

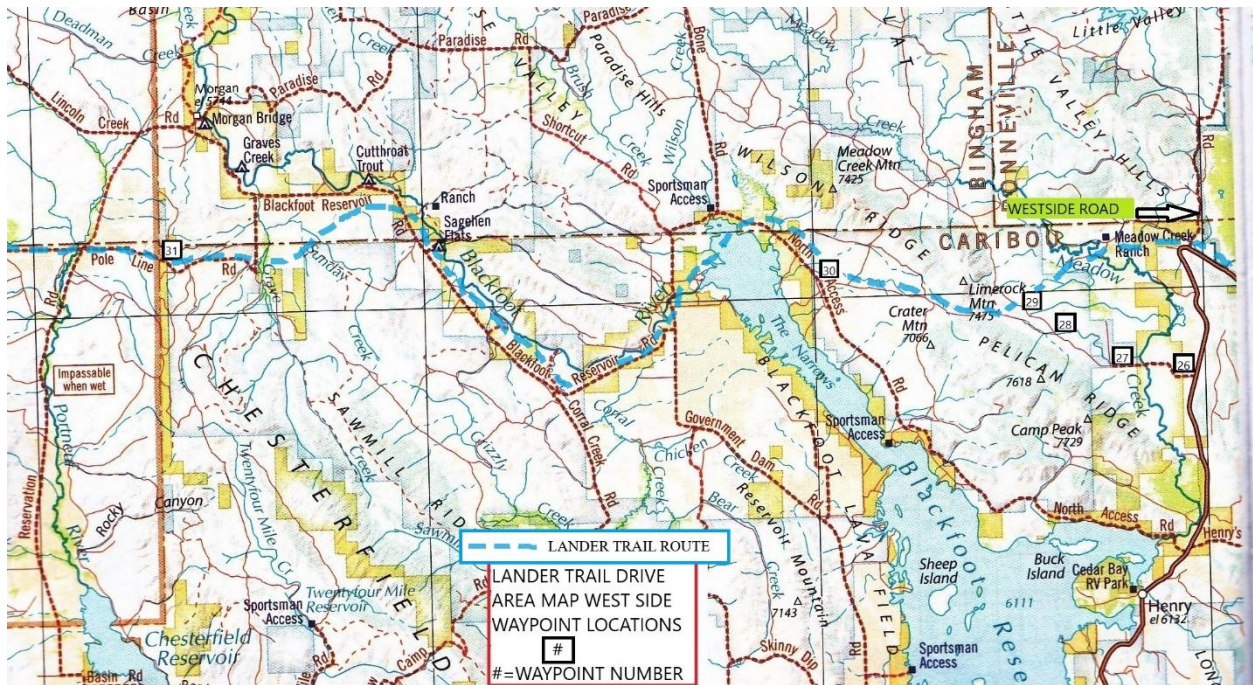
Lander Trail in Idaho Driving Tour (rev. 2)

General comments. Total distance 133 miles from Thayne to Waypoint 31.

2 maps are provided. The maps show the general location of the way points. There is a gap in map coverage. This gap is pointed out in the text and is mostly a section of highway 34.



EAST SIDE MAP



WEST SIDE MAP

Mile 0 Start at Marverik gas station in Thayne, Wyoming. Reference EAST SIDE MAP Turn south (left) out of the station following Highway 89.

Mile 5.7 Turn right onto Wyoming 238 towards Auburn, Wyoming. Follow 238 to south end of Auburn.

Mile 10.1 (Waypoint 13) see Photo A. Turn west (right) onto Auburn-Tygee road (county road 134). At this point the Lander Trail has been running north up the valley towards you. The Lander Trail turns west in this area. From this point to Waypoint 18 you are following its general route.



PHOTO A (WAYPOINT 13) Looking South.

Mile 12.6 Idaho-Wyoming border. Note information sign on right. Continue west on road.

