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Pony Express Trail



Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Express

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Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express

THE NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS Association (NPEA), which annually organizes a re-ride for the entire 1,966-mile route, has big plans for the 150th anniversary this summer. The re-ride usually crosses the country as the original riders did, finishing the route in 10 days of hard riding day and night. This year the re-ride will only run during daylight hours and take three weeks, from June 6 to 26, so that communities along the trail can join in the celebration.

Riders, who are all volunteers, will carry special commemorative letters in their mochila, or mail bag, with cachets to show they were carried by the Pony Express with a special U.S. Postal Service cancellation. The mail will first be carried by rivercraft from San Francisco to Sacramento for the start. Then riders



will trace the old route from Sacramento up and over the Sierra Nevada Mountains and then through Nevada and Utah, some of the driest and most desolate lands in North America. Before reaching the terminus at St. Joseph, Missouri, the mail will cross Wyoming, Nebraska, a corner of Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri.

Because much of the trail crosses remote country, amateur radio operators have volunteered to help riders and their captains communicate. A GPS device, carried by the riders in one of the cantinas or the mochila, will transmit the mail's location at all times and enable anyone to follow the mail in real time on the

NPEA web site (www.xphomestion.com).

If you're unable to enjoy the festivities in June, you can make stops along the National Park Service's federally-designated Historic Trail any time, visiting any one of the hundreds of museums, monuments, and markers, many of which are indicated on the map on the proceeding pages. **Happy Trails.** 🐾



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3 El Dorado County Museum



EL DORADO COUNTY MUSEUM

For a time, Placerville served as the western terminus of the Pony Express. Once called "Hangtown" because of its reputation for swift frontier justice, Placerville sits eight miles from Sutter's Mill, where John Marshall discovered gold in 1848. The 5,000-square-foot county museum contains an exhibit on the Pony Express as well as baskets and tools made by Maidu, Miwok, and Washoe peoples, a shepherd's covered wagon, a restored Victorian-era parlor from a fine home and an old general store. Outdoor exhibits include a five-stamp mill used to crush rock, a large flywheel powered by a steam engine, ore cars, and antique chain saws. **El Dorado** (530) 621-5865 or www.edcgov.us/museum.

2 Folsom History Museum



FOLSOM HISTORY MUSEUM

A spring that once watered Pony Express horses still flows behind this old stable in Folsom. The historic building was converted into a 2,600-square-foot museum of the area's past that offers permanent exhibits on Native Americans, explorers, Gold Rush, Pony Express, Chinese settlements and first industries to the area. **Folsom** (916) 985-2707. www.folsomhistorymuseum.org

1 Wells Fargo History Museum in Old Sacramento



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The 1853 B. F. Hastings Building, one of the most historic structures in the state, once held the westernmost terminus of the nearly 2,000-mile-long Pony Express route, as well as the first permanent offices of California's Supreme Court and its first two telegraph companies. The exhibits in this 700-square-foot museum in the Old Sacramento Historic District include a replica mochila, the lightweight leather mailbag tossed over a Pony Express rider's saddle, and original letters and envelopes. **Sacramento** (916) 440-4263 or www.wellsfargo.com/about/history

4 Buckland Station



NEVADA STATE PARKS

Samuel S. Buckland built a way station and general store for pioneers on the Overland Trail as well as local ranchers and soldiers. Both the Pony Express and stage lines kept horses at his station. Nevada State Parks acquired the property in 1994 and recently restored and opened the building to the public. Buckland Station is located on the Carson River at Weeks Bridge, one-half mile south of the Fort Churchill entrance road. **Silver Springs** (775) 577-2345



