

The Oregon Trail Experience

at Blue Mountain Crossing



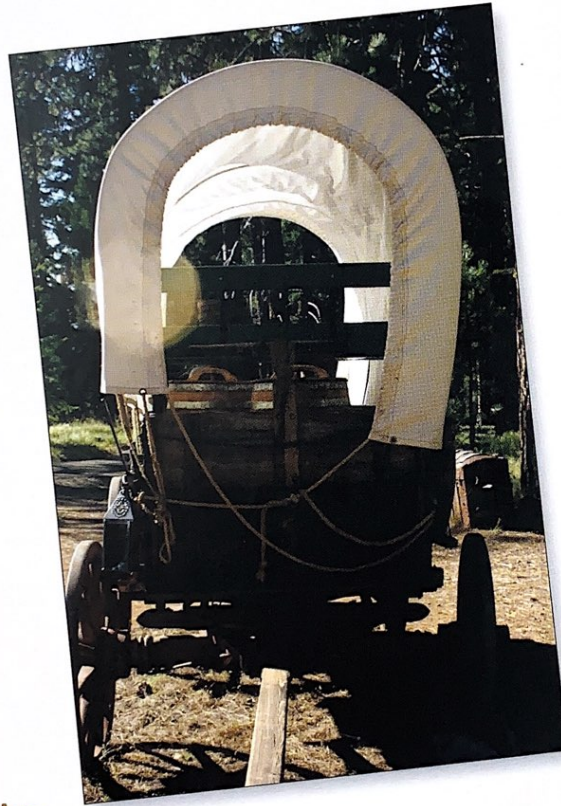
Experience some of the best preserved traces of the Old Emigrant Road. Paved foot paths meander alongside wagon-wide depressions amid sweeping views of the Blue Mountains.

Getting there: I-84 to exit 248 (9 miles West of La Grande). Follow the Oregon Trail Visitors Park signs, 3 miles of paved road.

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Oregon Trail Facts

- The first wagon train left Independence, MO in 1841.
- Wagons traveled at a rate of about 2 miles per hour.
- The Oregon Trail is about 2,000 miles long, stretching from Missouri to the Willamette Valley in western Oregon.
- The Oregon Trail was originally a series of routes used by Native Americans, missionaries, and fur traders.
- About 300,000 people migrated along the Oregon Trail from 1841 to 1860.
- Oregon Trail preservation began in 1906 when Ezra Meeker began placing markers along the route.



Facilities

The Oregon Trail Visitors Park features a half-mile paved path with benches and ceramic interpretive panels, picnic tables, public shelter, and restrooms with running water.

Choose a Discovery Trail and literally walk in the footsteps of the pioneers, or plan your visit during a weekend or holiday to see living history characters demonstrate emigrant life skills. Contact the Wallowa-Whitman Ranger District to confirm demonstration dates, 541.963.7186.

\$5 day-use fee, or free with Golden Access pass.

Wheelchair accessible. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.