

November is Native American Heritage Month



Cherry Creek - 1903

Once upon a time...

For centuries the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota people gathered in the summertime near running streams to refresh their bodies and their spirits. There were ceremonies to be performed, marriages to be celebrated, newborn children to meet, and old stories to be retold.

Where Cherry Creek meets the Cheyenne River, this wide valley was a favorite place for gathering. It was central for the hunting bands of Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota. Buffalo were still in abundance to the west; the high banks of the waterways quieted the prairie winds; and they were safe from the terror of gunshots. Only goodness surrounded them, and it was the center of the universe.

Those days are long gone...