

**8-28-18---Update-- to the
CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL
Utah & Nevada
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Page 46

New marker No.1.-Marker COTU-5--Starting at the top of Page 46, replace the information with the following marker information:

MARKER COTU-5

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - RUSH VALLEY

"Reached Rush Valley at nine o'clock in the morning. Drove into the valley 10 miles and nooned.

Good Water .After dinner drove 10 miles farther and camped. Good water and grass. Sage for fuel."

Albert Jefferson Young, August.7 & 8, 1862

How To Find:

From Marker COTU-4, return to Main Street (SR-36).

Turn left. Go 5.6 miles to the center of the town of Stockton and the intersection of Silver Avenue and Connor Avenue.

Continue through the intersection and park on the right side of the street next to the small park and a fence.

The marker is behind the fence and in the northeast corner of the park.

LAT/LONG: N 40°27.106', W 112°21.756'

UTM: 384457 E, 4478793

MARKER COTNU-3

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - FAUST CREEK

"Left Camp Floyd at eight a.m. for California. Marched 18 ½ miles and camped on Meadow Creek [Faust Creek] in Rush Valley. We are all mounted on mules, have seventeen wagons and an escort of twenty men; Dragoons and Infantry. A Mormon guide and two Indians accompany us."
William Lee (member of the Simpson Expedition), May 2, 1859

How To Find:

From Marker COTU-5, continue 5.2 miles south on SR-36 to the junction of SR-73 on the left.

Continue ahead on SR-36. Go 15.3 miles to the junction with Faust Road on the left.

Turn left. Go 0.4 mile to the marker on the right.

When parking, pull off the road to the right as far as possible.

LAT/LONG: N 40°10.416', W 112°25.164'

UTM: 379211 E, 4447786 N

To continue your trip on the Camp Floyd Branch of the Central Overland Trail, retrace your trip back to Marker COTU-1 in Emigrant (Washington) Square in Salt Lake City.

Page 51--

In the third paragraph, second sentence--change 0.4 mile to 0.1 mile.

In the 4th paragraph, second sentence change 5.3 miles to 3.0 miles and Exit 291 should be changed to Exit 288.

Pages 64, 65, 66 & 68-

Replace all references to "Marker COTNU-3B" with "Marker COTNU-3A."

Page 67--Delete the 4th paragraph--which is written in bold letters.

Page 71- starting at the top of the current page 71, insert:

MARKER COTNU-4A

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - SKULL VALLEY

“We rose early this morning to get off to finish our 35 miles to the next watter. We had good roads in the for noon, but our road was very rough and rocky in the afternoon.”

Philander Powell, August 25, 1860

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-5 turn around and return 3.4 miles to Pony Express Road.

Turn left. Go 6.0 miles to a seldom-used dirt track on the right.

Turn right, drive 100 yards to the marker.

LAT/LONG: N 40° 05.001, 112° 45.819

UTM: 349034 4438499

MARKER COTNU-7

(Note: use the marker inscription plate as it currently appears on page 71)

Replace the first two sentences in the **How To Find** with the following two sentences:

From Marker COTNU-4A, turn around and return to Pony Express Road.

Turn right. Go 0.3 miles to a Y junction.

(continue with the existing how to find information.)

Page 76-Replace the information on Pages 76 & 77 with the following marker information:

MARKER COTNU-7A

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - OLD RIVERBED JUNCTION

" Camped at Indian Spring in kanyon on Conners Cutoff. ...Done a washing and repacked our wagon preparatory for crossing the Desert, started at 12 1/2 pm drove to the river Bed and grazed at 3 oclock."

Jackson Swank, June 11 & 12, 1864

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-6, return to Pony Express Road.

Turn left. Go 4.7 miles and park.

Walk 60 yards to the marker on the left (south) side of the road.

Be sure to look for the ruts coming to the marker from the east and northeast.

LAT/LONG: N 39°58.185', W 112°53.270'

UTM: 338774 E, 4425896 W

MARKER COTNU-8

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - DUGWAY PASS

"Course nearly southwest across desert to 'Short Cut Pass'. Through this pass Chorpenning & Company, the mail contractors, have made a road, but it is so crooked and steep as to scarcely permit our wagons to get up it."

Capt. James H. Simpson, May 5, 1859

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-7A, continue 0.8 mile west on Pony Express Road to the stonework monument 130 yards to the right.

This monument marks the site of the Riverbed stage station.

Continue 0.7 mile to a concrete post located on the left side of the road.