Mile 13.9 (Waypoint 14) See Photo B. Turn west (right) onto unsigned gravel road (Forest Service 109) (paved road continues south) Keep to right.



PHOTO B (WAYPOINT 14) Looking Southwest.

Mile 14.8 (Waypoint 15) See Photo C. Turn west (left) continue to Forest Service Stump Creek Guard Station.



PHOTO C (WAYPOINT 15) Looking Northwest.

Mile 15.1 (Waypoint 16) Stump Creek Guard Station. The Lander Trail passed from left to right here. Lander Trail continues north from this point onto private land. Turn around back to Stump Creek Road. Turn left, continue northwest along Stump Creek Road. From this point to the end of the road (Waypoint 18) the Lander Trail is on the opposite side of the creek along the tree line on generally private land.

Mile 15.8 (Waypoint 17) There is a National Park information sign here. The sign discusses the salt spring across the creek to the west. Continue northwest along the dirt road.

NOTE: From this point the road is dirt or poor gravel and narrow. It will be difficult in wet conditions.

Mile 20.9 (Waypoint 18) End of road. There is a parking area here as this is a trailhead. One trail continues northwest the same direction as the road. The other trail is accessed via a bridge to your left. The trail accessed via the bridge is the Lander Trail. This trail is labelled 001 on forest service maps.

Cross the bridge and continue another 100 yards to a National Park information sign on the Lander Trail. The Lander Trail passes from left to right at the sign. If you follow the trail to the left about 300 yards you will come to fenced off ruts. See Photo D. The walking trail to the right ends up turning west and connecting to a forest road about 7 miles from this point (Waypoint 21).



PHOTO D

Since we cannot at this point follow the route of the Lander Trail by vehicle, we will turn around and make our way to the other end of the Forest Service trail.

Reset your odometer.

Return to Waypoint 14, paved road, 6.5 miles.

Mile 6.5 (Waypoint 14) Turn left.

Mile 10.1 (Waypoint 13) Turn left. Follow road 238 north to highway 89. Follow 89 north back through Thayne to junction with highway 239.

Mile 25.1 Turn left onto Highway 239 towards Freedom.

Mile 26.7 Turn right onto State Line Road towards Idaho highway 34.

Mile 27.7 Turn left onto Idaho highway 34. Follow 34.

Mile 41 (Waypoint 19) See Photo E. Turn left onto gravel road, Lanes Creek Cutoff Road.



PHOTO E (WAYPOINT 19) Looking Southwest.

Reset your odometer. Continue south on gravel road.

Mile 3.3 (Waypoint 20) Turn left onto forest service road 107 (this is labelled “Flat Valley Road” on attached EAST SIDE MAP). This is an all-weather gravel road. The road has numerous branches. Stay on the main road 107.

Mile 9.1, top of a hill, continue straight (left).

Mile 10 (Waypoint 21) See Photo F. This is the other end of the trail (001 on forest service maps) from Waypoint 18. Turn around.

