

CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

ELKO, NEVADA



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Calendar of Interpretive Programs June 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 John Bidwell 10 a.m. Petticoat Prospectors 1 p.m.
2 The Big Trail 10 a.m. Petticoat Prospectors 1 p.m.	3	4	5 Black Powder 10 a.m. And So They Wrote 1 p.m.	6 Survival Skills 10 a.m. The Hastings Cutoff 1 p.m.	7 And So They Wrote 10:00 The Big Trail 1 p.m.	8 The Hastings Cutoff 10 a.m. John Bidwell 1 p.m.
9 The Hastings Cutoff 10 a.m. John Bidwell 1 p.m.	10	11	12 Black Powder 10 a.m. Hazards of the Trail 1 p.m.	13 John Bidwell 10 a.m. The Hastings Cutoff 1 p.m.	14 Petticoat Prospectors 10 a.m. Hazards of the Trail 1 p.m.	15 Petticoat Prospectors 10 a.m. The Big Trail 1 p.m.
16 Petticoat Prospectors 10 a.m. Trails Ahead 1 p.m.	17	18	19 And So They Wrote 10 a.m. Survival Skills 1 p.m.	20 Kids Camp 9 a.m. – noon The Big Trail 1 p.m.	21 Survival Skills 10 a.m. And So They Wrote 1 p.m.	22 The Big Trail 10 a.m. Plaza Sculpture Unveiling 2 p.m.
23 The Big Trail 10 a.m. Survival Skills 1 p.m.	24	25	26 And So They Wrote 10 a.m. Hazards of the Trail 1 p.m.	27 The Hastings Cutoff 1 p.m.	28 The Hastings Cutoff 10 a.m. Black Powder 1 p.m.	29 Basque Shepherders "End of an Era" 2 p.m.
30 The Big Trail 10 a.m. Trails Ahead 1 p.m.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Open Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

All programs are approximately 20 to 40 minutes

Schedule subject to change

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.

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. John Bidwell was known for “mining the miners,” as well as writing the contract between John Sutter and James Marshall. Marshall discovered gold at Sutter’s Mill on January 24, 1848 leading to the famous Gold Rush of 1849. Bidwell was also instrumental in outlawing the controversial practice of hydraulic mining.

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

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.

Survival Skills – Ever wonder how people navigated unknown territory, stayed warm, protected their families, and found food on the trail? Interpretive Specialist Shania Cook will explain all of these aspects of survival in the Great Basin and more.

Kids Camp – Join the California Trail Center and Elko City Parks and Recreation for a day of fun on the California Trail. Either Mountain Men and Fur Trappers, Natives, and Emigrants will be featured each month. Registration is required and room is limited, to register please contact Elko City Parks and Recreation at 775-777-7261.

Basque Shepherders: End of an Era – Join Kent McAdoo of the University of Nevada, Reno Extension Service and learn about the Basque culture and the shepherders of Elko County! McAdoo will discuss the influences of the Basque on Elko’s culture and landscape. Reasons behind their decline as workers in the sheep ranching industry will also be discussed.

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.

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.

And So They Wrote - Join staff historian Jan Petersen and hear what the emigrants thought of their travels across Nevada in their own words.

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Hiking Trails, Pack Your Wagon, Clothing Try On, 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.

Saturdays at South Fork Park: At 2 p.m. there will be presentations on local history at the Main Campground at South Fork Reservoir.