This post marks the location where the trail crosses the driving road.

From this point to Dugway Pass the trail is south of the driving road.

Continue 12.3 miles on Pony Express Road to the summit of Dugway Pass and the marker on the left.

LAT/LONG: N 39°51.130', W 113°05.144'

UTM: 321637 E, 4413226 N

Page 80--Replace the information on Pages 80 & 81 with the following marker information:

MARKER COTNU-8A

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - BLACK ROCK HILL SOUTHERN ROUTE

"Having reached the plain the road ran for eight miles over a broken surface...it then forked. The left, which is about six miles the longer of the two, must be taken after rains, and leads to the Devil's Hole. ...We chose the shorter cut and after eight miles rounded Mountain Point, the end of a dark brown butte falling into the plain."

Sir Richard Burton, September 29, 1860

Front Plate

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - BLACK ROCK HILL SOUTHERN ROUTE

"A southern route to Fish Springs crossed today's road at this point. It was the original trail and was followed by James Simpson's 1859 expedition and by George Chorpensing's mail coaches until a reliable road was developed across the swampy Fish Springs Flats. In this immediate area all traces of this road have disappeared, but if you walk a quarter mile to the north you will find the very visible remains of the Central Overland Trail, which was used by the Pony Express, the Overland Stage, and countless covered wagon emigrants."

Back Plate

How To Find:

From Marker COTU-8, continue 4.8 miles west to the marker on the right.

This location is where the trail, opened by George Chorpenning in late 1858 and used by Captain James Simpson in May of 1859, crosses the driving road.

This route went around the south side of the Black Rock Hills in order to avoid the swampy area east of Fish Springs. After about a year and a half, a road was opened through the swamps and this earlier route was abandoned except during very wet weather.

No remains of the old trail have been located in this immediate area. However, if you walk a quarter-mile to the northeast you will find the pristine ruts and swales of the main route of the Central Overland Trail.

LAT/LONG N 39°52.360', W 113°09.769'

UTM: 315036 E. 4415653 N

MARKER COTNU-9

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - CHORPENNING ROUTE - DEVIL'S HOLE

"Just before reaching Fish Springs station we passed one of the salt wells which are characteristic of this country.

This one is six to eight feet in diameter and perhaps an equal distance from the surface to the water which has a whitish green aspect, is intensely salt, and said to be unfathomable."

Horace Greeley, July 22, 1859

How To Find:

From Marker COTU-8A, continue 6.2 miles west to the stonework monument for Black Rock Station on the right.

Continue ahead 4.2 miles to the cattle guard at the entrance of the Fish Springs Wildlife Refuge.

Continue ahead 4.1 miles to a road on the left

Turn left onto the east branch of the Sand Pass Road. Go 0.1 mile to intersect the main branch of Sand Pass Road.

Turn left. Go 3.0 miles south on Sand Pass Road to a Y road junction.

Turn right. Go 1.0 mile south to the marker and Devil's Hole on the left.

The road to the left probably follows the Chorpenning/Simpson route that went around the south side of the Black Rock Hills and then headed north to Fish Springs.

LAT/LONG: N 39°45.873', W 113°23.905'

UTM: 294625 E, 4404173 N

Page 89-- at the top of page 89 insert the following marker information.

MARKER COTNU-10A

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL - FISH SPRINGS MOUNTAINS

“Soon after starting it commenced to rain, which softened the road so much as to cause the wagons to stall. ... At this point the road doubles the point of the range along which we have been traveling.”

Captain James H. Simpson, May 7, 1859

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-10, go 50 yards north to a T intersection.

Turn left. Go 50 yards and pass the site of the Fish Springs station on the right. It is marked with a stainless steel post.

Continue south to the exit from the refuge.

Turn right onto Pony Express Road.

Go 0.8 miles to a stonework monument on the right.

The station site is directly to the east about three quarters of a mile. The Cottonwood trees at the picnic area are easily visible from the monument.

Continue on Pony Express Road 4.9 miles to a seldom-used dirt track on the right.

Turn right and at about 120 feet bear to the right on an even lesser used dirt track.

Go straight ahead to the marker which is just to the left of a dark colored rocky outcrop.

A word of caution, at about 75 yards after leaving the main road the track enters

a totally flat area. If it has recently rained there is a chance of getting stuck. If the ground is wet you should consider stopping while you are still on the rocky surface and walking the remaining 100 yards to the marker.

