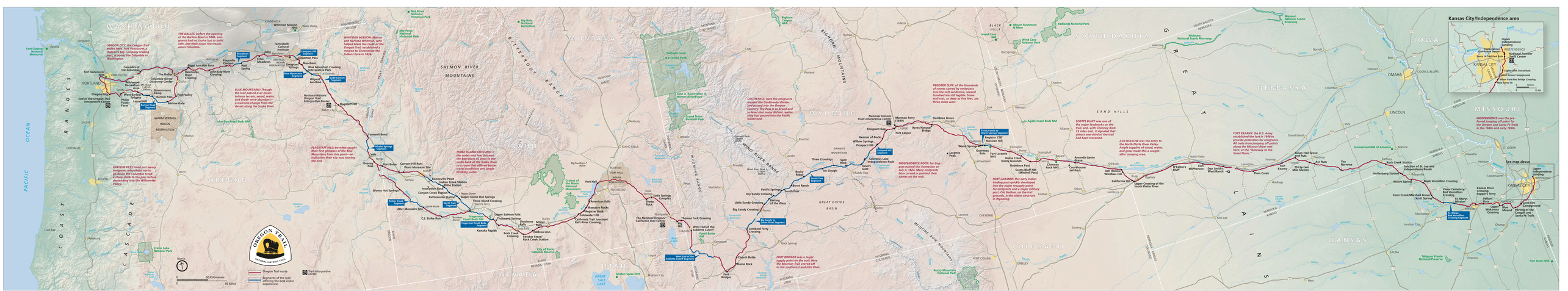
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THE DALLES: Before the opening of the Barlow Road in 1846, emigrants had no choice but to build rafts and float down the treacherous Columbia.
OREGON CITY: the Oregon Trail ended here. Fort Vancouver, a Hudson's Bay Company trading post, is across the Columbia in Washington.
EARLOW PASS: Grief and weary emigrants who chose not to go down the Columbia faced a steep climb to the pass before descending into the Willamette Valley.
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.
FLAGSTAFF HILL: travelers caught their first glimpse of the Blue Mountains from this point—an indication their trip was nearing the end.
THREE GLARO CRYSONS: If the water was low this was a difficult crossing. The south bank of the Snake River to a route that offered better travel conditions and ample drinking water.
WHITMAN MISSION: Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, who helped blaze the route of the Oregon Trail, established a mission in Christianize the Indians here in 1836.
SOUTH PASS: here the emigrants crossed the Continental Divide—just 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.
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.
INDEPENDENCE ROCK: ful trap-ping of the Sweetwater River, July 4, 1824. Many emigrants later carved or painted their names on the rock.
FORT BRIDGER was a major trading post on the Oregon Trail. Ile Mormon Trail veered off to the southwest and into Utah.
FORT LARAMIE: this early Indian trading post quickly developed into the major resupply point for emigrants and a major military post. Ruins, on the fort grounds, is the oldest structure in Wyoming.
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.
SCOTTS BLUFF was one of the most difficult sections of the trail, with Chimney Rock 35 miles east, it signaled that almost one third of the trail had been traversed.
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, or 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.
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