Pony Express

- Pony Express trail
- Pony Express station

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7 Cold Springs Station



PHILIP D. KINZLI

A rivulet with good water still runs next to the ruins of Cold Springs Station. Visitors can recognize living quarters and a corral marked out by the three-foot-thick stone walls of this relatively large station, with windows, gun holes, and a fireplace. The station played a part in the famous ride of "Pony Bob" Haslam, who stopped here while covering 120 miles in eight hours after being wounded in an Indian attack, part of the fastest trip ever made by the Pony Express when it carried Lincoln's first inaugural address to California. Cold Springs Station can be found at the end of a 1.5-mile trail from an interpretive center located 65 miles west of Austin on U.S. Route 50. www.xphomestation.com/nvsta-coldsprings.html

8 Ruby Valley Station



NEIL GILHAM

Adjoining this 40,000-square-foot Northeast Nevada Museum is an original log cabin Pony Express station, relocated from Ruby Valley and containing displays of saddles and equipment. Other exhibits include the Halleck bar, once part of a Salt Lake City saloon 20 miles east of the museum, copies of 24 first-edition books by western novelist Will James, and hundreds of artifacts such as a cooking pot used on the California trail, rifles, and clothes. **Elko** (775) 738-3418 or www.museumelko.org

9 Willow Springs Station



BETH BAGLEY ANDERSON

Travelers coming out of the desert were relieved to reach the springs, green fields, and shady cottonwood trees of Callao. The home station at Willow Springs supplied hay for the Pony Express. Built of adobe and faced with wood, Willow Springs is one of the best preserved stations on the Express route. Although located on a private ranch, it can be visited by appointment. (Beth Bagley Anderson's family has lived on the site for 124 years.) The ranch is located next to a historical marker at 13168 North Pony Express Road, **Callao, UT.** (435) 693-3136



5 Fort Churchill



TIM GAVIN

The U.S. Army established Fort Churchill in 1861 during the Pyramid Lake War against the Paiute Indians. Although abandoned in 1869, the fort's crumbling adobe fortifications remain. The visitors center on-site explores the history of the Paiute, the triple murder that launched the war, life at the fort, and the exploits of Pony Express riders who rode nearby. **Silver Springs** (775) 577-2345 or parks.nv.gov/fc.htm

6 Sand Mountain Recreation Area



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Located 25 miles east of Fallon just off U.S. Route 50, the stone-walled Sand Springs Station sits below a two-mile-long dune, Sand Mountain. Traveling on the Pony Express trail in 1860, British explorer Sir Richard F. Burton described this station as "cumbered here and there with drifted ridges of the finest sand, sometimes 200 feet high and shifting before every gale." Buried for more than a century under the shifting sand, the station was recently uncovered by archaeologists. **Sand Mountain Recreation Area** (775) 861-6400 or www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/recreation/sand_mountain.html

