WASHINGTON
OREGON
IDAHO
MONTANA
WYOMING
UTAH
NEVADA
COLORADO
SOUTH DAKOTA
NEBRASKA
KANSAS
IOWA
MISSOURI
PACIFIC OCEAN
COAST RANGES
CASCADE RANGE
BLUE MOUNTAINS
SALMON RIVER MOUNTAINS
BITTERROOT RANGE
WIND RIVER RANGE
WYOMING RANGE
BIGHORN MOUNTAINS
GRANITE MOUNTAINS
GREAT DIVIDE BASIN
LARAMIE MOUNTAINS
MEDICINE BOW MOUNTAINS
BLACK HILLS
SAND HILLS
GREAT PLAINS
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 opening of the Barlow Road in 1846, emigrants had no choice but to build rafts and float down the treacherous Columbia.
WHITMAN MISSION: Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, who helped blaze the route of the Oregon Trail, established a mission to Christianize the Indians here in 1836.
BLUE MOUNTAINS: Though the trail passed over mountainous terrain, wood, water, and shade were abundant—a welcome change from the desert 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 caught their first glimpses of the Blue Mountains from this point—an indication their trip was nearing the end.
THREE ISLAND CROSSING: if the water was low this was the best place to cross to the north bank of the Snake River to a route that offered better travel conditions and ample drinking water.
SOUTH PASS: here the emigrants crossed the Continental Divide and passed into the Oregon Country. The Pass is so broad and so level that many did not realize they had passed into the Pacific watershed.
FORT BRIDGER was a major supply point on the trail. Here the Mormon Trail veered off to the southwest and into Utah.
INDEPENDENCE ROCK: fur trappers named this formation on July 4, 1824. Many emigrants later carved or painted their names on the rock.
REGISTER CLIFF: of the thousands of names carved by emigrants into the soft sandstone, several hundred are still legible. Some trail ruts, as deep as five feet, are three miles west.
FORT LARAMIE: this early Indian trading post quickly developed into the major resupply point for emigrants and a major military post. Old Bedlam, on the fort grounds, is the oldest structure in Wyoming.
SCOTTS BLUFF was one of the major landmarks on the trail, and, with Chimney Rock 35 miles east, it signaled that almost one-third of the trail had been traversed.
ASH HOLLOW was the entry to the North Platte River Valley. Ample supplies of wood, water, and grass made this a sought-after camping area.
FORT KEARNY: the U.S. Army established the fort in 1848 to provide protection for emigrants. All trails from jumping off points along the Missouri River met here, at the "Gateway to the Great Plains."
INDEPENDENCE was the preferred jumping off point for the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails in the 1840s and early 1850s.
Fort Clatsop National Memorial
Astoria
Longview
Fort Vancouver NHS
VANCOUVER
PORTLAND
Oregon City
End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Sandy
Philip Foster Farm
Wildwood Recreation Area
Mt Hood 11235ft 3424m
West Barlow Tollgate
Laurel Hill
Government Camp
Barlow Pass
Barlow Road Segment
Barlow Gate
Tygh Valley
Dufur
Cascades of the Columbia
The Dalles
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
Deschutes River Crossing
Biggs Junction Ruts
John Day River Crossing
Arlington
Fourmile Canyon
Boardman Segment
Well Spring
Echo Meadows
Echo
Pendleton
Tamustalik Cultural Institute
UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION
Emigrant Hill Segment
Deadman Pass
Meacham
Emigrant Springs
Blue Mountain Crossing Interpretive Park
Blue Mountains Segment
La Grande
Hilgard Junction
Ladd Canyon Segment
National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Flagstaff Hill
Baker City
Farewell Bend
Alkalai Springs Segment
Vale
Nyssa
Keeney Pass
Fort Boise
Canyon Hill Ruts
