

CHRONOLOGY

Some important dates in Navaho history.

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- 1550 plus or minus 30 years/ Earliest evidence of Navaho to date (1963)
- 1626 First mention of Navaho People by Spanish Explorers
- 1712 Earliest known Navaho date in Canyon de Chelly
- 1846 Mexican War
- 1846 General Kearney enters Santa Fe.
- 1846-47 Treaty of Bear Springs
- 1846-63 The military period
- 1849 The Washington Expedition
- 1861 Fort Defiance abandoned as troops left for Civil War
- 1864 Defeat of Navaho by Col. Kit Carson
- 1864-68 Exile to Fort Sumner
- 1868 Treaty signed at Fort Sumner
- 1868 Reservation established. 3,328,000 acres
- 1869 First Trading Post at Fort Defiance
- 1871 Beginning of wool trade
- 1874 Trade with Mormons began
- 1876 First licensed trader (other than Gov't Post at Ft. Defiance) Keem
- 1878 Hubbell Trading Post established at Ganado
- 1882 Creation of Hopi Reservation
- 1884 Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River .
- 1885 Influx of Non Indian sheep men in Checkerboard area
- 1886 First water development appropriation under President Cleveland
- 1887 Land and water difficulties in Checkerboard & San Juan River areas.
- 1887 First Non-Indian Prospectors arrive on Reservation
- 1887 Compulsory School Act passed.
- 1890 Sam E. Day Post at Chinle
- 1890 Fred Harvey Co. interest in Navaho products
- 1921 Oil discovered. Shiprock area
- 1922 First Business Council established

1923 Election of First Tribal Council

- 1927 Establishment of Chapter by John Hunter of Leupp Agency
- 1931 Council increased to 74 delegates
- 1938 Voting registration & ballots with pictures of candidates
- 1940 Departemnt of Resources established
- 1953 Navaho Police Force established
- 1953 Education Scholarship Fund established
- 1950 Discovery of Uranium ore
- 1957 Discovery of new oil fields Four Corners area
- 1956 Bigining of construction of Glen Canyon Dam