LAT/LONG: N 39° 53.920, W 113° 26.815

UTM: 290812 4419376

MARKER COTNU-12

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL – BOYD STATION

"At Boyd Station is a well 12 feet deep"

Cornelius Prather, July 31, 1862

"Left camp [at Fish Springs] at seven o'clock. Drove on to the first station

[Boyd Station] and nooned"

Albert Jefferson Young, August 12, 1862

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-10A, return to Pony Express Road.

Turn right and continue 2.0 miles. On the right (unless they have disappeared) are two white Carsonite trail markers, one for the Pony Express Trail and one for the Lincoln Highway.

At this point the trail cuts diagonally across the flats to Boyd Station. This section of the trail is drivable in a high-clearance vehicle

Continue ahead 6.3 miles to the ruins of Boyd Station and the marker.

Turn right into the small parking lot. The marker is at the north edge of the lot.

LAT/LONG: N 39° 50.620', W 113° 33.199'

UTM: 281540 E, 4413526 N

MARKER COTNU-13

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL – WILLOW SPRINGS [CALLAO]

"At sunup came to Willow Springs and camped. This is quite an extensive valley. These springs are deep holes like wells and some so deep there can be no bottom found. Some run over, others stand level full.

Every year some stock is lost here by drowning in these wells."

George Harter, August, 1864

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-12, return to the road.

Turn right. Go 7.8 miles west to a cattle guard that marks the eastern edge of the community of Callao.

Continue 2.9 miles, passing through Callao, to a stonework monument on the right, making three 90* turns along the way.

The Willow Springs Pony Express and Overland Stage station site is located on private property at the end of the driveway going east from the monument. This place is now known as the Anderson Ranch.

LAT/LONG: N 39° 54.021', W 113° 42.848'

UTM: 315036 E, 4415653

MARKER COTNU-14

CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL – DEEP CREEK SUMMIT

"Started out again across the desert, drove 6 miles, found water for our horses then drove on up the mountains for 9 miles of an upward grade. Reached the summit, then drove down into the Deep Creek Canyon."

Abbey Fulkerth, June 26, 1863

How To Find:

From Marker COTNU-13, continue 0.5 mile west to a T intersection at the western edge of Callao.

Turn right. Go 4.1 miles to a T road junction.

The road straight ahead goes to the mining town of Gold Hill.

Turn left. Go 8.1 miles on Pony Express Road to the ruins of Canyon (Round) Station on the left.

Continue 3.6 miles, passing through Overland Canyon, to a point opposite the stonework monument on the left located on the far side of the deep wash.

This monument is located about 150 yards east of the site of Canyon Station (sometimes called Burnt Station).

If you would like to visit the monument, go 0.1 mile north to the two-track road on the left. Turn left and cross the gully to the intersection with the trail. Turn left. Go along the trail to the stonework monument.

From the intersection, the trail, which is drivable in a high clearance vehicle, cuts diagonally to the left across Clifton Flat.

Continue 0.9 mile north on Pony Express Road to a Y road junction.

Turn left. Go 1.3 miles to a T road junction with the Lower Gold Hill Road.

The road to the right goes to Gold Hill.

Turn left. Go 0.7 mile to Deep Creek Summit and the marker on the left.

At the summit, the trail enters the road from the left.

LAT/LONG: N 40° 05.988', W 113° 52.743'

UTM: 346894 E, 4426087 N

INFORMATION KIOSK IN IBAPAH, UTAH How To Find

From Marker COTNU-14, continue 5.3 miles west on the Lower Gold Hill Road to a T intersection with the paved BIA road, Highway 1.

On the way, the trail leaves the driving road, veering to the left at 1.2 miles, and coming back to the driving road at 2.6 miles.

Turn left. Go 2.9 miles to the Ibapah Information Kiosk on the right.

LAT/LONG: N 40° 02.253', W 113° 59.027'

UTM: 346894 E, 4426087 N

Page 196--This plate has been added to Marker CON-33/CR-12.

MARKER CR-12

CARSON TRAIL – RAGTOWN

“RAG TOWN ...IS A COLLECTION OF TENTS AND CANVASS SHANTIES,
WHERE A TOLERABLE MEAL CAN BE HAD AT ONE DOLLAR A HEAD.
WHISKEY IS SOLD, CARDS ARE PLAYED, GAMBLING PRETTY EXTENSIVELY
CARRIED ON AND HAY SOLD.”

HENRY SHELDON ANABLE, SEP 1, 1852

Page 207--In the second sentence of the third paragraph, the word "Park" should be replaced with the word "Monument."