



Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Project Updates - Interpretation & Public Awareness

What's New? Fall 2010

We are excited to announce that there has been a lot of on-the-ground work along the trail during the last year!

This handout summarizes:

- Exhibits
- Signage
- Projects underway
- Projects completed

Thanks to you, our partners in the field, we are catching up on overdue work and planning for the year to come.



New Faces and Places

In the last year, our staff has increased to include three new interpretive specialists, one in Salt Lake City, and two in Santa Fe.

Our new year begins on October 1, 2010. We anticipate the addition of a cultural resources specialist and outdoor recreation planner this calendar year!

Four national parks are involved in the 2010-2011 project for "Connect Trails to Parks." Clockwise, from top left: Fort Union National Monument, Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, Fort Larned National Historic Site, and Pecos National Historical Park.

Completed Challenge Cost Share Projects 2010

- Amelia White Park exhibit - *Santa Fe Trail Association*
- Web Upgrades - *Santa Fe Trail Association*

Challenge Cost Share Projects for 2011

- Fort Marcy Wayside Exhibits and Signage - *City of Santa Fe*
- Four Trail Memoirs - *Joy Poole and Santa Fe Trail Association*
- Installation of Interpretive Wayside Exhibits at Bent's New Fort - *Santa Fe Trail Association*
- Kaw Nation Waysides - *Kaw Nation*

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Hay... Rut's Up?

There's a lot of work to raise awareness of the trail and its history!



Junior Wagon Master

Christine Day, Marcia Fox, and Janet Armstead are working to create the Santa Fe Trail's first youth activity booklet. The activities will be divided by age and geography. When kids finish an activity booklet they will receive an official Junior Wagon Master badge.

Connect Trails to Parks

SFTA, National Trails Intermountain Region, Harpers Ferry Center, and Tidewater Graphics are working on four kiosks at four national park sites. The exhibits will strengthen visitor awareness of the park's connection to the trail and suggest more places to visit along the trail.

Cimarron, New Mexico

There are several projects underway to encourage visitation of Cimarron sites by drivers using Route 64.

Directional & Original Route Signs

New sign-planning tools will be uploaded to the Santa Fe NHT website. Partners will be able to view different sign templates and their intent, and then place markers on a map. This will streamline the signage process.

National Trails Intermountain Region

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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Santa Fe NHT Highlights



Amelia White Park Santa Fe, New Mexico

Acknowledges the role of Hispanic traders on the Santa Fe Trail, moving goods from New Mexico to the eastern United States and beyond.



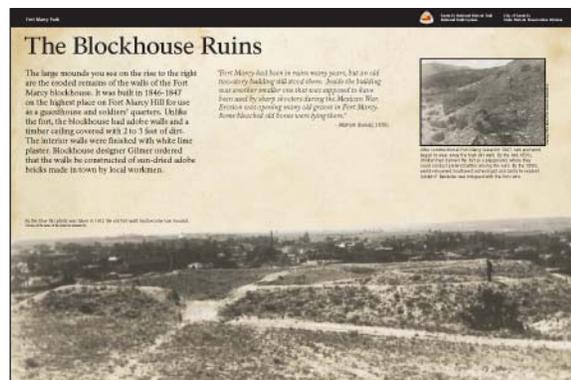
Dodge City Ruts Dodge City, Kansas

Rehabilitation of existing exhibits and creation of a kiosk identifying sites to visit east and west of Dodge City.



National Register of Historic Places

Amending the multiple property documentation form and preparing National Register nominations for sites in Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico.



Prince Park/Fort Marcy Santa Fe, New Mexico

New exhibits tell about Fort Marcy, constructed during the Santa Fe Trail era. A special feature includes a tactile model of the fort mounted to the exhibit.