
Private Property Owners Are The Guardians Of The Applegate Trail

Exploring for and discovering the Applegate Trail in southwestern Oregon and the Hugo region is the primary interest, if not fascination, and the goal of the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. The *Hugo Emigrant Trails Committee* was formed January 27, 2005 by the *Hugo Neighborhood* 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. The mission of the *Trails Committee's* is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1856 General Land Office (GLO) mapped roads (Applegate Trail), and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, hikes, visits to property owners, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.). Hugo's Applegate Trail routes of interest are located from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north.

- **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)**

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Purpose of *Private Property Outreach Sub-Committee*

Today, most of these 1846 - 1883 Applegate Trail routes of interest are located on private property. Interested participating neighbors are the key to accurately mapping, marking, and monitoring 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.

The purpose of the *Private Property Outreach Sub-Committee* is to identify the private property owners where, or near where, the Applegate Trail was located. This includes identifying and locating the Josephine County assessor maps along the old emigrant trails. They will be used as the base map for mapping the historic emigrant Applegate Trail. Their tax lots and associated property owners (i.e., fly sheets) will be used by the *Sub-Committee* as an outreach tool to share this cultural heritage with Hugo's neighbors.

Private Property Outreach Sub-Committee

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More Information

The Applegate Trail routes of interest are approximately 17-18 miles long from Louse Creek in the south to Grave Creek in the north. Several assessor maps have these trails located on them as the "*Approx Centerline of the Territorial Road Willamette to Jacksonville.*"

The territorial road was the Applegate Trail as it evolved from the first wagon train trail of 1846. The territorial road is captured by the 1856 GLO maps the same year Oregon became a state. The GLO maps and routes will be mapped on those assessor maps where the territorial road is not located.



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

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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