

On the Warpath

A Guide to Indian Wars in the BOOT HILL® Game

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This is an account of skirmishes, wars, and brief clashes between the United States and various Indian tribes between 1834 and 1898. The list is useful for planning BOOT HILL® game scenarios.

Possible adventures include scenarios where characters assist expeditions against hostile Indians; Indian characters raiding settlements (or assisting the cavalry against rival tribes); PCs being trapped in beleaguered settlements, forts, or wagon trains; and characters being sent to reservations to quell uprisings.

These scenarios might pit Indian PCs against cowboy PCs, which can create explosive role-playing situations. Referees in such scenarios must take extra care to remain impartial.

- 1834 The Pawnee mount an expedition in the Indian Territory between June and September.
- 1836 Heatherly Indian disturbances on the Iowa-Missouri state line.
- 1836 The Cherokee are forcibly removed to the Indian Territory. The relocation, called "The Trail of Tears," lasts until 1838.
- 1837 The Osage go on the warpath in Missouri.
- 1847 Cayuse Indian war rages in Oregon. The conflict lasts from December 1847 to July 1848.
- 1848 Apache, Navajo, and Utah Indian war begins; it lasts until 1855.
- 1849 Texas and New Mexico Indian war begins; it also lasts until 1855.
- 1849 Disturbances between the Navajo and white settlers in New Mexico last until 1861.
- 1849 Disturbances between the Comanche, Cheyenne, Lipan, and Kickapoo and white settlers in Texas last until 1861.
- 1850 Pit River expedition in California is mounted between April 28 and September 13.
- 1851 Rogue River Indian war begins in Oregon. Fighting rages from June 17 to July 3, 1851; August 8 to September 1, 1853; and March 1 to June 1, 1856.

- 1854 Oregon Indian war occurs between August and September.
- 1855 The Yakima mount an expedition in the Washington Territory between October 11 and November 24.
- 1855 Klamath and Salmon River Indian wars are fought in Oregon and Idaho between January and March.
- 1855 Winna expedition against the Snake Indians in Oregon launched on May 24; it lasts until September 8.
- 1855 The Sioux mount an expedition in Nebraska Territory from April 3, 1855 to July 27, 1856.
- 1857 Disturbances between the Sioux and white settlers in Minnesota and Iowa during March and April.
- 1858 Expedition against the northern Indians in Washington Territory mounted from July 17 to October 17.
- 1858 Expedition mounted against the Navajo in New Mexico from September 9 to December 25.
- 1858 Expedition against the Wichita mounted in the Indian Territory from September 11, 1858 to December 1, 1859.
- 1859 Colorado River expedition mounted against Indians in California from February 11 to April 28.
- 1859 Pecos expedition mounted against Indians in Texas from May 8 to October 11.
- 1860 Expedition against the Kiowa and Comanche mounted in the Indian Territory from May 8 to October 11.
- 1860 Expedition against the Navajo in New Mexico from September 12, 1860 to February 24, 1861.
- 1862 Sioux Indian war fought in Minnesota and the Dakotas; it lasts through 1863.
- 1863 War against the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Comanche fought in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and the Indian Territory; it lasts through 1869.
- 1865 Campaign against the Indians in southern Oregon, Idaho, and northern California conducted through 1869.

- 1867 A campaign against the Indians in Kansas, Colorado, and the Indian Territory conducted through 1869.
- 1872 Modoc Indian War fought in Oregon and California from November 22, 1872 to October 3, 1873.
- 1873 Campaign mounted against the Apache in Arizona and New Mexico.
- 1874 Expedition mounted against the Sioux in Wyoming and Nebraska from February 13 and August 1.
- 1874 Campaign against the Kiowa, Cheyenne, and Comanche in the Indian Territory conducted from August 1st, 1874 to February 16, 1875.
- 1875 Expedition mounted against the Sioux in eastern Nevada from September 7 to September 27.
- 1876 Big Horn and Yellowstone expeditions in Wyoming and Montana conducted between February 17, 1876 and June 13, 1877.
- 1876 War with the northern Cheyenne raged in the Indian Territory, Kansas, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Montana; it ends in 1879.
- 1877 Nez Perce Indian war fought in Utah from May 14 to October 1.
- 1878 Bannock Indian war fought in Idaho, Washington Territory, and Wyoming Territory.
- 1878 Campaign against the Cheyenne in the Dakotas and Montana conducted through 1879.
- 1879 Ute expedition in Colorado conducted between April 3rd and September 9.
- 1879 Disturbances between the Snake and white settlers in Idaho from August to October.
- 1879 White River campaign against the Ute in Utah and Colorado launched on September 29; it lasts until October 5.
- 1890 Sioux disturbances in South Dakota between November, 1890 and January, 1891.
- 1895 Chippewa disturbances in October at Leech Lake reservation in Minnesota.