



Pioneer Trail Treks 2026

May 30: County Roads 308-319

Known as the Oregon Trail Road, trekkers will get the opportunity to explore unique pioneer locations along the Oregon, Mormon, California, and Pony Express National Historic Trails while listening to pioneer stories through journals and diary readings.

June 13: Pioneer Arrival Day at Fort Laramie NHS

Celebrate the experiences of early pioneer emigrants and frontier life during Pioneer Arrival Day at Fort Laramie NHS. Participants will spend the day exploring history at one of the most important landmarks along the trail.

July 04: Independence Rock Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day at one of the most noted historical pioneer landmarks, Independence Rock. Special living history reenactors will perform unique vignettes around the Rock from 9-12p.m.

August 22: Shepherders Rendezvous and Sites near Glenrock in cooperation with the Natrona County Historical Society

Join both the Natrona County Historical Society and the NHTIC on this joint adventure as we experience the Shepherders Rendezvous and explore other pioneer sites in and around the Glenrock area.

September 05: Devil's Gate – A Birdseye View

Participants of this trek will get the opportunity to hike to the top of another famous pioneer landmark, Devil's Gate as we discover pioneer names and get to view the Sweetwater valley from high above. This trek will be strenuous and not suited for all.

The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (NHTIC) is once again hosting off-site pioneer trail treks for summer 2026. Led by NHTIC staff and OCTA (Oregon-California Trail Association) members, participants will drive their own vehicles or carpool.

Participants will meet in the NHTIC parking lot at 8 a.m. Sites have uneven surfaces and elevation changes, which may not be suitable for those in poor physical condition. Bring lunch, water, snacks, and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for walking and weather changes. A high-clearance or 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended.

For more details and to register, contact Jason Vican at 307-261-7783 or blm_wy_trailscenter@blm.gov.