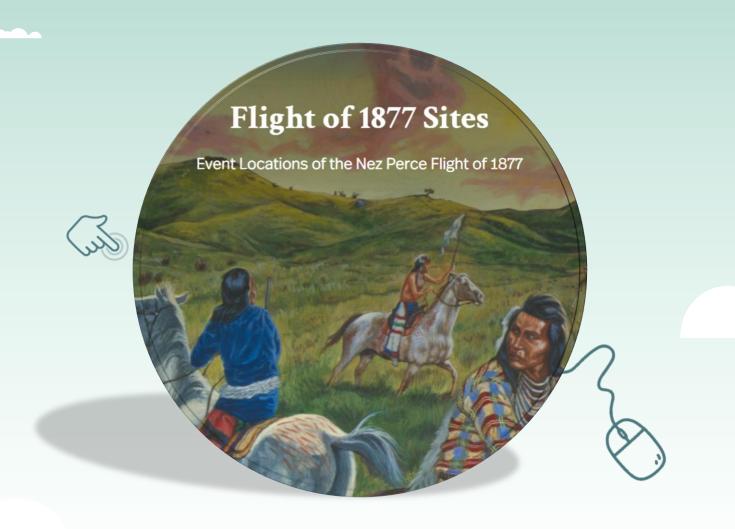




White Bird Battlefield is the location of the first battle of the Nez Perce Flight of 1877. On June 17, 1877, Captain David Perry and his troops moved into the canyon to strike the Nez Perce who were sheltering in one of their winter villages. The soldiers encountered a peace party of six warriors carrying a white flag riding towards them. A civilian volunteer shot twice at the peace party and the battle began. The U.S. cavalry was defeated with heavy losses and the Nez Perce began their long journey to find safety and sanctuary.





This epic journey of the Nez Perce covered more than 1,170 miles across four states and multiple mountain ranges, and about 250 Nez Perce warriors held off the pursuing US Army troops in 18 battles.









Additional Resources



Nez Perce Language Program Language Program Website



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Nez Perce Place Names



Kaya Nez Perce Words

qe'ciyew'yew' Nez Perce Language Program

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