

National Historic Trails Interpretive Center Casper, Wyoming

Pioneer Trail Treks 2025

May 31: Western Nebraska to the Fort Laramie area

Join us as we travel to Henry, Nebraska, where we will start our journey by following the pioneer trails. Stops will include several poineer related sites, including pioneer graves. We will conclude this trek near the Fort Laramie area in eastern Wyoming.

June 28: Pioneer Graves & Stories

Join us for a day of remembrance as we follow the pioneer trails and stop at pioneer graves to honor them. We will share their story and learn more about their circumstances. This trek will focus on the area between Douglas and Casper.

July 19: Fort Laramie National Historic Site

Visit one of the most important and influential sites along the pioneer trails; Fort Laramie National Historic Site. This trek will focus primarily on the area and site known as Fort Laramie.

August 23: The Lynching of Cattle Kate (in cooperation with the Natrona County Historical Society)

Join the Trails Center and the Natrona County Historical Society on this joint adventure to explore the area where both Cattle Kate (Ellen Watson) and Jim Averell were hanged in July 1889 near the famous Independence Rock.

September 27: Devil's Gate Adventure

In this unique trek, we will explore and hike in the famous landmark, Devil's Gate, to look at pioneer names left on the rocks and walls. This trek will be strenuous and not suited for all, as we traverse over rocks and the Sweetwater River.

The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (NHTIC) presents the summer 2025 lineup of off-site pioneer trail treks. During these treks, participants will drive their own vehicle or carpool with others and will be led by NHTIC employee(s) and Oregon-California Trails Association members.

Trail trek participants will meet in the parking lot of the NHTIC at 8 a.m. and depart shortly after. Treks are driving trips with numerous stops in between. Sites will have uneven surfaces and primitive trails with elevation changes and may not be suitable for those in poor physical condition. Bring a lunch, water, snacks and wear appropriate clothing and shoes suitable for walking. Be ready for changing weather conditions. We recommend a high-clearance and/or 4-wheel drive vehicle.

For more information and to register for any trek, please contact Jason Vlcan at 307-261-7783.

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