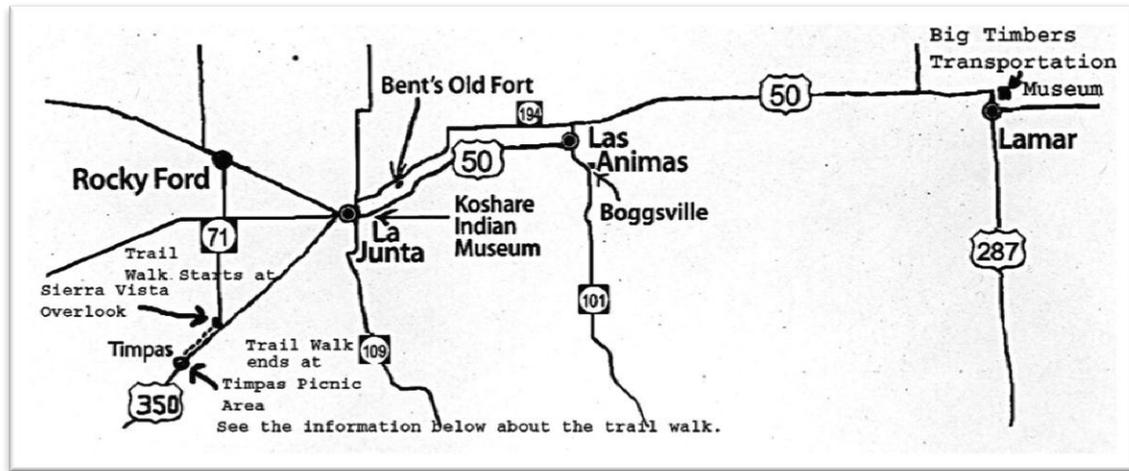


## May 11-13 Wagons Ho! Special Program Sites and Santa Fe Trail Walk Information



### May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm

#### **Special Guided Tours of the New [Big Timbers Transportation] Museum**

**Location:** 7515 US Highway 50, Lamar, Colorado

**Fee:** \$3 for adults, \$5 per family, students free

**Description:** Special guided tours are available for "Wagons Ho" participants at the new transportation museum. Features include the St. Elmo Hotel wicker surrey, a horse ambulance, a tobacco wagon, a U.S. Cavalry wagon, many buggies, farm wagons and a 1901 Oldsmobile. Other displays in the main museum include one of the largest WWI poster collections in the country, Native American clothing and musical instruments.



### May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 pm

#### **Special Tours of the Otero Museum in La Junta**

**Location:** 218 Anderson, La Junta, Colorado

**Hours:** Friday and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 5 pm

**Description:** A treasure trove of original buildings, vehicles, household and business furnishings. One of the highlights includes the 1865 Concord Stagecoach as seen in the accompanying photograph which shows members of the Daughters of the American



Revolution (DAR) ready to travel after dedicating the Bent's Fort DAR monument in 1912. Displays include a 1905 Reo "side winder," a 1916 chuck wagon, and a surrey with the fringe on top.

### May 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Boggsville Historic Site near Las Animas**

**Location:** 2 miles south of Las Animas, Colorado on Highway 101

**Hours:** Grounds are open all day. For possible tour and access to buildings call 719-980-1320

**Description:** Thomas Boggs first built a house here in 1862 on ground that once was part of the Vigil and St. Vrain Land Grant. John Prowers, Kit Carson and John Hough's families joined in and soon a community developed that served as a ranch headquarters. The Boggs and Prowers houses are among the earliest documented examples of Territorial architecture in the state. The site was the first non-fortified settlement in Southeastern Colorado.



## May 12<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 5pm

### **Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site's "Wagons Ho! Trail Transportation through Time" Event**

**Location:** 35110 Highway 194 E., 6 miles East of La Junta, Colorado

9:00 am

Park Opens

All Day

Ongoing fur trade living history - frontier cooking, blacksmithing, trading, trapping, animal packing, camp life, wagon use, doctoring, carpentry.

Trail and wagon association displays and booths, Fort artifacts, book signings

#### **Special Presentations:**

10:00 am

"Dearborn Wagon Reconstruction from Rumors, Writings and Recollections"  
by Greg Holt

11:00 pm

"Mule Packing on the Frontier"

1:00 pm

"History and Use of the Aparejo Saddle" by Ron and Pat Rundstrom

2:00 pm

"History of Coaching in Yellowstone National Park"

3:00 pm

"The Conservation and Restoration of Wagons" by Rawhide Johnson of Cody, WY

4:00 pm

"Trail Wagons in Nineteenth-Century Imagery" by author -historian Mark Gardner

5:00 pm

"Unique Design of Western Vehicles" by Doug Hansen of Letcher, South Dakota

Park Closes

## May 12<sup>th</sup>

### **10am-5pm Koshare Indian Museum - "Wagons Ho!" Western American Artwork Exhibit**

#### **7 pm Koshare Indian Dancers Perform**

**Location:** Koshare Indian Museum, 115 West 18<sup>th</sup> St., La Junta, Colorado

**Description:** A special "Wagons Ho!" showing of Western American artwork will be on exhibit on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Koshare Indian Museum. The museum houses one of the finest collections of Southwestern art and artifacts in the United States. At 7:00 pm, the world famous Koshare Indian Dancers have agreed to provide a special dance for the public. The dancers have performed since 1933, keeping alive the songs and dances of Pueblo and Plains Native Americans. The Kiva, like the Kivas of times past is where the dancers, members of Boy Scout Troop 232, perform.



**Fee:** \$5 admission to the museum. Seniors 55 and up is \$3. The evening show is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children under age 6 are free.

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## May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

### **Santa Fe National Historic Trail Walk and Music Program**



**Location:** Sierra Vista Overlook - 16 miles South of La Junta near the junction of Highway 350 and 71. If you get there early, you can park at the trail's end at Timpas Picnic Area and take the shuttle to Sierra Vista for the start **OR** you can take the shuttle back to Sierra Vista after the walk.

**Schedule:**

Hitching demo	10:00 am - Sierra Vista
Trail walk starts	10:30 am - Sierra Vista
Santa Fe Trail Music	12:00 noon - Timpas

**Preparation:** Bring your lunch, water, a folding chair and wear sturdy boots or shoes. Be prepared to walk all the way. **Note: For those who do not want to hike,** you could attend the hitching demo and caravan departure at Sierra Vista, drive to Timpas and wait and watch for the caravan's arrival. Santa Fe Trail Music will follow.

**Description:** Hikers will walk with the wagons down 3 ½ miles of the original Santa Fe Trail from Sierra Vista Overlook to Timpas, Colorado. The trail retains much of its original character and provides for some great photo opportunities. From 1821 to 1880, traders hauled manufactured goods from Missouri to Santa Fe and returned with silver coins, pelts, and mules. Heat, cold, ambush, broken down wagons and animals, hunger and thirst are some the hardships they faced.