

## Illinois Valley (IV) Road of Applegate Trail Ford No. 1: 1846<sup>1</sup>

**Applegate Wagon Trains: 1846** The IV Ford No. 1 is not identified on the 1855 GLO survey or the 1856 GLO map.<sup>2-3</sup>

**Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences: 1846** Virgil Pringle was an 1846 pioneer and diarist traveling on the IV Road of the Applegate Trail.<sup>4-5</sup> <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>. His Fort Vannoy Rogue River ford entry follows:

*Friday, October 16, 1846 – Cross Rogue River about 4 miles from last camp. Ford good. Camp on right bank. [emphasis added]*

Unlike the upper crossing at Pearce Riffle (JR Ford No. 1 crossing), upstream of what would become Grants Pass, the IV Ford No. 1 crossing was reported by Pringle as good. The 1846 JR Ford No. 1 crossing was reported by both Levi Scott and Tolbert Carter as deep and rough, and swift and ugly.<sup>6</sup>

Both Pringle and wagon train leader Levi Scott were at or near the head of the 1846 emigration [almost] at all times<sup>7</sup> except when Scott forded the Rogue River at JR Ford No. 1<sup>6</sup> and Pringle forded the river at IV Ford No. 1. It appears that the last of the train [3<sup>rd</sup> company with Thornton] crossed the IV Ford No. 1 on October 25<sup>th</sup> approximately 30 very difficult miles behind Pringle.<sup>7</sup> The Scott and Pringle wagon companies would rejoin in the Grave Creek area.

Pringle recorded on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> that:

*The wet season commenced the second day after we started through the mountains.*

## Rogue River's Vannoy Creek Ford



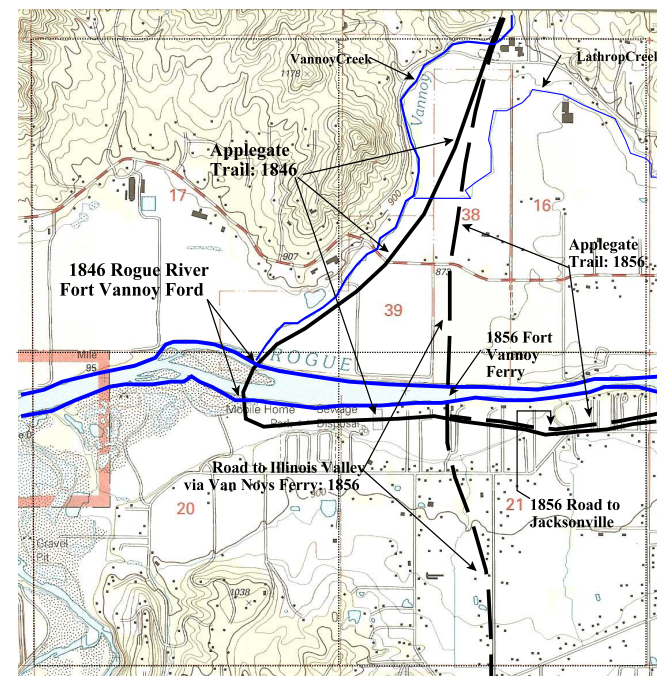
**IV Ford No. 1**

The photographs shows the dam regulated water flow at 1,290 cubic feet per second (ft<sup>3</sup>/s) on October 1, 2009. The lowest recorded water flow prior to the construction of Lost Creek Reservoir was 606 ft<sup>3</sup>/s in 1968. It was estimated that the flow at the 1847 ford was between 700 - 800 ft<sup>3</sup>/s .

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## General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

**Wilderville Quadrangle: 1996<sup>8</sup>** Pringle's diary entry matches the 1996 topography map as the ford was good (i.e., shallow and wide) and his mileage figures are close to the GLO survey notes to Grave Creek (i.e., 15 diary miles versus 16 GLO miles). This is one of the best places to ford the river in Josephine County as the river is wide at the gravel bars and the water is spread out all across the river.



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The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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