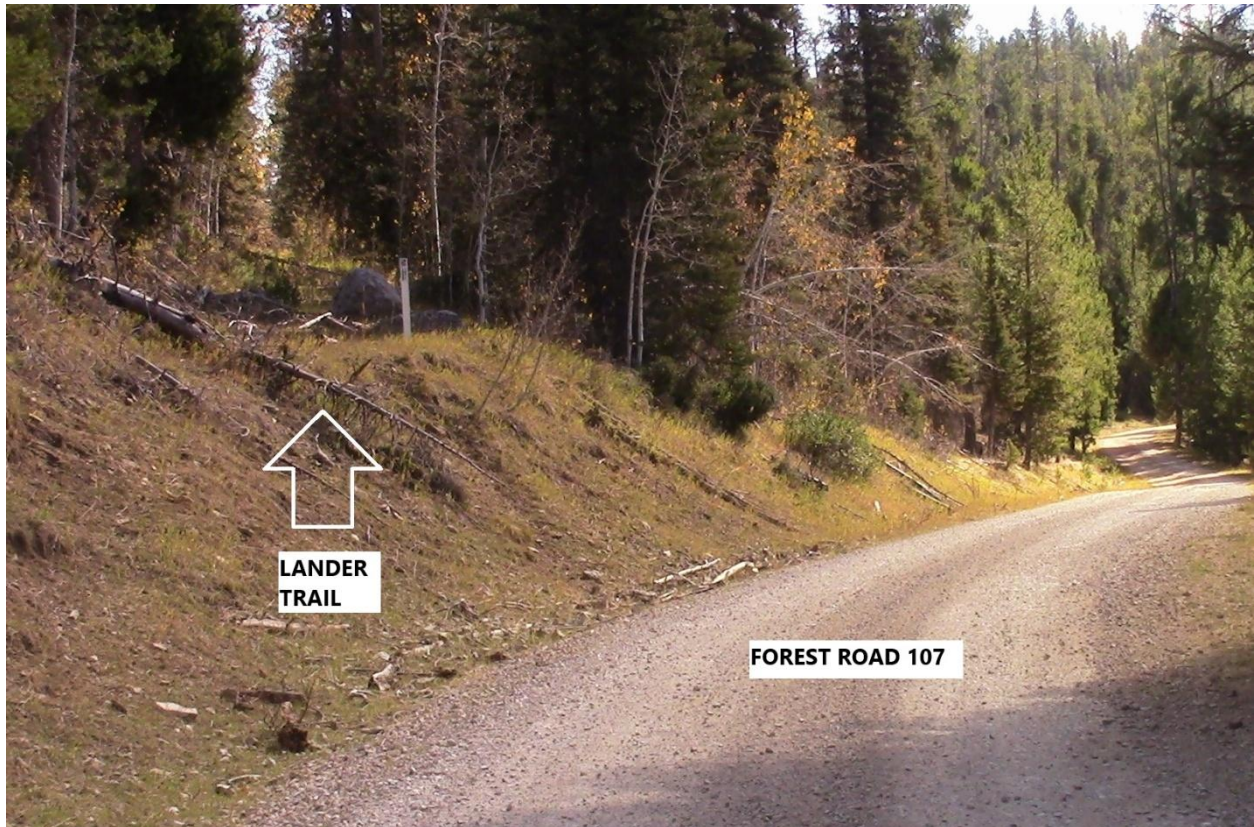


PHOTO F (WAYPOINT 21) Looking South

Mile 10.9, (Waypoint 22), top of hill. The forest service marked the Lander Trail with concrete markers. The markers had bronze medallions. The concrete markers have been vandalized and the medallions removed. One of the vandalized concrete markers can be seen at this location on the left side of the road.

Mile 11.7 (Waypoint 23) See Photo G. From the trailhead of Waypoint 21 to this location the forest service road followed the Lander Trail. At this point the Lander Trail continues north as a forest service trail (001 on forest service maps).



PHOTO G (WAYPOINT 23) Looking North.

Continue on forest road 107 back to Lanes Creek Cutoff Road (Waypoint 20).
Mile 17.2 Lanes Creek Cutoff Road (Waypoint 20).

Reset your odometer. Turn right go .7 miles turn off road to right. This is Waypoint 24. On the small hill to the east of the road (See Photo H) is Lanes grave.



PHOTO H (WAYPOINT 24) Looking East. Blue Dot indicates Lane's Grave Hill (Private Property).

There is an Oregon- California Trail Association sign at the grave site. See Photo J.

