

OREGON-CALIFORNIA

TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to the
enjoyment and
preservation
of the emigrant
trails to the west.



California-Nevada
Chapter



The California-Nevada Chapter welcomes all who have an interest in learning about the trails and experiencing the excitement of walking on the old wagon roads.

OCTA is an organization dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and enjoyment of the wagon trails heading west in the 1840s and later. The purpose of the Chapter is to explore, study, map, mark, maintain and preserve the historic trails within California and Nevada.

In our historically rich area you have the opportunity to be an active participant in securing our trail system for generations to come. We are a hands-on group which has many activities during the year where you can get involved.



Applegate Trail near Massacre Ranch

Our Spring Symposium is an opportunity to get to know our members,

OCTA's NEWS FROM THE PLAINS and the OVERLAND JOURNAL, along with the Chapter's newsletter, TRAIL TALK, and the Chapter's website (canvocta.org) are sources for keeping current on trail issues and activities.

California Trail

The California Trail runs from the northeast corner of Nevada and follows Highway 93 basically to Wells and then turns west and follows I-80 to Rye Patch Reservoir near Imlay in the western half of the state. It continues on to the Humboldt Dike some 20 miles southwest of Lovelock.

Carson Trail

California Trail splits into two trails at Humboldt Dike. The Carson branch heads southwest across the infamous 40-Mile Desert to Ragtown on the Carson River. The trail then heads west through Carson City, south to Genoa, up Highway 88 and on to Placerville.

Truckee Trail

The Truckee Trail is the other split from the California Trail. It heads across the 40-Mile Desert following I-80 to Reno-Sparks. It continues to Donner Pass following the I-80 corridor to Wheatland, just north of Sacramento.

Beckwourth Trail

The Beckwourth Trail leaves the Truckee Trail at Sparks and heads in a northwest direction into California, through Quincy and into Oroville.



Johnson Cutoff on Wright's Hill

Other Emigrant Trails

Other central Sierra trails in our chapter include the Georgetown Trail, Johnson Cutoff, Grizzly Flat Road, Big Tree Road, Volcano Road, Luther Pass Road, Henness Pass Road and Nevada City Road.

To the north, the Yreka Trail, Nobles Pass Trail and Lassen Trail brought emigrants to the northern mines. The Hastings Cutoff in Eastern Nevada contributed to the fate of the Donner Party. The Applegate Trail left the California Trail near Imlay and headed northwest into southern Oregon.