Ward Massacre Site
BOISE
Nampa
Whitman Mission NHS
Walla Walla
KENNEWICK
Nez Perce National Historical Park
SALEM
CORVALLIS
EUGENE
WARM SPRINGS INDIAN RESERVATION
Madras
Bend
John Day Fossil Beds NM
Crater Lake National Park
Coos Bay
Roseburg
Bonneville Point
Indian Creek Station
Ditto Station
Inscription Rock
Canyon Creek Station
Rattlesnake Station
Teapot Dome Hot Springs
North Trail Segment
Three Island Crossing
Glenns Ferry
Givens Hot Springs
Sinker Creek Segment
Utter Massacre Site
Castle Butte
C.J. Strike Ruts
Bruneau Dunes
Hagerman Fossil Beds NM
Hagerman Fossil Beds Segment
Upper Salmon Falls
Thousand Springs
Kanaka Rapids
Rock Creek Crossing
Shoshone Falls
Twin Falls
Stricker Store/ Rock Creek Station
Caldron Linn
Milner Ruts
Burley
California Trail Junction/ Raft River Crossing
Coldwater Hill
Register Rock
Massacre Rocks
American Falls
Fort Hall
FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION
POCATELLO
Blackfoot
IDAHO FALLS
Craters of the Moon National Monument
City of Rocks National Reserve
Big Hole National Battlefield
Yellowstone National Park
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway
Grand Teton National Park
Jackson
Soda Springs Complex
Sheep Rock
Montpelier
The National Oregon/ California Trail Center
Thomas Fork Crossing
Big Hill
Cokeville
West End of the Sublette Cutoff
West End of the Sublette Cutoff Segment
Fossil Butte NM
Kemmerer
Fort Bridger
Name Rock
Church Butte
Lombard Ferry Crossing
Big Sandy to Green River Segment
Big Sandy Crossing
Farson
Little Sandy Crossing
Parting of the Ways
Dry Sandy Crossing
Pacific Springs
South Pass
Burnt Ranch
South Pass Segment
Rocky Ridge
Ice Slough
Three Crossings
Split Rock
Devil's Gate
Muddy Gap
Saleratus Lake
Independence Rock
Prospect Hill
Prospect Hill Segment
Willow Springs
Avenue of Rocks
Emigrant Gap
National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
Mormon Ferry (1849)
CASPER
Fort Casper
Ayres Natural Bridge
Hembree Grave
Douglas
Laramie Peak
Fort Laramie to Warm Springs Segment
Register Cliff
Mexican Hill
Warm Springs
Guernsey
Guernsey Ruts
Fort Laramie NHS
Wheatland
Rock Springs
Rawlins
Laramie
CHEYENNE
FORT COLLINS
GREELEY
Rocky Mountain National Park
Golden Spike NHS
Brigham City
Logan
GREAT SALT LAKE
Torrington
Henry
Horse Creek Treaty Grounds
Robidoux Pass
Scotts Bluff NM (Mitchell Pass)
Scottsbluff
Gering
Chimney Rock NHS
Bayard
Courthouse/ Jail Rock
Amanda Lamin Grave
Agate Fossil Beds NM
Ash Hollow
Windlass Hill
California Hill
Upper Crossing of the South Platte River
Ogallala
Brule
Oshkosh
North Platte
O'Fallon's Bluff
Fort McPherson
Dan Smith's West Ranch
Plum Creek
Lexington
Kearney
Fort Kearny
Susan Hail Grave and Ruts
Lowell
Thirty-two Mile Station
Ayr Ruts
Hastings
The Narrows
Fairbury
Rock Creek Station
Junction of St. Joe and Independence Roads
Hollenberg Station
Marysville
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
TOPEKA
LAWRENCE
Upper Wakarusa Crossing
Blue Mound
Lone Elm Campground
Parting of the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails
KANSAS CITY
INDEPENDENCE
Upper Independence Landing
See map above
OMAHA
COUNCIL BLUFFS
LINCOLN
ST. JOSEPH
Homestead NM of America
Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve
Fort Scott NHS
Badlands National Park
Mount Rushmore N Mem
Wind Cave National Park
Jewel Cave NM
Niobrara National Scenic Riverway
Missouri National Scenic Riverway
Bighorn Canyon NRA
Kansas City/Independence area
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
OREGON TRAIL NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL
North
0 50 Kilometers
0 50 Miles
Oregon Trail route
Segments of the trail offering the best visitor experiences
Trail interpretive center