

*Museums*  
**NATIONAL  
 OREGON/  
 CALIFORNIA  
 TRAIL CENTER**  
*at Montpelier, Idaho*



**The National Oregon/  
 California Trail Center** at  
 Montpelier utilizes film, paint-  
 ings, historical displays and live

interpreters  
 dressed in  
 period cos-  
 tume to help  
 visitors share  
 in the "Living  
 History" of the  
 trail. The  
 heritage center  
 depicts the  
 2000-mile,  
 five-month  
 journey on the  
 Oregon Trail.



A Wagon Master guides visitors  
 through the interactive tour that  
 includes a ride in a simulated  
 covered wagon ride generated  
 by advanced computer technol-  
 ogy. The visitor has the oppor-  
 tunity to walk on the soil that  
 travelers passed over hundreds  
 of years ago in Clover Creek  
 Encampment of the NOCTC.

*Located at the junction of US 89  
 & 30 in Montpelier at 320 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Daily Living History tours 10:00-  
 5:00, May-Sept or by appt. for  
 groups of 15 or more. Allow 40-  
 minutes minimum. General  
 admission \$6, Seniors 60+ \$5,  
 Children 5-12 \$4. All major credit  
 cards accepted. For information &  
 reservations call (208) 847-3800 or  
 toll free (866) 847-3800. Contact:  
 info@oregontrailcenter.org or  
 www.oregontrailcenter.org*



**The Rails & Trails Mu-  
 seum** within the Trail Center  
 displays artifacts, diaries, relics  
 of the pioneers of Bear Lake  
 Valley including railroad  
 memorabilia. *Basement of the  
 National Oregon/California Trail  
 Center, 322 North 4th, Montpelier.  
 Open 10am to 3pm from  
 Memorial Day to Labor Day.  
 www.railsandtrails.net*

**The Paris Tabernacle  
 Historical Museum** The Taber-  
 nacle was completed by Mor-  
 mon pioneers in 1889. It was  
 designed by Don Carlos Young,  
 and is an impressive red sand-  
 stone building made of sand  
 quarried from Indian Creek on  
 the east side of Bear Lake. Tours  
 are conducted during the sum-  
 mer, with frequent organ recit-  
 als. *Paris, Idaho. Open: Memorial  
 Day to Labor Day, 9:30 am to 5 pm*

**Wilford Woodruff Home**  
 Pioneer relics of early Mormon  
 pioneer leader. *Hwy 16 in Ran-  
 dolph, UT. Open Memorial Day to  
 mid-September, 10am to 5pm.*

*History*

The Bear Lake Valley was first inhabited by Shoshoni Tribes, then fur trappers. Between 1825 & 1840, many mountain men and Native Americans met on the south end of the lake to swap goods and stories! These meetings became known as mountain man rendezvous. Don't miss the re-creation of the mountain man rendezvous held in mid-September on Rendezvous Beach.

The first permanent settler to the Bear Lake Valley was reportedly Thomas Pegleg Smith, a crusty, one-legged, ex-mountain man. During the 1840s, he set up a trading post to provide supplies to the emigrants on the famous Oregon Trail.

Early Mormon pioneer leader, Brigham Young, sent the first group of permanent settlers to Bear Lake Valley in 1863. This group was led by Charles C. Rich. The County bears his name.

*Historical  
 Monuments*

**Bear Lake Valley Historical  
 Marker**, located on Hwy. 89 as  
 you descend into the Bear Lake  
 Valley from Logan Canyon.

**Charles C. Rich Memorial.**  
 Paris Tabernacle, dedicated to  
 the first white settlers sent by  
 early Mormon pioneer leader,  
 Brigham Young, to settle the  
 Bear Lake Valley.

**British Settlers Historical  
 Marker**, Bloomington, ID,  
 dedicated to early pioneers of  
 British descent that settled the  
 Bear Lake Valley.

**Gutson Borglum Monument,**  
 St. Charles, ID, honors the  
 birthplace of the sculptor of  
 Mt. Rushmore.

**Rendezvous Rest Stop** marks  
 the site of mountain men  
 rendezvous held in the Bear  
 Lake Valley during the sum-  
 mers of 1826 and 1827. Famous  
 mountain men such as Jim  
 Bridger, Jedediah Smith and  
 William Ashley attended this  
 well known rendezvous.

**Randolph War Memorial** is  
 dedicated to veterans of fore-  
 ign wars.