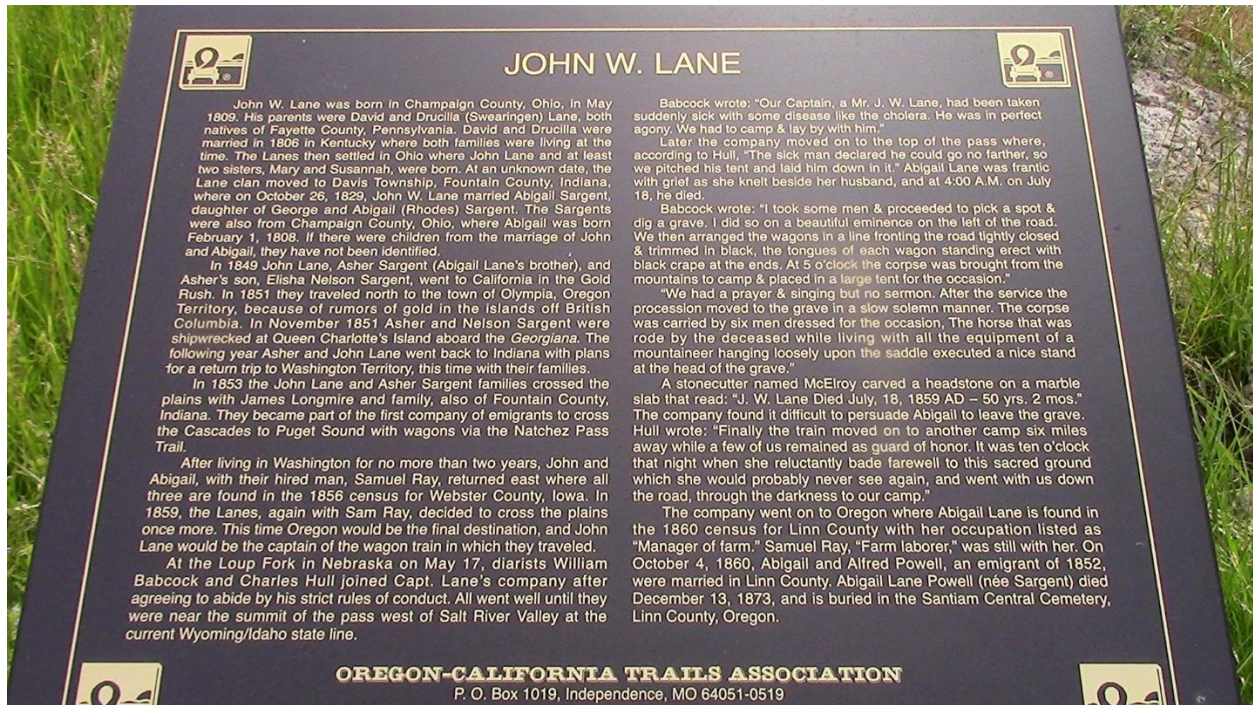


PHOTO J Information Sign at Lane's Grave

The hill is on private property. The Lander Trail came out of the hills east of the grave towards you, crossed Lanes Creek Cutoff Road and headed up the hills to the west. We will rejoin the road at the tops of these hills. Turn around and head south on Lanes Creek Cutoff Road.

Mile 3.1 At the stop sign turn right onto Trail Canyon Rd (labelled Lanes Creek Road on map).

Mile 4.9 (Waypoint 25) At approximately this point you have rejoined the Lander Trail briefly. The Lander Trail crosses the road and continues parallel to the Trail Canyon Road. From this point the Lander Trail is generally located to the left of the road until we reach highway 34. Continue following Trail Canyon Road.

Mile 8.1 Stop sign. Turn left and follow the paved road, Wayan Loop Road. EAST SIDE MAP coverage ends at this point. The paved road runs west and then turns northwest, then north. Lander Trail is generally to the left of the paved road.

Mile 12.2 Highway 34.

Reset your odometer. Turn west, left, on highway 34. The highway follows the route of the Lander Trail.

Mile 6 Turn off to right, north, onto West Side Road. See WEST SIDE MAP. Westside Road is called out on map. This is about 200 yards before highway 34 turns sharply south, up to this point highway 34 has been going west. Immediately pull off West Side Road to right into gravel storage area. At this point the Lander Trail continued west. There is a creek to your

right, north, the Lander Trail ran parallel to this creek for about a mile past the hills you see to the west before turning southwest.

