

## Colorado Area Native History Timeline

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[People of the Poudre: Native Americans in Larimer County, Colorado: 12,000 y.a. – 1878](#)

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Paleoindian	12-11,000 years before present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clovis (Dent)</li> </ul>
	11-10,000 years before present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Folsom (Lindenmeier)</li> </ul>
	10-9,000 years before present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plano (Gordon Creek Burial)</li> </ul>
Archaic	7.5-1,800 years before present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plains Archaic (Trail Ridge Game Trail)</li> </ul>
	150 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountain Tradition</li> </ul>
Early/Mid Ceramic	1300 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numic speakers move from southern Great Basin into Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado</li> </ul>
	1450 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plains Ceramic abandon Colorado</li> </ul>
Late Ceramic	“long ago”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache (Athapaskan) in Northwest Territory of Canada</li> <li>• Cheyenne (Algonquin) near Hudson Bay - gathering</li> <li>• Kiowa in central Montana</li> <li>• Utes (Numic) in western Colorado</li> <li>• Shoshone (Numic) in Wyoming</li> </ul>
	1525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache in eastern Colorado - hunting</li> </ul>
	1540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronado's group entered Colorado - European trade begins</li> </ul>
	1650	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arapaho move east and south - hunting</li> <li>• Cheyenne begin westward migration - farming</li> </ul>
	1600s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ute slaves of Spanish learn to ride</li> </ul>
	1680	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pueblo Revolt - Utes get horses</li> </ul>
	Late 1600s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comanche move from Wyoming to eastern Colorado - hunting</li> </ul>
	1700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comanche push Apache south with horses</li> <li>• Arapaho cross the Missouri River - hunting</li> <li>• Cheyenne in eastern North Dakota - farming</li> <li>• Kiowa meet Crow - pick up Sun Dance</li> </ul>
	1720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish gold seekers reach the South Platte</li> </ul>
	1725	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache in southern Colorado / New Mexico</li> </ul>

1750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiowa settle in Black Hills, South Dakota</li> </ul>
1780	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheyenne in Black Hills - hunters &amp; traders, push out Kiowa</li> </ul>
1804 - 1806	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lewis &amp; Clark expedition</li> <li>• Arapaho on the Platte River - hunters</li> <li>• Kiowa on North Platte, push Comanche south</li> <li>• Comanche on Arkansas River</li> <li>• Ute in Estes Park</li> </ul>
1811	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheyenne and Arapaho link up in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, push Kiowa south</li> </ul>
1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comanche and Kiowa south of Arkansas River</li> </ul>
1834	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bent's Fort on Arkansas; split Cheyenne &amp; Arapaho tribes</li> </ul>
1835	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort St. Vrain on South Platte</li> </ul>
1840s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emigrants on Oregon trail, 49er's to gold fields</li> <li>• Measles, whooping cough, cholera epidemics</li> </ul>
1851	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Treaty of Laramie</i> - Cheyenne and Arapaho get land between North Platte and Arkansas</li> </ul>
1858	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laporte established (Colona)</li> </ul>
1861	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil War begins</li> <li>• <i>Treaty of Fort Wise</i> - creates Sand Creek Reservation for Cheyenne and Arapaho</li> </ul>
1864	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sand Creek Massacre - 137 Cheyenne &amp; Arapaho killed</li> <li>• Camp Collins established</li> <li>• Northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana established</li> </ul>
1867	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort Collins closed - Arapaho starving</li> <li>• Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation established in Oklahoma</li> </ul>
1878	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arapaho allowed on Wind River Shoshone reservation in Wyoming</li> <li>• All Native Americans required to be on reservation</li> </ul>