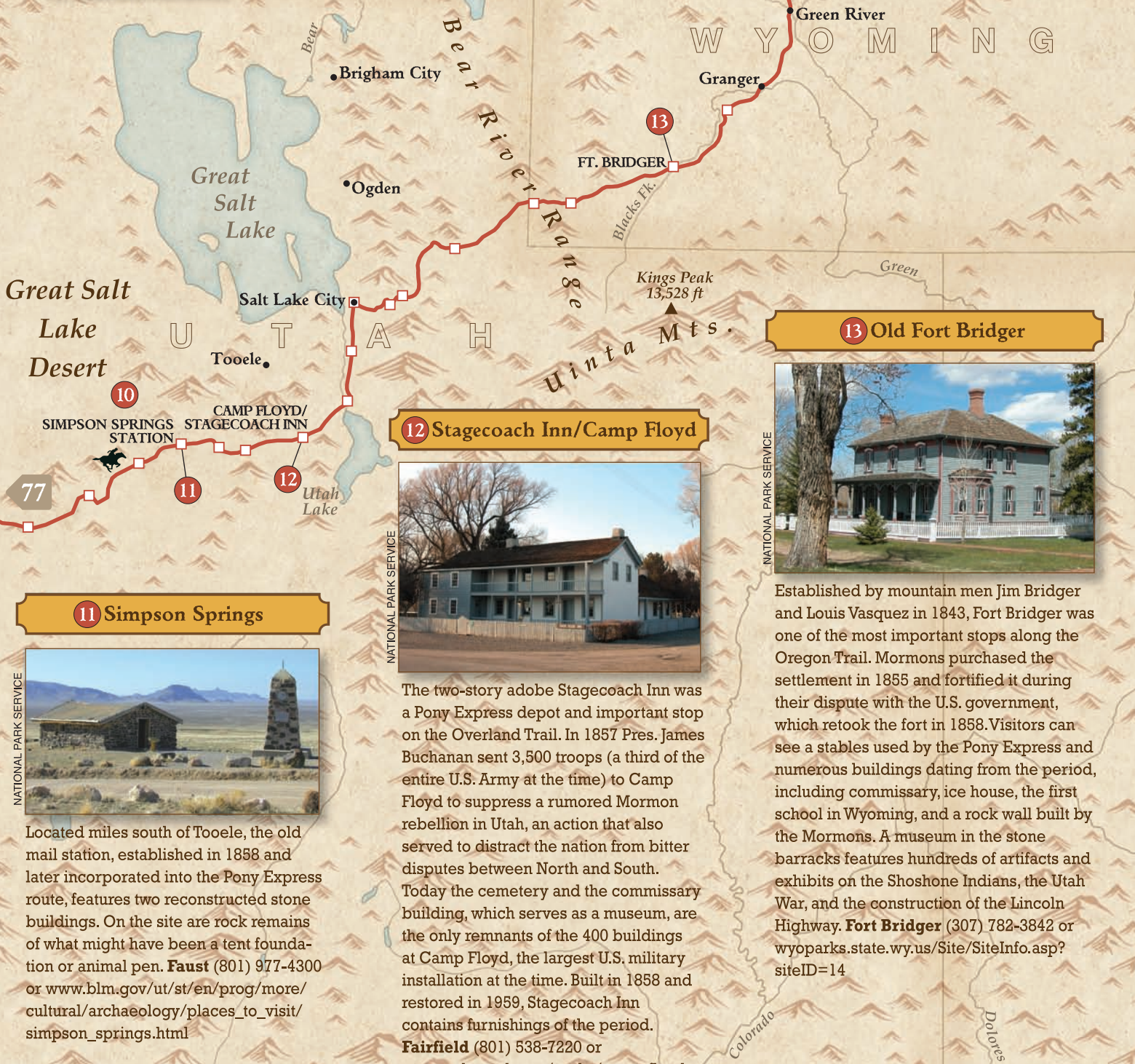
10 Tooele County



CHRIS ALLEN

Nearly a dozen Pony Express stations stretched across what is now Tooele County west of Salt Lake City, including Faust, Lookout Pass, Blackrock, Fish Springs, River Bed Station, and Deep Creek. The remains of several have rock walls with gun ports preserved. Also in Tooele County are the Benson Grist Mill (left), Donner-Reed Museum (including artifacts from the famous Donner Party disaster), Bonneville Salt Flats, Grantsville Fort, and Wendover Airfield, where training for dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place. http://www.co.tooele.ut.us/ht00_index.html

Great Salt Lake Desert



12 Stagecoach Inn/Camp Floyd



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The two-story adobe Stagecoach Inn was a Pony Express depot and important stop on the Overland Trail. In 1857 Pres. James Buchanan sent 3,500 troops (a third of the entire U.S. Army at the time) to Camp Floyd to suppress a rumored Mormon rebellion in Utah, an action that also served to distract the nation from bitter disputes between North and South. Today the cemetery and the commissary building, which serves as a museum, are the only remnants of the 400 buildings at Camp Floyd, the largest U.S. military installation at the time. Built in 1858 and restored in 1959, Stagecoach Inn contains furnishings of the period. **Fairfield** (801) 538-7220 or stateparks.utah.gov/parks/camp-floyd

