaches and rounded them all up together and marched them on the Trail of Tears to San Carlos, where they stayed for thirty years. After thirty years they were given the abandoned Ft. McDowell to live
- In 1981 the River became smaller and smaller because of the dams and water control. Then the Orme Dam was proposed which would have covered three-fourths of the land. They protested and marched, and went to Washington - and the project was cancelled. Orme Dam days are now celebrated every year