



Wagon's Ho! Auto Tour Guide



Experience the History of the American West

From 1821 to 1880, Santa Fe Trail 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. Bent's Old Fort was a 1830s-1840s adobe fur trading post on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail. The park joins with trail organizations for a two-day look at wagons used on the historic trails of the West.

May 11th, 1 – 4 pm

Special Guided Tours of the New 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 11th – 12th, 1 – 5 pm

Special Tours of the Otero Museum in La Junta

Location:

218 Anderson, La Junta, Colorado

Hours:

Friday and Saturday May 11th - 12th, 1 – 5 pm

Description:

A treasure trove of original buildings, vehicles, household and business furnishings.

One of the highlights includes the 1865 Concord Stagecoach which was used in 1912 to carry members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to the dedication ceremony of 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 11th, all day

Boggsville Historic Site near Las Animas

Location:

2 miles south of Las Animas, Colorado on Highway 101

Hours:

Grounds are open all day. For 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 12th, 9 am – 5 pm

9:00 Park Opens

“Wagons Ho! Trail Transportation through Time” Event

All Day Ongoing fur trade living history - frontier cooking, blacksmithing, trading, trapping, animal packing, camp life, wagon rides, doctoring, carpentry. Trail and wagon association displays and booths, Fort artifacts, book signings, and wagon rides.

Location:
Bent’s Old Fort
National Historic Site

10:00 *Dearborn Wagon Reconstruction from Rumors, Writings and Recollections*, Greg Holt

11:00 *Mule Packing on the Frontier*

35110 Highway 194
East, 6 miles East of La
Junta, Colorado

12:00 Santa Fe Trail Exhibit Unveiling

1:00 *History and Use of the Aparejo Saddle*, Ron and Pat Rundstrom

2:00 *History of Coaching in Yellowstone National Park & The Conservation and Restoration of Wagons*, Rawhide Johnson of Cody, Wyoming

3:00 *Trail Wagons in Nineteenth-Century Imagery*, author & historian Mark Gardner

4:00 *Unique Design of Western Vehicles*, Doug Hansen of Letcher, South Dakota

5:00 Park Closes

May 12th

**10 am – 5 pm
Koshare Indian
Museum - “Wagons
Ho!” Western
American Artwork
Exhibit**

**7 pm
Koshare Indian
Dancers Perform**

Location:
Koshare Indian Museum, 115 West 18th St., La Junta, Colorado

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.

A special “Wagons Ho!” showing of Western American artwork will be on exhibit on Saturday, May 12th 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.

May 13th, 10:00 am

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

*Bring your lunch,
water, a folding chair
and wear sturdy boots
or shoes. Be prepared
to walk all the way.*

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:
10:00 am – Hitching demo at Sierra Vista
10:30 am – Trail walk starts at Sierra Vista
12:00 pm – Santa Fe Trail Music at Timpas

Hikers will walk with the wagons down 3 ½ miles of the original Santa Fe Trail from Sierra Vista Overlook to Timpas, CO. The trail retains much of its original character and provides for some great photo opportunities.

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 then wait and watch for the caravan’s arrival. Santa Fe Trail Music performance will follow.

Finding Your Way

Use this map to navigate the event.

Keep it close so that you don’t miss anything!

Park Phone:
719-383-5010

Emergencies: 911

