

CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

ELKO, NEVADA



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Calendar of Interpretive Programs May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Closed	Closed	Any presentation by request and depending on availability	Any presentation by request and depending on availability	Any presentation by request and depending on availability	Any presentation by request and depending on availability
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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**Open Wednesday through Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

All programs are approximately 20 to 40 minutes

Schedule subject to change

The Big Trail – This 1930 movie features John Wayne in his first starring role and was directed by Raoul Walsh.

Hazards of the Trail – Join us for a guided tour through the dioramas and learn about the hazards that emigrants faced during each phase of their journey west. No trip is without its trials.

Stuck in the Muck – Things didn't always go as planned. Join Ranger Tiffany Cusick for a discussion of what could happen if you miscalculated what was needed for a 2000 mile long camping trip.

Trails Ahead – Did you know you can preserve the California Trail for future generations to enjoy? Interpretive Specialist, Shania Cook will teach you how to "Tread Lightly" and spot signs of civilization in the Great Basin.

John Bidwell - 1841– Learn about the incredible trip of the Bidwell-Bartleson Party. Park Ranger Mike Blunk relates the story of the first emigrants to make it overland to California.

Great Basin Indian Baskets – Before the arrival of whites, Indians throughout northern Nevada were able to use the resources of the Great Basin to meet their needs. Listen to Historian Jan Petersen describe how the Native people used the resources at hand to produce baskets that had form, function, and beauty.

The Hastings Cutoff – Was it faster and safer to take a cutoff? Find out with Ranger Dennis Groneman as he explores the history, geography, and journey along the infamous Hastings Cutoff.

Petticoat Prospectors: The Real Gold-diggers –Park Ranger Tiffany Cusick talks about Frances Williams, Lillian Malcolm and Firminia "Mina" Sarras, among others. These women labored in a man's world and often had to hide their identities as women to survive. Some were successful and towns were named after them, others were less fortunate but all shared a love of glittering gold.

Feathered Heroines – Interpretive Specialist Shania Cook will talk about the female warriors, artists, activists and tribal leaders who have inspired her. These Native American women represent tribes all across America and are remembered, respected, and never forgotten.

Mountain Men: Pathfinders & Ambassadors – Park Ranger Mike Blunk will discuss the important role mountain men played in westward expansion. After the end of the fur trade mountain men became an invaluable resource to early emigrants and often made the difference between a successful crossing and disaster.

Elko County Women – Join Historian Jan Petersen as she discusses the sinners and saints of early Elko County; women who made the desert their home, struggled against the odds and helped their families persevere. Some of these women were of Italian, Chinese or Basque descent. Maybe you will learn something about your own family if they have been in the area long enough.

Fire Arms of the Trail/Black Powder Demo – Was everyone in the pioneer days an expert marksman and hunter? Join Ranger Dennis Groneman or Ranger Mike Blunk for a demonstration of some of the firearms available during the days of the California Trail and the challenges of using them.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Hiking Trails, Pack Your Wagon, Try on Period Clothing, Joe's Rubbing Table, & Student Activity Book.

In the South Fork Room: Special interest videos on historical subjects, regional interest topics, and natural history are shown upon request. Ask for the list of available titles.