

LISTING OF TRAILS HEAD TREKS AND SITE TOURS

LOCATIONS IN 5-YEAR INCREMENTS



TRAILS HEAD
CHAPTER

1991-1995

1991 May 18—**trek:** Independence to Bartleson family graves at 151st St., to commemorate 150th anniversary of Bidwell-Bartleson Party, the first wagon train to California; started at Nebraska House site, then stopped at four sites, i. e. Smallwood Noland House, Rice-Tremonti House [tour of house], Santa Fe Commons in Overland Park, & Bartleson graves. For decades, historians had debated the location of Sapling Grove, the rendezvous site of the Bidwell-Bartleson wagon train. The Fowlers thought that the Santa Fe Commons could have been the Sapling Grove site. During the stop at the Commons, a discussion ensued as to the possible locations of Sapling Grove. Since that 1991 trek, trail historians have agreed that Sapling Grove was farther south, at about 82nd Terrace & Grant in Overland Park.

1991 June 8—**trek:** St. Joseph, MO to Hollenberg Pony Express Station in north-central KS, with stops at St. Joseph Pony Express Museum, Marysville Pony Express Barn, Hollenberg Pony Express Station with active archaeological dig, archaeological field station, and field lab (Pony Express route); joint tour with OCTA Gateway Chapter

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1991 Oct. 19—**trek:** Independence to 27th St. Crossing of Independence to Westport Rd., then to Byrams Ford regarding 1864 Battle of Westport & early trail era

1992 June 13—**trek:** KS Museum in Topeka to Red Vermillion Crossing and Big Elm (Oregon-California trails); joint tour with OCTA Gateway Chapter

1992 Sept. 26—**trek:** Black Jack Park in Douglas County to Osage County line (Santa Fe Trail)

1993 Oct. 9—**trek:** Ft. Leavenworth to Grinter House, at 78th north of Kansas River, in KCKS (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.)

1993 Nov. 9—**tour of house museum:** one-hour tour of Alexander Majors House, before TH annual meeting in Alexander Majors barn, in Kansas City, MO

1994 Mar. 19—**trek:** Metcalf South Shopping Center, in Overland Park, to Fort Scott (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.)

1994 May 14—**trek:** Shawnee Indian Mission Historic Site, in Fairway, to Lawrence (Westport to Lawrence Road, also called California Road)

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1994 Sept. 24—**trek:** Indian Springs Shopping Center in KCKS to St. Joseph, MO; then Hwy. 36 to Alcove Spring, Hollenberg Pony Express Station, & Tri-County marker on Nebraska border (Oregon- California trails, at times)

1994 Nov. 10—**tour of house museum:** Mary Conrad spoke on 1988 Mahaffie archaeology at TH annual meeting before tour of Mahaffie House in Olathe

1995 May 20—**trek:** Missouri River crossings in St. Joseph area (Oregon-California trails, at times); joint trek with OCTA Gateway Chapter

1995 June 17—**trek:** Westport to Lanesfield School (Westport Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

1995 Sept. 16—**trek:** 1st stopped at KS Museum of History, in Topeka; then Pottawatomie County, KS from Willard to swales near Blaine, which is about 8 miles from Black Vermillion Crossing (Oregon-California trails)

1995 Nov. 9—**tour of museum:** Roberta Bonnewitz & Walter Cook spoke on history of Raytown & trail through Raytown, at TH annual meeting, before Bonnewitz gave tour of Raytown Historical Society Museum