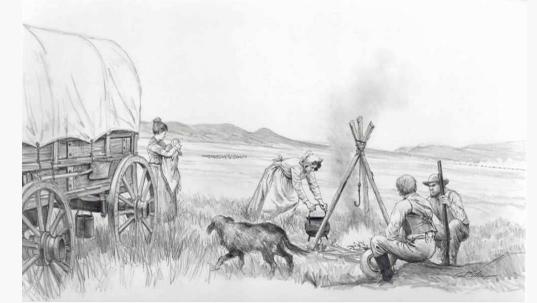


California Trail Wayside Exhibits

- ★ Visitor Center in Almo – “Replica Wagon”
- ★ Visitor Center in Almo – “Camped”
- ★ Camp Rock – “Fading Away”
- ★ Treasure Rock – “A Pleasant Place”
- ★ South Fork Road – “Pinnacle Pass”
- ★ Emigrant Canyon – “Passing Through”, “Twin Sisters”
- ★ Junction Entrance - “Granite Pass”
- ★ Circle Creek Overlook - “Distance Views”
- ★ Smoky Mountain Campground Entrance - “California Trail”
- ★ Morning Glory Pull-Out - “Climbing”
- ★ Castle Rocks - “Pictographs”



Points of Interest

1. Stop at the Visitor Center in Almo for maps, info, a 10-minute video, books, gifts, and passport stamps. Climbing, camping, & hiking guides are also available.
2. Circle Creek Overlook—unique view of the Circle Creek Basin, California Trail, and panorama of rock formations.
3. Window Arch—take in views into the “inner city” a short (300 ft) trail behind campsite #37.
4. Bath Rock—walk around the west side and just for fun, scramble up the west face on the Boy Scout route to see the bath tub. Also watch experienced climbers on popular routes.
5. Creekside Towers Hike—a short 30 minute hike to a shady retreat near granite towers.
6. Taste refreshing City of Rocks water at the Emery Canyon well pump (near Bread Loaves.)
7. Visit Castle Rocks State Park for a picnic in the orchard near Almo Creek.
8. Drive through historic Almo to see homesteaders log cabins, turn-of-the century brick homes, and the oldest, continuously operated general store in Idaho.
9. Smoky Mountain Campground—offers 38 sites, each with 30 amp electrical service, water service, partial shade, picnic tables, vehicle pads, and is pet friendly. Smoky Mountain also features an RV dump station, showers and flush toilets May 1 to September 30.



We encamped at the city of the rocks, a noted place from the granite rocks rising abruptly out of the ground. They are in a romantic valley clustered together which gives them the appearance of a city. I took several sketches of them. 5 miles from this comes in the new Mormon road which goes by the city of the salt lake.

James F. Wilkins diary
August 13, 1849

During the forenoon we passed through a stone village composed of huge, isolated rocks of various and singular shapes, some resembling cottages, others steeples and domes. It is called the "City of Rocks," but I think the name "Pyramid City" more suitable. It is a sublime, strange, and wonderful scene—one of nature's most interesting works.

Margaret A. Frink
Covered Wagon Women, V. II, pp. 120—121
July 17, 1850

Camped at Steeple or Castle Rocks here is a sublime scenery to the Romantic the Rocks resemble an old City of Ruins there are thousands of names here I registered Mine on a large Rock which we named the Castle Rock hotel.

Richard Augustus Keen diary
June 22, 1852

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Almo Services Guide

Tracy General Store

Groceries, fuel, showers, ATM, internet access
208-824-5570

Rock City Repair & Mercantile

Vehicle & tire repairs, supplies, and Café
208-824-5510

Castle View Campground

Tent and RV camping

Indian Grove Outfitters

Guided horse rides
208-824-5766

Almo Creek Outpost/ Almo Inn

Restaurant & lodging
208-824-5577

Castle Shadows Bed & Breakfast

208-824-5531

Old Homestead Bed & Breakfast

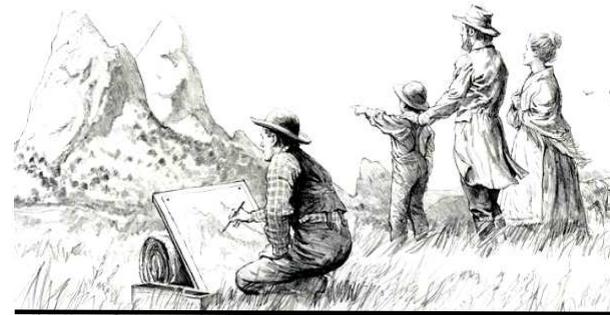
208-824-5521

Durfee Hot Springs

Swimming pool & hot tub
208-824-5701

The Purpose of City of Rocks National Reserve

To preserve and protect through cooperative efforts the scenic qualities and attributes of the California Trail landscape, historic rural setting, and granite features, while interpreting its values and managing recreation.



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Top Highlights

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Castle Rocks State Park

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