Reset your odometer. Get back on Highway 34, turn right. There are hills to your right, then you enter an open valley, Chubb Flat. The Lander Trail crossed Chubb Flat from north to south. We will rejoin the Lander Trail at Waypoint 29.

Mile 2.9 (Waypoint 26) See Photo K. Turn right, west, road is gravel and volcanic cinder.



PHOTO K (WAYPOINT 26) Looking South

Mile 5 (Waypoint 27) See Photo L. Gravel road turns north, turn left onto dirt road. Road is dirt and deeply rutted in places for the next 15 miles. I do not recommend driving this section in a low clearance car. This road can be difficult under wet conditions.



PHOTO L (WAYPOINT 27) Looking Southwest

Mile 6.4 (Waypoint 28) See Photo M. The road splits here to go on either side of a ridge. Both roads end up at the same location (Photo N). Some references show the Lander Trail coming across the valley to the north, right, of road and taking the road to the left. I believe it crossed the ridge to your front farther west. The description will cover taking the road to the right, to Waypoint 29.



PHOTO M (WAYPOINT 28) Looking Southwest

NOTE: If you wish to take the road to the left you will end up rejoining the description at Mile 9, Photo N. If you do this, you can see the draw in Photo P by walking or driving towards

Waypoint 29 as shown in Photo N. It is approximately 500 yards to Waypoint 29 from the view in Photo N.

Mile 6.4 intersection (Waypoint 28) See Photo M. Take the road to the right.

Mile 8.2 Draw with Lander Trail markers (Photo P). I believe the Lander Trail crossed the Valley to this draw and followed the draw to bypass the ridge to your left. Due to erosion one can not drive up the draw. Cross the draw and go up the other side.

Mile 8.3 (Waypoint 29) See Photo Q. Look for a road to the left. The road angles back towards the draw and is difficult to see. It is a very sharp turn. Get on this road and continue south on it.



PHOTO P Looking South



PHOTO Q (WAYPOINT 29) Looking West.

Mile 9. See Photo N. At this point the road you are on tees into a better dirt road. Turning left leads to Waypoint 28. Turn right to continue on the Lander Trail.

