
Hugo Emigrant Trail Inventory Process

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 Hugo area.¹ The aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's emigrant trails, especially its two historic 1856 roads.

- **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)**

Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA)

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The *Hugo Emigrant Wagon Trail Inventory (HEWTI)* will be conducted by the *Trails Committee* using OCTA'S mapping methods, including the plotting trail classification categories.²

Mapping emigrant trails (MET) is OCTA's program for locating, verifying, classifying and plotting emigrant trails based on standard systematic research methods and procedures. For example, the *Trails Committee* will use the four cardinal rules to verify a trail's location on USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangles.²

Cardinal Rules Of Trail Location

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1. **Coherence Rule** - linear uniformity.
2. **Corroborative Rule** - confirming evidence.
3. **Collateral Rule** - physical and/or topographical evidence.
4. **Correlation Rule** - overall agreement between all evidence.

In the best situation the trail researcher examines all the relevant written, cartographic, physical and artifact evidence and finds them mutually supporting. When adequate diary/journal or physical/artifact evidence is lacking, the researcher must rely heavily on the next best source of evidence, usually later reports or maps, especially General Land Office plats.

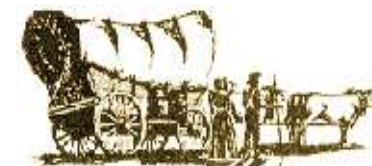
The OCTA has 11 regional or state chapters, one of which is the Northwest Chapter which covers Oregon, Washington, and Western Canada - Web: <http://nwocta.com/>. Contact the Neiderheisers for information on preservation of the Applegate Trail and mapping emigrant trails.

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

Trail Classification

Most trail segments that remain visible today have been impacted by man and nature during the post-emigrant period. The *Trails Committee* will use OCTA's trail classification scheme.¹



- Class 1** ① - **Unaltered Trail** It retains its original character.
- Class 2** ② - **Used Trail** It retains elements of its original character, but shows use by motor vehicles.
- Class 3** ③ - **Verified Trail** It is accurately located and verified, but trail traces are nonexistent or insignificant.
- Class 4** ④ - **Altered Trail** It is verified, but elements of its original condition are permanently altered.
- Class 5** ⑤ - **Approximate Trail** It is obliterated or unverifiable that its location is known only approximately.

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

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, 4th edition. *Mapping Emigrants Trails MET Field Manual*.

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 of the Applegate Trail, 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.

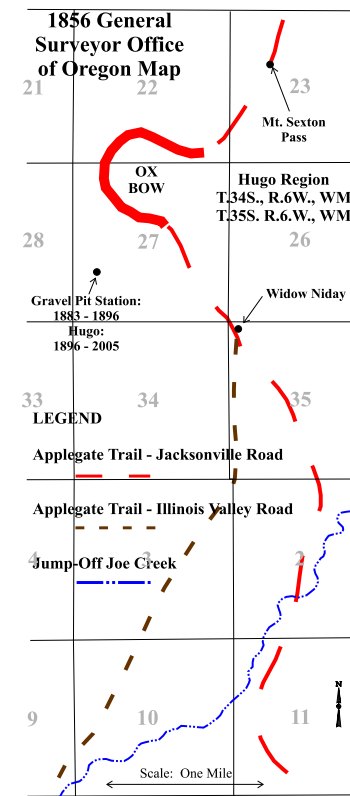
Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area. Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings.

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