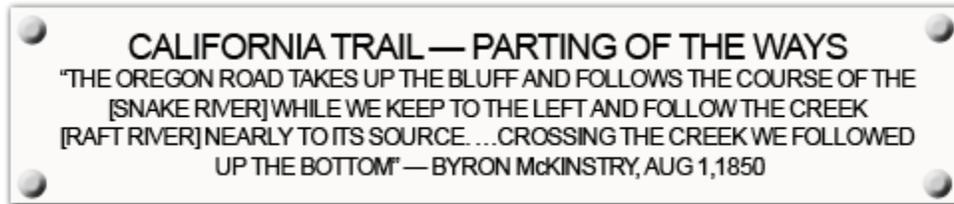


1. Here is an example of the inscription plates that are attached to each marker. (This is a California Trail plate.)



The Inscription On The Plate At Marker C-1

2. The How To Find driving instructions are included, along with Maps, that show the driving routes to each marker. These detailed instructions are planned to take the traveler along the trail by the quickest and safest route. The position of each marker is shown with GPS coordinates. Cautionary notes are included where appropriate. An example of a How To Find instruction is shown below.

A-40: POTHOLE SPRING

See guide Map 3, page 26, and Map 4, page 32

HOW TO FIND:

From Marker A-39, return to FS Route 136. Turn left. Go 2.9 miles to a "Y" road junction. Bear left. Go 3.9 miles to FS Road 46N19, a dirt road on the left. Turn left. Go 0.6 mile to an unlocked green metal gate. Go through the gate and close it. Go 0.3 mile to the marker.

The marker is located on the southwest edge of a wet meadow at Pothole Spring and the grave of Lloyd Shook - 1851.

Caution: Sometimes this field is very wet and cannot be driven on.

3. In our full size guides, many diary quotes are included for nearly every marker in order to give the modern traveler a taste of what the early emigrants experienced along the trail. A sample of one of these Overland Narratives is shown below.

"Sept. 20. 6 miles to a steep decent and good camp on creek [Jenny Creek] the decent is not dangerous though it is very steep Mrs Brown is vey sick the weather is pleasant." William Cochran Stoddard, 1852

4. Trail Descriptions describe the route of the trail between the markers. On the general maps, the map key indicates whether the trail shown is in original condition, has been used by vehicles or is located approximately. A sample description is shown below.

From Marker A-37, a short section of the trail, followed by the trail route, goes west along Fletcher Creek for about 1 ½ miles to a small meadow where the creek makes a bend to the left. Here, the trail route turns southwest and continues about a quarter mile along the creek, past a large, blazed pine tree, to Marker A-38. The marker is located where a small creek, usually dry, enters Fletcher Creek from the west.

5. Side trips and Hiking trips are described at appropriate locations. For most of the side trips, a high clearance or four-wheel drive vehicle will be required.

Here is a sample of the information on one of the Additional Trips presented in the Applegate Guide From Lassen Meadows To Goose Lake:

A SIDE TRIP TO LASSEN-CLAPPER MURDER SITE

"To reach the Peter Lassen and Edward Clapper murder site from Marker A-15B, continue 0.9 miles east on the dirt road from Wheeler Reservoir to a four-way road junction. Continue across this junction (4WD high clearance is recommended). Then go 2.3 miles Through a wilderness area, and crossing two deep gullies. Park where you can turn around. The murder site and a large boulder is off to the right, before the dry creek bed. (See Map 6 on next page.)"

6. Numerous photographs of scenes along the trail are included and identified. Many of these photos are unique to the guides.

7. Special features include an introductory history of the Applegate Trail and historical commentaries on events and sites along the trail, such as emigrants' post office, murders, sufferings, humor, and deadly encounters.