13 Old Fort Bridger



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Established by mountain men Jim Bridger and Louis Vasquez in 1843, Fort Bridger was one of the most important stops along the Oregon Trail. Mormons purchased the settlement in 1855 and fortified it during their dispute with the U.S. government, which retook the fort in 1858. Visitors can see a stables used by the Pony Express and numerous buildings dating from the period, including commissary, ice house, the first school in Wyoming, and a rock wall built by the Mormons. A museum in the stone barracks features hundreds of artifacts and exhibits on the Shoshone Indians, the Utah War, and the construction of the Lincoln Highway. **Fort Bridger** (307) 782-3842 or wyoparks.state.wy.us/Site/SiteInfo.asp?siteID=14

11 Simpson Springs



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Located miles south of Tooele, the old mail station, established in 1888 and later incorporated into the Pony Express route, features two reconstructed stone buildings. On the site are rock remains of what might have been a tent foundation or animal pen. **Faust** (801) 977-4300 or www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/more/cultural/archaeology/places_to_visit/simpson_springs.html

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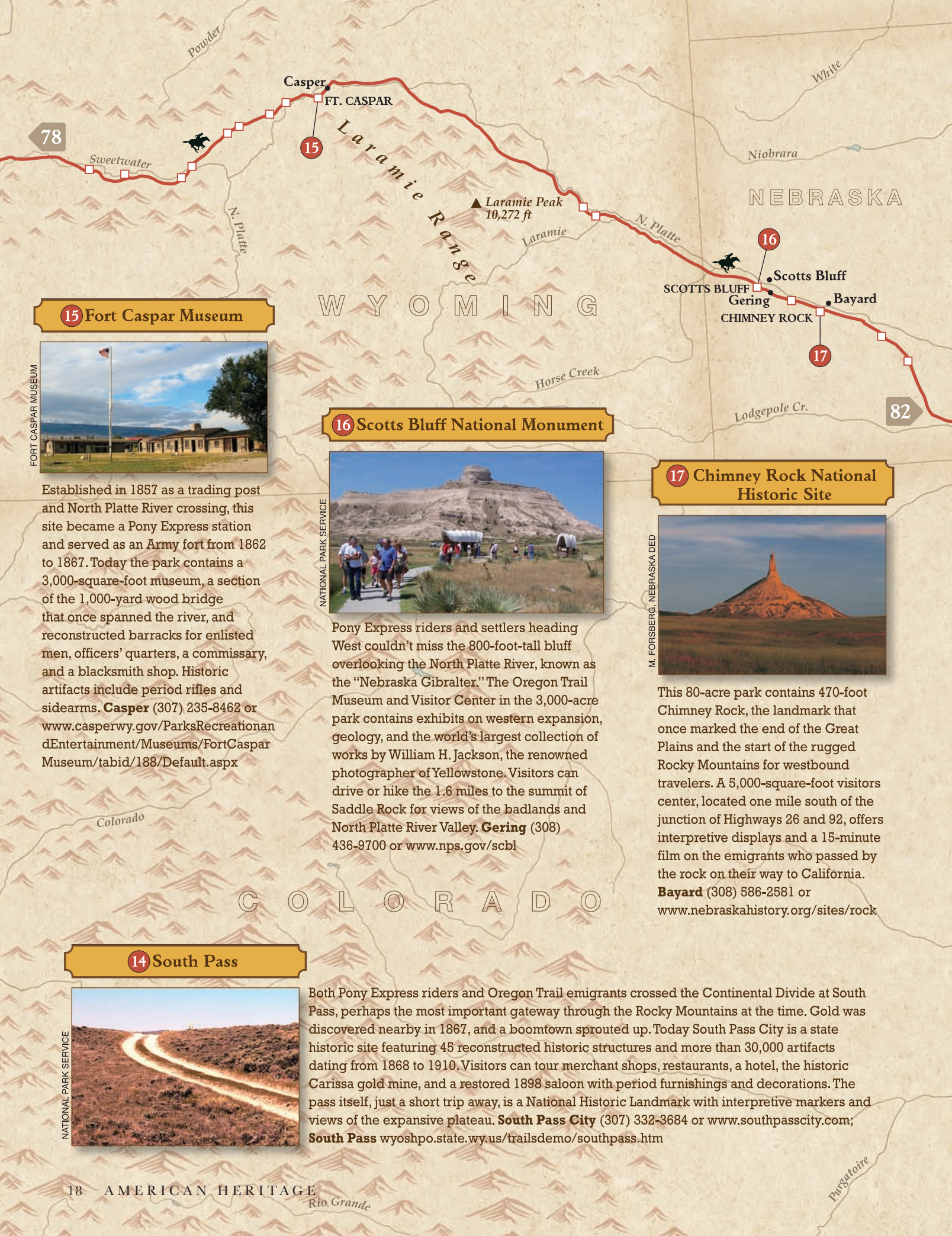