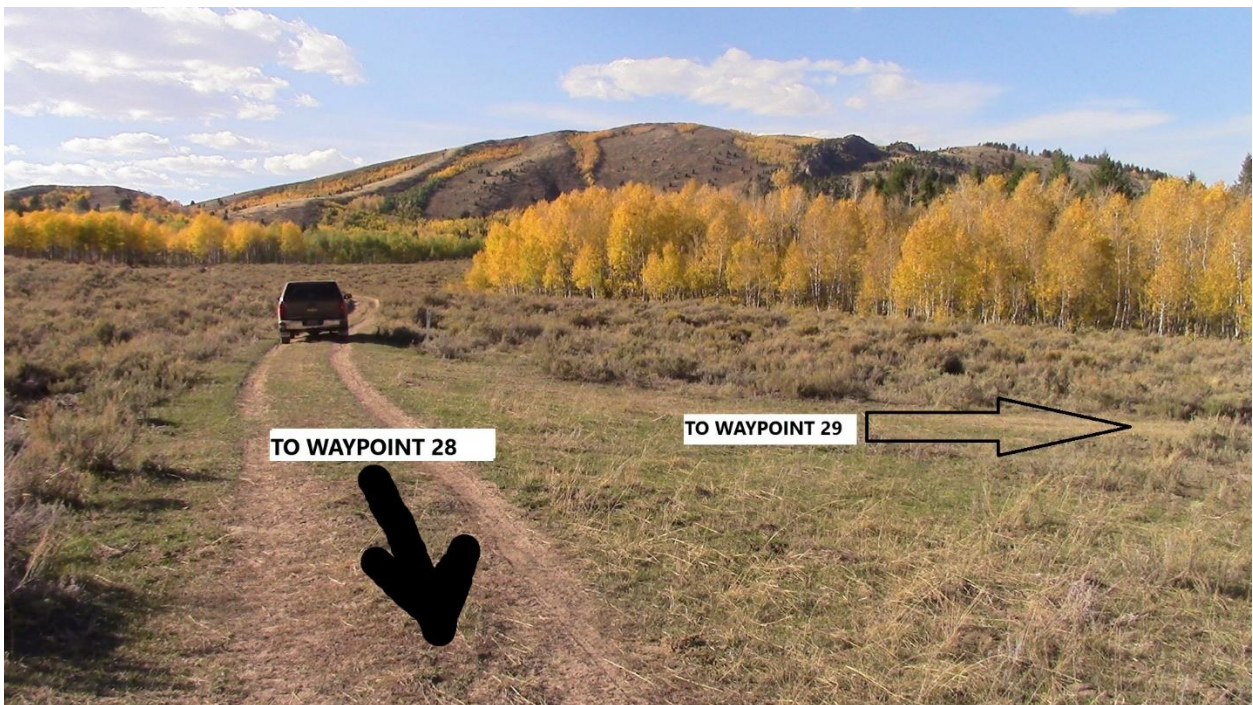


PHOTO N Looking West

Continue over Wilson pass 4.3 miles to an improved gravel road, North Access Road (Waypoint 30). Sources vary on where the road goes from this point to the Blackfoot River. It is likely that it followed the general route of the current North Access Road.

Reset Odometer. Turn right onto North Access Road.

Mile 2.7 Keep left

Mile 3.9 Keep left.

Mile 5.4 Bridge across Blackfoot River. Prior to crossing the river, between the road and the river is a dirt ramp with Lander Trail markers on it. Continue across the river on Government Dam Road.

Mile 6.1 Turn right onto Corral Creek Road.

Note: Maps do not agree on what this road is called. The field signage indicates this is the Corral Creek Road, it is labelled Reservoir Road on the attached map then later Blackfoot Reservoir Road, it is called Lincoln Creek Road on Google maps. This is a main gravel road. Stay on it keeping the Blackfoot River canyon to your right.

The Lander Trail generally ran to the north of the Corral Creek Road. You can occasionally see white trail markers off to the right, north.

Mile 15.7 In this area the Lander Trail crosses the Corral Creek Road, passing around the edge of the hills that are on your left and turns southwest. You will continue west until Mile 18.

Mile 18 Turn south, left, on Graves Creek Road. Lander Trail is to your left travelling southwest across the flat to Mile 19.6 where it follows the Graves Creek Road west

Mile 19.6 Turn right, west, on Graves Creek Road (labelled Pole Line Road on map).

Mile 22.1 (Waypoint 31) See Photo R. Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Stop here and turn around unless you have a permit to travel on the Reservation. The Lander Trail meets the main Oregon Trail about 10 miles down this road from this point.



Photo R End of Tour. (WAYPOINT 31) Looking West

The most direct routes back to Idaho Falls or Soda Springs are as follows: To both Soda Springs and Idaho Falls return to Government Dam Road. Turning right, south, will take you to Soda Springs. Left will take you to the Bone Road and to Idaho Falls.

Waypoints

13	N 42.7857 W 110.9983	23	N 42.9024 W 111.2477
14	N 42.7846 W 111.0650	24	N 42.9352 W 111.2870
15	N42.7937 W 111.0740	25	N 42.9406 W 111.3343
16	N 42.7942 W 111.0795	26	N 43.0123 W 111.5063
17	N 42.7992 W 111.0764	27	N 42.9771 W 111.5419
18	N 42.6470 W 111.1364	28	N 42.9862 W 111.5634
19	N 42.9679 W 111.2723	29	N 43.0021 W 111.5901
20	N 42.9285 W 111.2951	30	N 43.0053 W 111.6654
21	N 42.8838 W 111.2287	31	N 43.0167 W 111.9470
22	N 42.8926 W 111.2391		

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