OREGON CITY: The Oregon Trail ended here. Fort Vancouver, a Hudson's Bay Company trading post, is across the Columbia in Washington.
THE DALLES: Before the Barlow Road opened in 1846, emigrants had to build rafts and float down the treacherous Columbia.
WHITMAN MISSION: In 1836 Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, who helped blaze the Oregon Trail route, set up a mission here to Christianize the Indians.
BLUE MOUNTAINS: The abundant wood, water, and shade afforded by these mountains were a welcome change from the desert terrain along the Snake River.
BARLOW PASS: Tired and weary emigrants who chose not to go down the Columbia faced a steep climb to the pass before descending into the Willamette Valley.
FLAGSTAFF HILL: Travelers first saw the Blue Mountains from here—an indication that their trip was nearing its end.
THREE ISLAND CROSSING: At low water this was the best crossing to the north side of the Snake River—and to better travel conditions that also offered ample drinking water.
SOUTH PASS: Here emigrants crossed the Continental Divide into Oregon Country. The pass is so broad and level that many did not realize they had entered the Pacific watershed.
INDEPENDENCE ROCK: Fur trappers named this formation on July 4, 1824. Many emigrants carved or painted their names on the rock.
FORT BRIDGER: The fort was a major supply point on the trail. Here the Mormon Trail veered off to the southwest and into Utah.
REGISTER CLIFF: Of the thousands of names carved by emigrants into the soft sandstone, hundreds are still legible. Trail ruts, some as deep as five feet, are three miles west.
FORT LARAMIE: Between the early 1830s and the late 1840s this outpost went from an Indian trading post to a major resupply point for emigrants and a major military post. Old Bedlam, on the fort grounds, is the oldest structure in Wyoming.
SCOTTS BLUFF: When emigrants reached this prominent landmark, they knew that a third of their trip was finished.
ASH HOLLOW: This was the entry to the North Platte River Valley. Ample supplies of wood, water, and grass made this a sought-after camping area.
FORT KEARNEY: The U.S. Army built the fort in 1848 to protect emigrants. All trails from jumping off points along the Missouri River met here at the Gateway to the Great Plains.
INDEPENDENCE: This was the preferred jumping off point for the Oregon and Santa Fe trails in the 1840s and early 1850s.
WASHINGTON
OREGON
IDAHO
NEVADA
UTAH
WYOMING
MONTANA
SOUTH DAKOTA
NEBRASKA
COLORADO
KANSAS
IOWA
MISSOURI
PACIFIC OCEAN
COAST RANGES
CASCADE RANGE
BLUE MOUNTAINS
WIND RIVER RANGE
LARAMIE MOUNTAINS
MEDICINE BOW MOUNTAINS
GREAT PLAINS
GREAT DIVIDE BASIN
GRANITE MOUNTAINS
SAND HILLS
Fort Vancouver NHS
PORTLAND
Oregon City
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Philip Foster Farm
West Barlow Tollgate
Laurel Hill
Barlow Road Segment
Barlow Pass
Barlow Gate
Government Camp
Wildwood Recreation Area
Cascades of the Columbia
The Dalles
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
Tygh Valley
Deschutes River Crossing
Biggs Junction Ruts
John Day River Crossing
Fourmile Canyon
Boardman Segment
Well Spring
Echo
Echo Meadows
Tamástslikt Cultural Institute
Whitman Mission NHS
Emigrant Hill Segment
Deadman Pass
Emigrant Springs
Meacham
Blue Mountain Crossing Interpretive Park
Blue Mountains Segment
Hilgard Junction
Ladd Canyon Segment
National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Flagstaff Hill
Farewell Bend
Alkalai Springs Segment
Vale
Keeney Pass
Fort Boise
Canyon Hill Ruts
Ward Massacre Site
Bonneville Point
Indian Creek Station
Ditto Station
Inscription Rock
Canyon Creek Station
Rattlesnake Station
Teapot Dome Hot Springs
Three Island Crossing
North Trail Segment
Givens Hot Springs
Sinker Creek Segment
Utter Massacre Site
C.J. Strike Ruts
Hagerman Fossil Beds NM
Hagerman Fossil Beds Segment
Kanaka Rapids
Upper Salmon Falls
Thousand Springs
Rock Creek Crossing
Stricker Store/ Rock Creek Station
Shoshone Falls
Milner Ruts
Caldron Linn
Minidoka Internment NHS
City of Rocks National Reserve
California Trail Junction/ Raft River Crossing
Coldwater Hill
Register Rock
Massacre Rocks
American Falls
Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve
Fort Hall
FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION
Sheep Rock
Soda Springs Complex
The National Oregon/ California Trail Center
Big Hill
Thomas Fork Crossing
West End of the Bear River Divide Segment
Fossil Butte NM
Fort Bridger
Name Rock
Church Butte
Lombard Ferry Crossing
Big Sandy to Green River Segment
Big Sandy Crossing
Little Sandy Crossing
Parting of the Ways
Dry Sandy Crossing
Pacific Springs
South Pass
South Pass Segment
Burnt Ranch
Rocky Ridge
Ice Slough
Three Crossings
Split Rock
Devil's Gate
Saleratus Lake
Independence Rock
Prospect Hill
Prospect Hill Segment
Willow Springs
Avenue of Rocks
Emigrant Gap
National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
Mormon Ferry (1849)
Fort Casper
Ayres Natural Bridge
Hembree Grave
Warm Springs
Guernsey Ruts
Register Cliff
Mexican Hill
Fort Laramie to Warm Springs Segment
Fort Laramie NHS
Horse Creek Treaty Grounds
Robidoux Pass
Scotts Bluff NM (Mitchell Pass)
Chimney Rock NHS
Courthouse/ Jail Rock
Amanda Lamin Grave
Ash Hollow Windlass Hill
California Hill
Upper Crossing of the South Platte River
O'Fallon's Bluff
Fort McPherson
Dan Smith's West Ranch
Plum Creek
Fort Kearny
Susan Hail Grave and Ruts
Thirty-two Mile Station
Ayr Ruts
The Narrows
Rock Creek Station
Junction of St. Joe and Independence Roads
Hollenberg Station
Alcove Spring
Black Vermillion Crossing
Coon Creek/Marshall Grave
Scott Spring
Vieux Cemetery/ Red Vermillion Crossing
St. Marys Mission
St. Marys-Red Vermillion Crossing Segment
Kansas River Crossing/ Pappin's Ferry
Pellant Ruts
Upper Wakarusa Crossing
Blue Mound
Lone Elm Campground
Parting of the Oregon and Santa Fe trails
Upper Independence Landing
Homestead NM of America
Agate Fossil Beds NM
John Day Fossil Beds NM
Rocky Mountain National Park
Golden Spike NHS
GREAT SALT LAKE
See map above
Kansas City/Independence area
Upper Independence Landing
Independence Courthouse Square
National Frontier Trails Center
Santa Fe Trail Park Ruts
Eighty-fifth Street Ruts
Heart Grove Campground
Minor Park/Red Bridge Crossing
New Santa Fe
KANSAS CITY
INDEPENDENCE
0 10 Km.
0 10 Mi.
North
0 50 Kilometers
0 50 Miles
Oregon Trail route
Segments of the trail offering the best visitor experiences
Trail interpretive center