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15 Fort Caspar Museum



FORT CASPAR MUSEUM

Established in 1857 as a trading post and North Platte River crossing, this site became a Pony Express station and served as an Army fort from 1862 to 1867. Today the park contains a 3,000-square-foot museum, a section of the 1,000-yard wood bridge that once spanned the river, and reconstructed barracks for enlisted men, officers' quarters, a commissary, and a blacksmith shop. Historic artifacts include period rifles and sidearms. **Casper** (307) 235-8462 or www.casperwy.gov/ParksRecreationandEntertainment/Museums/FortCasperMuseum/tabid/188/Default.aspx

16 Scotts Bluff National Monument



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Pony Express riders and settlers heading West couldn't miss the 800-foot-tall bluff overlooking the North Platte River, known as the "Nebraska Gibraltar." The Oregon Trail Museum and Visitor Center in the 3,000-acre park contains exhibits on western expansion, geology, and the world's largest collection of works by William H. Jackson, the renowned photographer of Yellowstone. Visitors can drive or hike the 1.6 miles to the summit of Saddle Rock for views of the badlands and North Platte River Valley. **Gering** (308) 436-9700 or www.nps.gov/scbl

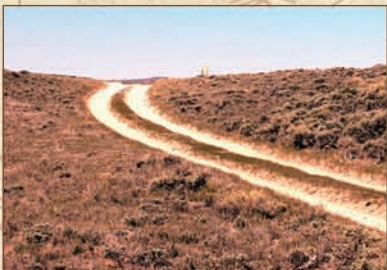
17 Chimney Rock National Historic Site



M. FORSBERG, NEBRASKA DED

This 80-acre park contains 470-foot Chimney Rock, the landmark that once marked the end of the Great Plains and the start of the rugged Rocky Mountains for westbound travelers. A 5,000-square-foot visitors center, located one mile south of the junction of Highways 26 and 92, offers interpretive displays and a 15-minute film on the emigrants who passed by the rock on their way to California. **Bayard** (308) 586-2581 or www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/rock

14 South Pass



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Both Pony Express riders and Oregon Trail emigrants crossed the Continental Divide at South Pass, perhaps the most important gateway through the Rocky Mountains at the time. Gold was discovered nearby in 1867, and a boomtown sprouted up. Today South Pass City is a state historic site featuring 45 reconstructed historic structures and more than 30,000 artifacts dating from 1868 to 1910. Visitors can tour merchant shops, restaurants, a hotel, the historic Carissa gold mine, and a restored 1898 saloon with period furnishings and decorations. The pass itself, just a short trip away, is a National Historic Landmark with interpretive markers and views of the expansive plateau. **South Pass City** (307) 332-3684 or www.southpasscity.com; **South Pass** wyoshpo.state.wy.us/trailsdemo/southpass.htm

