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## **Wagon Train to roll east of Baker City**

Baker City, Oregon- The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center invites the public to view and participate in a re-creation of an Oregon Trail Wagon Train. The Wagon Train will take place August 15-16 on Virtue Flat, directly south of the Interpretive Center.

The Wagon Train, made up of reproduction pioneer wagons, outriders, and costumed pioneer interpreters, will depart at 8:30 Saturday morning approximately 15 miles east of Baker City, on Bureau of Land Management land adjacent to Highway 86, will follow Ruckles Creek Road, and will encamp for the evening below the Interpretive Center. The wagon train will stay encamped through noon on Sunday.

Visitors may walk along with the train, or visit the camp, to experience what westward emigrants felt and saw as they crossed the eastern side of Oregon along the Oregon Trail. A shuttle bus will be available to take visitors wishing to walk to convenient drop off points. Walkers can choose from a 9 mile walk, or a 2.5 mile walk. Conditions may be extreme hot, dry and dusty, and only those in good physical shape should attempt to walk with the Wagon Train. There is no cost to walk along, but visitors must register and sign a waiver.

There is no cost to visit the wagon camp, meet interpreters, and listen to music and entertainment, however visitors wishing to have dinner with the pioneers must pre-register and pay \$20 for dinner. To pre-register for the walk or dinner, or for more information, call 541-523-1843 or 541-523-1827.

The Wagon Train and walk along is one of many special "Oregon 150" events scheduled during 2009 at the Interpretive Center, to help Oregonians celebrate their heritage.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8. Seniors are \$4.50, and fee is good for two days. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov) for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on other events in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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