

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site



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A National Tragedy

A peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho village on the Big Sandy Creek had been assured protection by the Army but on November 29, 1864, the (US) Colorado Volunteer Cavalry attacked the village. Cheyenne Peace Chief Black Kettle raised an American and white flag of truce, but the troops still attacked, killing 200 men, women and children.

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