

## Chain Tree Along Applegate Trail At Mt. Sexton Pass<sup>1</sup>

### MT. SEXTON PASS TRAIL SEGMENT

**POI Name** Mt. Sexton Pass ■ JA-14B.

**POI ID Code** OR-AT-00-34-06-23-n/a-JA-14B

### 2010 CHAIN AT MT. SEXTON PASS

**POI Name** 2010 Chain At Mt. Sexton Pass

■ JA-14J

**POI ID Code** OR-AG-00-34-06-23-n/a-n/a-JA-14-J

**POI Located With GPS/Interpretative Sign No.**



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**2011 Tree Chain<sup>3</sup>** Chain Tree was downhill from the trail head approximately 150' on a course of 230" azimuth. The headwaters of Maple Creek were generally parallel and west of the line of travel to Chain

Tree. It is a moderate sized healthy Ponderosa Pine with a orange and black stripped ribbon tied around it about 5' from the ground. The measurements taken at Chain Tree follow.

1. Dbh of Chain Tree was 25".
2. It was 18' to the middle of Maple Creek from Chain Tree.
3. The earth on the downhill side of Chain Tree was about 2' above the deer trail right below it. The earth on the uphill side of Chain Tree was about 4' higher than the deer trail. It was obvious from looking at the ground and these measurements that the sidehill castings from building I-5 had started to pass around Chain Tree and it was at the toe of the slope. The deer trail was on natural ground.

## Toll Gate, Anchor Chain, And/Or Trespass Barrier?

**Chain** A moderate sized chain embedded in a Ponderosa Pine at the bottom the 310' segment of the *Trail* at Mt. Sexton Pass on the east side of Maple Creek had been observed on many field trips since 2003. Several working hypothesis as to its purpose were developed. The first was that it was part of a toll gate. Another hypothesis concerned the feasibility of it being an anchor chair to control a wagon's descent. The final idea was that perhaps it was to protect private property after the realignment of the Pacific Highway in 1941.



*Chain In Chain Tree*

1. Part of a Toll Gate,
2. Part of an Anchor Chain, and
3. No Trespass Barrier.

One conclusion certain is that Chain Tree is adjacent to an evolved alternative route of the Applegate Trail per the 1940 Oregon Highway Department map.<sup>4</sup>

## Ponderosa Pine At Toe Of I-5 Side Hill Near Maple Creek



**Trail Rock** *Trail Rock* is 25' downhill from Chain Tree next to Maple Creek on a course of 230" azimuth along a deer trail on natural ground.

**Stakeholders** Oregon Highway Commission/Oregon Department of Transportation.

### OCTA Trail Classification

Class ② Used Trail<sup>2</sup>

### Trail Rock

**Coherence Rule** Linear Uniformity. Yes

**Corroborative Rule** Confirming Evidence. Yes

**Collateral Rule** Physical/Topo Evidence. Yes

**Correlation Rule** Overall Agreement. Yes

**Be Respectful** *Do not trespass. The 2011 Chain At Mt. Sexton Pass is located on public property.*

**More Information** Contact a member of the Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee.

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2009 *Hugo's Applegate Trail GLO Points of Interest*. Brochure 1 in Applegate Trail GLO Surveys Series. Hugo, OR.

2. Office of National Trails Preservation & Oregon-California Trails Association (P.O. box 1019, Independence, MO, 64051-0519, 816-252-2276, octa@indepmo.org). July 2002, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. *Mapping Emigrants Trails MET Field Manual*.

3. Josephine County Historical Society, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society, & NW Chapter Oregon-California Trails Association. August 31, 2011. *Minutes of Field Trip*

*To Sexton Mt. Pass Trail Rock (Trail Rock) of Applegate Trail*. Hugo, OR.

4. Oregon State Highway Department. August 1940. *Right of Way Map, Sexton Mt. Section. Pacific Highway, Josephine County*. Scale 1" = 100'. Part 1 of 2, Drg. No. 5B-28-11.



*Chain Tree Ribbon*

## Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were. The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee* was formed to bring together all those who want to learn more about the early transportation in the area, from the casual admirer to the dedicated researcher. Its aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1850s General Land Office mapped roads, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

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.

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