

# Oregon-California Trails Association

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The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) is the nation's largest and most influential organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of overland emigrant trails and the emigrant experience.

OCTA members protect the trails to prevent the destruction of trail remnants, graves and other trail-related sites. Members also place markers on the trails and maintain existing markers.

OCTA encourages the study of the trails through its publications and through the development of classroom materials for teachers. Members also map the trails and collect data for the documentation of overland diaries, newspapers and other materials.



Ruts on west Sheep Creek Hills

Jerry Eichhorst

# Idaho Chapter - IOCTA

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The Idaho chapter of OCTA is known as "IOCTA". This chapter is active in the marking of existing trail segments, discovering new segments, and working with the BLM and other agencies to preserve the excellent trail segments still found in Idaho.



King Hill stage station

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Idaho has the most remaining segments of the Oregon Trail and it's numerous variants of any state. Many of these remnants are pristine and can be hiked on with no difficulty, thus providing an experience similar to that of the emigrants. The IOCTA chapter regularly has marking outings as well and exploration field trips throughout the southern half of Idaho. Discoveries of the northern portion of Goodale's route, a lost segment of trail near Big Hill, and the King Hill stage station are a few of the recent activities of IOCTA. Several members have published books on the Oregon Trail in Idaho.



Teapot Dome from Hot Creek

Jerry Eichhorst

# 2008 National Convention

IOCTA will be hosting the national OCTA convention in August 2008 at the Nampa Civic Center. It is expected that over 500 people will attend from across the US as well as several foreign countries. The convention will have meetings featuring historical speakers, workshops and training sessions, bookrooms, and a number of exciting tours. In addition, there will be several luncheons, a BBQ dinner, and several evenings of entertainment. There will be 5 days of activities for people dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the Oregon Trail.

The current convention leadership from IOCTA has never hosted a national convention before. Consequently, we are working together with the Northwest Chapter and depending upon their recent experience for guidance and direction. Several planning meetings have already been held. A number of very talented people have volunteered to help with the many tasks which need to be done. We are currently working with several county historical societies, the Nampa Civic Center, and the Idaho Department of Tourism.

Sponsorships are being sought for activities such as luncheons as well as basic supporting donations. Sponsors will receive an advertisement in the convention guide book and banners, as well as the sincere gratitude of IOCTA and the convention attendees.

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