

General Land Office (GLO) Surveys & Points of Interest (POIs)¹

Emigrant Trail is the name collectively applied to the network of wagon trails throughout the American West during the middle 19th century, used by emigrants from the eastern United States to settle lands west of the Rocky Mountains. The term specifically applies to three interrelated routes: the Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, and California Trail, including the Applegate Trail (*Trail*), a branch of the California Trail. An estimated 500,000 emigrants used these trails from 1843-1869, with up to one-tenth dying along the way, usually due to disease.

The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee* was formed May 2005 to bring together all those who want to learn more about the early transportation in the Hugo area. The project's aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's segment of the *Trail*.

Hugo's Trail is located in Josephine County, Oregon from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. There are presently thirty-three (33) 1850s GLO surveyed

POIs/Waypoints along Hugo's two emigrant routes of the *Trail*.¹⁻²

GLO Surveys & Maps are useful documentary resources for identifying emigrant trails. These are the original federal township surveys starting in the 1850s.

MET The inventory process foundation for Hugo's trail project is the OR-CA Trails Association's mapping emigrant trails (MET) program.³
http://www.octa-trails.org/preserve/MET_field.pdf



Waymarking, Trailblazing, & Wayfinding On Public Lands

Waymarking & Wayfinding is an activity in which people can locate and find the *Trail* with a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver and a digital camera. The goal is that participation in waymarking leads some to become more knowledgeable of their community and to become interested in local history.



Applegate Trail JA-6 Marker

Trail blazing, or trailblazing, is the practice of marking the *Trail* with blazes or signs.

Public Waypoints include longitude and latitude coordinates for *Trail* signs. These coordinates as well as other clues for the following public POIs/Waypoints are provided on Hugo's web site at: <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/inventorybrochures.htm>.

POIs/Waypoints For Jacksonville Rd of Trail

OR-AT-00-35-06-24-W-JA-03	Louse Creek Saddle	JA-3
OR-AT-00-35-06-13-W-JA-04	Harris Road 1	JA-4
OR-AT-00-35-06-13-N-JA-05	Harris Road 2	JA-5
OR-AT-00-35-06-13-N-JA-06	Harris Road 3	JA-6
OR-AT-00-35-06-13-N-JA-07	Harris Road 4	JA-7
OR-AT-00-34-06-35-W-JA-10	Monument Drive	JA-10
OR-AT-00-34-06-22-N-JA-14	Maple Creek	JA-14
OR-AT-00-34-06-14-E-JA-15	South Rat Creek	JA-15
OR-AT-00-34-06-11-W-JA-16	Old Stage Road	JA-16
OR-AT-00-35-06-14-**-JA-H-2B	Davis House	JA-H-2B

POIs/Waypoints For Illinois Valley Road of Trail

OR-AT-00-35-06-22-W-IV-00	Railroad Bluff	Break IV-0
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Geotrailing The Applegate Trail

Geotrailing The Applegate Trail is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a GPS receiver or other navigational techniques to seek trail markers on public lands in the Hugo region.

What is the meaning of the word Geotrailing? The word Geotrailing refers to GEO for geography, and to TRAILING, the process of finding an historic emigrant trail. In this case the Applegate Trail in northern Josephine County, Oregon.

Be Respectful *Do not trespass. Most Trail locations are on private property not open to the public.* Some of these public POIs/Waypoints can be located without permission. Others require authority from the land manager. For example, JA-6, JA-7, and JA-H-2B are managed by the Josephine County Sportsman Association and require permission.

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

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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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Draft Proposal: Geotrailing Applegate Trail In Hugo



Brochure 4C of Applegate Trail GLO
Surveys Brochure Series



*Applegate Trail JA-15
South Rat Creek Marker*

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