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## Hugo's Regional Applegate Trail Fords: 1846 - 1847

**Fords: 1846 & 1847** Except as otherwise noted in individual ford brochures, Hugo's fords program starts with the identification of fords for the Applegate wagon trains of 1846 and 1847 as identified from the GLO surveys and maps.<sup>1</sup>

<http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>

- Hugo's Regional Applegate Trail Fords Program<sup>2</sup>
- 1846 & 1847 Applegate Trail Wagon Companies In Hugo Region<sup>2</sup>
- 1846 & 1847 Applegate Trail Wagon Companies' Two Fords of Rogue River<sup>2</sup>

### Jacksonville Road (JR) of Applegate Trail Fords

JR Ford No. 1.	Rogue River's Pearce Riffle Ford <sup>2</sup>
JR Ford No. 2.	Tokay Creek Ford
JR Ford No. 3.	Louse Creek Ford <sup>2</sup>
JR Ford No. 4.	Harris Creek Ford
JR Ford No. 5.	Schoolhouse Creek Ford
JR Ford No. 6.	Jumpoff Joe Creek Ford <sup>2</sup>
JR Ford No. 7.	Bannister Creek Fords
JR Ford No. 8.	Maple Creek Ford No. I
JR Ford No. 9.	Maple Creek Ford No. II
JR Ford No. 10.	Rat Creek Fords <sup>2</sup>
JR Ford No. 11.	Grave Creek Ford <sup>2</sup>

### Illinois Valley (IV) Road of Applegate Trail Fords

IV Ford No. 1.	Rogue River's Fort Vannoy Ford <sup>2</sup>
IV Ford No. 2.	Vannoy Creek Ford
IV Ford No. 3.	Louse Creek Ford
IV Ford No. 4.	Harris Creek Ford
IV Ford No. 5.	Jumpoff Joe Creek Ford
IV Ford No. 6.	Bannister Creek Ford No. I
IV Ford No. 7.	Bannister Creek Ford No. II
IV Ford No. 8.	Corliss Creek Ford No. I
IV Ford No. 9.	Corliss Creek Ford No. II

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## Hugo's Fords of Interest From Rogue River to Grave Creek

**Fords** are relatively shallow places in a body of water, such as a river, where one can cross by walking, or riding on an animal, or in a vehicle such as a wagon or automobile. Many times a ford would require the sides of gullies, streams, or rivers to be dug out and the bottoms filled in to allow for the passage of wagons. The cover photograph is an example of a truck ford on Grave Creek along Placer Road (approximately mile 8).

### Diaries, Journals and Reminiscences: 1846 - 1847

The primary sources of ford information were from the Applegate Trail diarists of 1846 and 1847<sup>3</sup> as supplemented by reminiscences and later trail research. <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/applegat.htm>

North of the Rogue River in 1846 the wagon train was spread out and there were at least three companies.<sup>4</sup>



Scott with 1<sup>st</sup> company at Pearce Riffle ford on JR road. Pringle with 2<sup>nd</sup> company did not follow Scott when he heard the way was blocked and used the Fort Vannoy ford on IV road, and the last

wagon train on IV road believed to be comprised of the following companies: Harrison Linville, Vanderpool, including the Rev. Cornwall.

**1853 Military Road** Brevet Major B. Alvord, United State Army surveyed the 1853 Military Road (combination of existing and proposed routes) from Myrtle Creek to Jacksonville, Oregon.<sup>5-6</sup>

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## General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Maps

**1855 & 1856 GLO Surveys** The military road was the Jacksonville Road of the Applegate Trail as built when recorded by the 1855 GLO survey in Josephine County, Oregon.<sup>1</sup> The Applegate Trail was also the Illinois Valley Road.

**Ferries** "In 1851 Joel Perkins commenced operation of a ferry near the confluence of the Rogue and Applegate rivers. Later known as Vannoy's Ferry, this crossing served both emigrants and miners, especially those traveling to the Illinois Valley. Farther up the Rogue, Evans's Ferry and Derbin's Ferry offered 1853 ferry crossings of the river."<sup>1 & 7</sup>

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* or Sexton Enterprises.

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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. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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