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### Follow Three National Historic Trails in Utah Using a New Smartphone Mobile App

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah: National Trails Intermountain Region has released a new smartphone mobile application. This innovative technology allows visitors to follow the California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express national historic trails at their convenience using their own custom pocket guide. The Utah National Historic Trails Guide can be accessed via website, telephone tour, and via the mobile app on a smartphone or tablet.

Visitors can download the tour for free to their smartphones or tablets. The app is available through iTunes and the Google Play store (iPhone and Android compatible). The guide is designed to enhance the printed trails brochure: *National Historic Trails Auto Tour Route Interpretive Guide: Utah—Crossroads of the West*. The app is free, normal data and phone usage rates apply.

The mobile guide will assist visitors in touring national historic trail sites from the Wyoming-Utah border into Salt Lake City, Utah. More segments will be developed for the entire state of Utah. A variety of tour options are provided depending on season and amount of time available.

Visitors can use the mobile app for trip planning, as a guide while driving the auto tour route, or as a virtual tour. For sight-impaired visitors audio files describe what to see and how to get there. Since this app is a driving tour, solo visitors will appreciate the ease of listening to the audio narrative.

The Utah National Historic Trails Guide can be viewed as a website, a mobile app, or can be used as an audio tour by calling in and using keypad commands to advance through the tour. For more information please see: <http://www.nps.gov/cali/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualltour.htm>

This mobile app will help the National Park Service meet Call to Action goals for reaching new audiences through interactive mobile technology (Action 17: Go Digital) and to excite new audiences to explore America's heritage (Action 3: History Lesson).

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