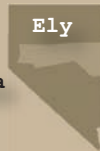
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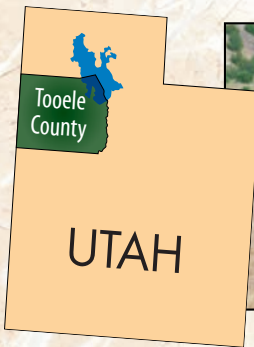
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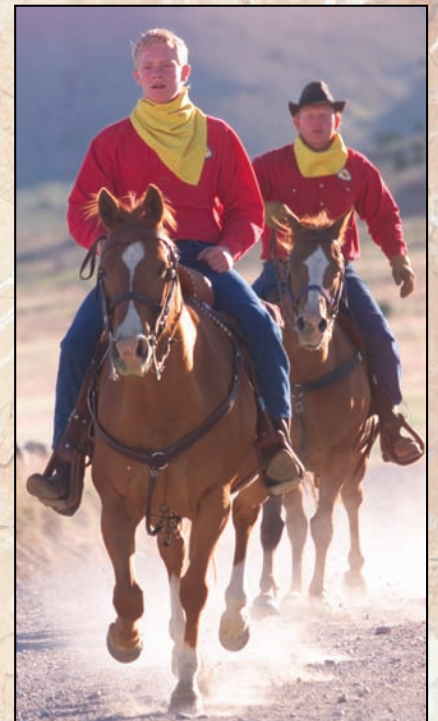
In historic Tooele County, Utah

Perhaps the most complete and longest remaining vestige of the famous Pony Express Trail is found 30 minutes west of Salt Lake City in Tooele County, Utah. Over 100 miles of the famous trail runs the entire length of the county. It is easily accessible by vehicle or on foot—which makes it the ideal spot to experience the trail's sesquicentennial celebration in June 2010. On June 6 in Sacramento, CA, reenactment riders on horseback are scheduled to begin the 1,800-mile journey toward St. Joseph, MO. On June 13 they'll pass through the heart of Tooele County on the actual Pony Express Trail. Become part of this historic and



Pony Express Station at Simpson Springs

significant national event that celebrates the trail's brief existence from 1860 to 1861. Although the Pony Express lasted only 14 months, it connected a continent's two coasts by mail—and left an indelible legacy of gritty daring-do and progress that still captures the imagination today.



On the Pony Express Trail in Tooele County



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or call 800-378-0690

18 Pony Express Monument



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Located in the northeast corner of Colorado near the Fort Sedgwick and Depot museums (the latter being a 1930s Union Pacific Railroad depot), a stone monument memorializes the lone Pony Express station in the state. From Julesburg, mail to Colorado would be separated and sent to Denver. The museums display local artifacts such as early buggies, barbed wire, rifles, cannon, swords, and saddles. **Julesburg** (970) 474-2061 or www.kci.net/~history

22 Rock Creek Station



R. NEIBEL, NEBRASKA DED

Begun in 1857, this ranch served as a supply stop along the Oregon-California Trail. Three years later it became a relay station for the Pony Express. Legend claims that Wild Bill Hickok shot members of the McCanles Gang here while he was a stable hand. Visible to the northwest of the station are the 1,600-foot-long trail ruts of 19th-century wagon pioneers. **Fairbury** (402) 729-5777 or www.ngpc.state.ne.us/guides/parksearch/showpark.asp?Area_No=153

Great Sand Hills



19 Gothenburg Pony Express Station



J. NABB, NEBRASKA DED

Two Pony Express stations stand in Gothenburg, the "Pony Express capital of Nebraska." Relocated in 1931 from its original position 12 miles west of town, the Sam Macchette Station houses a museum featuring photographs, a reproduction Bible given to Pony Express riders, and original pioneer tools and cooking utensils. On-site interpreters are available during the season to explain the history and significance of the Pony Express. Four miles south of town stands the Midway Station on its original foundations. Part of a private ranch, it is open to visitors by appointment. **Gothenburg** (308) 537-3505 or www.ci.gothenburg.ne.us/attractions_lodges.htm#Pony%20Express%20Station

20 Fort Kearny State Historic Park



M. E. EMANUEL, NEBRASKA DED

Built in 1847 to protect travelers on the Overland Trail, the fort served as a stagecoach station, Pony Express depot, and military outfit during the Indian Wars. Visitors can tour reconstructed buildings, including the stockade, parade grounds, and a blacksmith shop. An on-site interpretive center contains panels describing the fort's history. **Kearny** (308) 865-5305 or www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/guides/parksearch/showpark.asp?Area_No=97

