

1856 Wagon Trail Committee

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic roads, rough though they were.

The goal of the *Trails Committee* is to preserve our cultural assets through documentation.

The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee (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.¹ The aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's two historic 1856 roads, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

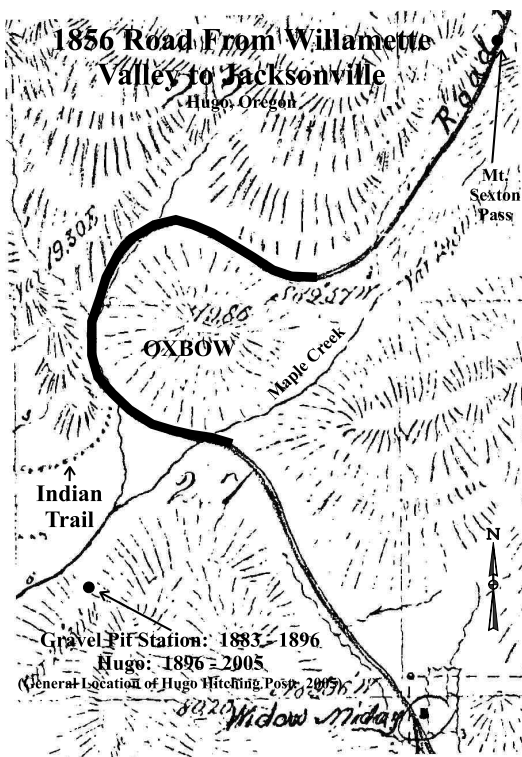
- **Road from Willamette Valley to Jacksonville (route of the Applegate Trail)**
- **Road to Illinois Valley via Van Noys Ferry (route of the Applegate Trail from Widow Niday's place to ferry location on Rogue River)**

Do you own property where one of our two 1856 roads once passed? Would you like to know more about their history?

Wagon Trail Inventory

The *Hugo 1856 Wagon Trail Inventory* will be conducted by neighbors on the *Trails Committee* who research and inventory our two 150 year old wagon trails.

Committee members will research the history of the area in order to better understand their subject. Global position system (GPS) devices will be used along with more traditional mapping techniques.



More Information

The purpose of the *Hugo 1856 Wagon Trail Inventory* is to help local preservation advocates, land-use planners, economic development coordinators, and tourism promoters understand the wealth of historic assets in the Hugo community.



The *Hugo 1856 Wagon Trail Inventory* could provide a basis for preservation and planning at all levels of government and for individual groups, or neighbors. It is important to note that the inventory is not an end in itself, but a beginning for neighbors who value their community's history.

Interested participating neighbors are the key to accurately marking our emigrant trails. Outreach to neighbors is extremely important because it identifies the *Hugo Neighborhood* as a responsible organization. While we want to mark and preserve the trails, we want to do it in a manner which engenders hospitality, rather than hostility, from the property owners. *Committee* members will never enter private property without permission.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*, or a member of the *Committee* on how you can become involved in this trail project.

¹ Hugo Neighborhood. 2005. Public Outreach & Educational Brochure Program: Hugo's Emigrant Trails. Hugo, OR.

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 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. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer.

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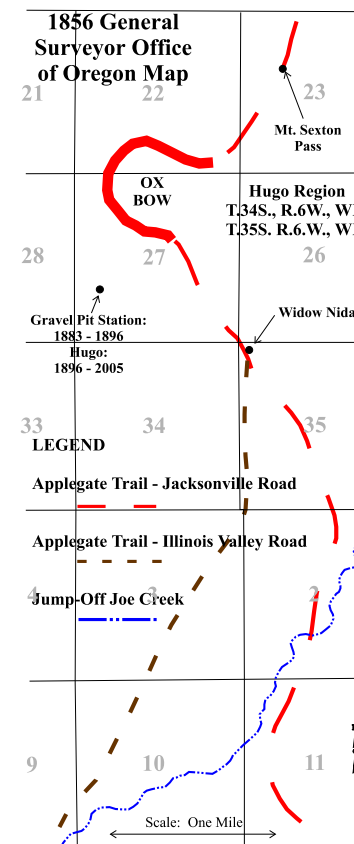
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