38th Annual Oregon-California Trail Convention  
Elko, NV * September 19-23, 2020

“Through the Lens of History – Preserving the Past – Focusing on the Future”

### KEY DATES

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| **Friday – September 18, 2020** | Pre-Convention Tours and Day Hike  
- Lamoille Canyon  
- “California Trail Highlights” (Day 1)  
- Day Hike of the Greenhorn Cutoff |
| **Saturday – September 19, 2020** | - OCTA National Board Meeting  
- Trail Days and  
- “California Trail Highlights” (Day 2)  
- Welcome Reception at the California Trail Center |
| **Sunday – September 20, 2020** | Bus Tours  
- Fort Ruby and Ruby Valley  
- Wells/Osino and Williams Family Gun Museum  
- Long Canyon Mine Project  
- Gravelly Ford  
Private Vehicle Tour  
- “The Humboldt is North of Us…So Let’s Go South” |
| **Monday – September 21, 2020** | - Opening Session  
- Speakers  
- Awards Dinner at the Elko Convention Center |
| **Tuesday – September 22, 2020** | - Repeat of Sunday tours  
- Reception at Great Basin College Library |
| **Wednesday – September 23, 2020** | - Speakers  
- Activity Stations  
- Period Clothing Contest  
- End of Trail Dinner at the Elko Convention Center |
| **Thursday, September 24, 2020** | - MET Mapping Workshop |

**Confirmed bus tours include:**
Bus tours to Lamoille Canyon, Wells/Osino and Williams Family Gun Museum, Blacksmith shop and Gunsmith shop, Fort Ruby and Ruby Valley, Long Canyon and Gravelly Ford
Private vehicle tours
- “The Humboldt River is north of us...so let’s go south” – led by Roger Gash
- “California Trail Highlights – City of Rocks to Goose Creek” – led by Jerry Eichhorst and Paul Dinwiddie (2 day tour)

Make Your Room Reservations Now for the Best Value!
- High Desert Inn - $69 - 775.738.8425
- Gold Country Inn - $79 - 775.738.8421
- Red Lion Hotel & Casino - $89 - 775.738. 2111

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NEW ATTRACTIONS SINCE THE 2010 CONVENTION

Fort Ruby, Ruby Valley, Nevada

In Ruby Valley, just east of Overland Pass, are the remains of Fort Ruby. The Fort (1862-9) was built by the U.S. Army in the "wilderness of eastern Nevada." to protect the overland mail coaches, Pony Express and emigrant trail. Excavated jointly by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after 2002, the site now boasts about ½ mile of interpretive trail with eleven interpretive panels and a reconstructed spring house.

The Williams Family Gun Museum, Blacksmith Shop and Gunsmith Shop

More than 1200 firearms – many that were guns that were used to settle the American West – make up the extraordinary collection of Jeff Williams and his family. The museum boasts examples of almost every type of fire arm from the Revolutionary War to the present. There are many other historical artifacts in the museum in addition to the amazing array of weapons. Immediately adjacent to the gun museum, Jeff has constructed a period-correct 19th century blacksmith shop, with an antique trip hammer, and gunsmith shop.
California Trail Days at the California Trail Interpretive Center

During Trail Days on Saturday September 19, 2020, you can refresh your recollections or learn the stories of the pioneers who endured the 2,000-mile trek to California.

Between 1841 and 1869 over 250,000 people sold their belongings, packed up wagons and set out over-land for California.

Some were seeking land. Others were searching for gold. Still others sought adventure. Some went for reasons we may never know.

Enjoy Native American programs, visit with fur trappers and watch black powder demonstrations. Our young visitors will enjoy Jr. Ranger activities throughout the camp. California Trail Days is a pioneer reenactment event for the whole family.

Lamoille Canyon

Learn about the natural history, geology, and tips on photography in the beautiful Ruby Mountains located southeast of Elko, NV. Regionally known photographer and geologist Susan Elliott and naturalist Larry Hyslop will lead a never-to-be-forgotten bus tour of the Canyon with stops for a short nature walk and photography. The glaciated and geologically varied “Rubies” are a true treasure in Northern Nevada’s desert environment.