21 Harold Warp Pioneer Village (Pumpkinseed Station)



HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE

This 20-acre complex comprises 28 restored and operational historic buildings, including the Pumpkinseed Station and barn as well as the county's first log cabin and a Gilded Age railroad depot. The 22,400-square-foot main building contains a large collection of antique American cars, farm equipment, saddles, and artwork, including 23 William H. Jackson paintings and the world's largest collection of John Rogers statues. **Minden** (308) 832-1181 or www.pioneervillage.org

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23 Hollenberg Station



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In 1857 German immigrant Gerat H. Hollenberg built a six-room log cabin on Cottonwood Creek as a way station for westward travelers, reserving the loft for exhausted Pony Express riders during its operation. A quarter mile from the cabin, which is one of the few remaining unaltered Pony Express stations, sits a new visitors center featuring interpretive and hands-on exhibits on period clothing and the life of a Pony Express rider.

Hanover (785) 337-2635 or www.kshs.org/places/hollenberg

25 Pony Express National Museum



CRAIG AURNISS/CORBIS

This 10,000-square-foot museum, originally built in 1858 as a stable for 200 horses, now features displays including a 60-foot diorama that illustrates the nearly 2,000-mile route. In Spring 2010 the museum will reopen its original forge and bellows, in which blacksmiths created horseshoes, stirrups, and other riding equipment. Hands-on exhibits include a working water pump that dates back to the stables' initial construction and is connected to a 21-foot-deep well. **St. Joseph** (816) 279-5059 or www.ponyexpress.org

26 Patee House



PATEE HOUSE MUSEUM

This 1858, four-story, luxury hotel, became the headquarters for Pony Express founders Russell, Majors, and Waddell. In 1882 the brick, 140-room structure again gained notoriety when it became the headquarters for the official investigation into the murder of outlaw Jesse James. Today the house contains a museum of communications and transportation. Visitors can stroll down the "Streets of Old St. Jo," view the dentist office of Dr. Walter Cronkite, father of the television news commentator, and see the Buchanan County jail gallows, an 1860 Hannibal & St. Joseph locomotive and railway mail car invented to speed the mail on the Pony Express. **St. Joseph** (816) 232-8206 or www.ponyexpressjessejames.com

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24 Marysville Pony Express Barn



MARYSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This 1859 stone barn was leased to the Pony Express in 1860 and remains one of the few home stations on its original site. The barn contains antique wagons, a blacksmith shop, and the original vent holes for the horses. A modern limestone annex, added in 1991, contains replicas of an original stagecoach, Marysville's first post office, and interpretive panels describing the 18 months of the Pony Express's operation. **Marysville** (785) 562-3825 or skyways.lib.ks.us/towns/Marysville/mcocosbusiness/ponyexpbarn/ponyexpbarn.html

27 Lexington Historical Museum



LEXINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Partners in the firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell, who founded the Pony Express, had their office in Lexington, one of the most populous and prosperous cities west of St. Louis before the Civil War. At the peak of operations, they had the government contract to supply all military posts in the West and shipped freight using some 500 wagons and 7,500 oxen. William H. Russell lived here across from his partner, William Bradford Waddell, whose home still stands on South Street. The Lexington Historical Museum, located in an 1847 Cumberland Presbyterian church, features Pony Express art and memorabilia as well as artifacts from the Civil War "Battle of the Hemp Bales" and other local history. Contact museum at (660) 259-2900 or see www.lexingtonmuseum.org

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Part of the Pony Express route loosely follows what is now Highway 36. At Marysville, Kansas, visitors can tour the original stable building and museum.



Experience life in the 1860s at the Hollenberg State Historic Site, just east of Hanover. The family home served as a way station, post office, store and tavern for travelers on the Pony Express, Oregon and California Trails, and is one of the only unaltered Pony Express stations in the country.



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