



PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING- Saturday May 19, 2018 at 9am at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. We would very much request that you attend with the intension of helping with organizing the many jobs we have to accomplish our purposes.

The Park's address is 4218 County Road 3A, Cañon City, CO 81212



TAKE NOTICE

Dear Pike Family and Friends,

It is with great pleasure we write to you with information on the tremendous success of the PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION. We assisted the passing of a Colorado House Bill to designate the routes of historic trails and have served as the model for the Bill with the majority of the counties Pike traveled through during one of America's most important explorations designating his route. The success we have cannot be achieved without the support of our members and friends. Allow us to take a moment to express our gratitude for your past support **AND REQUEST A CALLING YOU TO ARMS** to assist the funding of our initiatives with a Tax Deductible donation. We need your help to garnishing the funds necessary to accomplish our objectives.

Please donate, join or renew your membership.

Pike National Historic Trail Association -10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433 Or Visit us at: <http://www.zebulonpike.org/join-donate.htm> and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>) (A membership form is below.)

* Donations are Tax Deductible to a Nonprofit Charity

Our projects cannot be completed without your support, and we Thank You in advance.

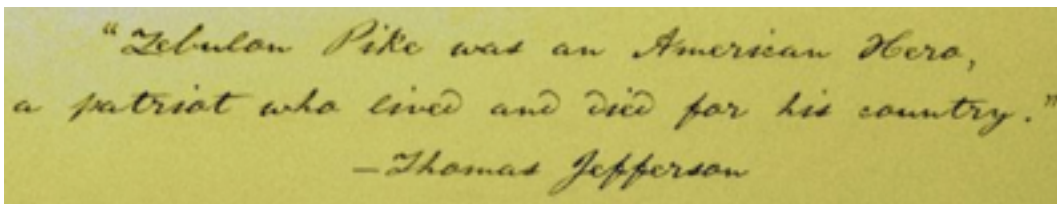
Sincerely,

President, Harv Hisgen

Brian Pike Great Great Great Great Grandnephew of Pike, Membership Chair and Vice President of the Pike Association

Dorothy Urban Secretary of Pike National Historic Trail Association

By PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION



THE AUTO- BIKE- HIKE TOUR | PIKE'S MISERY IN THE WET MOUNTAIN VAL.



Auto- 2 h 46 min (69.5 miles) Bike- 6 h 14 min (64.0 miles) Hike 21h 16 min (64 miles)

Elevation gain 4,541 ft · Elevation loss 4,469 ft
Highest Elevation 9,892 ft Lowest Elevation 7,871 ft

All locations: Westcliffe, CO 81252 addresses

Westcliffe (81252)- Main Street and CO-69 S/S 6th St 7,867'

Head south on CO-69/6th St from Main St	0.4 mi
Continue onto CO-69 S	1.9 mi
Turn right (0.2 mi. past Grape Ck RV Park)	52 ft
Slight right	0.3 mi

Auto- 5 min Bike- 14 min Hike- 51 min (2.6 mi)

Location 1 Grape Creek- Site of 9 men falling into Grape Creek 1/17/1807 (Address- ~56000 CO 69)

Park beside the road and walk 2000 feet south-southwest into the site where 9 men fell into Grape Creek. (See map)

"... About sunset we came to the edge of a prairie, which bounded the foot of the mountain, and as there was no wood or water where we were, and the woods from the skirts of the mountains appeared to be at no great distance. I thought proper to march for it; in the middle of said prairie, crossed the creek, which now bore east. Here we all got our feet wet. The night commenced extremely cold. When we halted at the woods, at eight o'clock, for encampment; after getting fires made, we discovered that the feet of nine of our men were frozen, and to add to the misfortune, of both of those whom we called hunters among the number. This night we had no provision. Reamer's thermometer stood at 18 1-2° below 0." {-10° F} Pike 17th Jan.

Head east toward CO-69 S	0.3 mi
Turn right onto CO-69 S	1.2 mi
Turn right onto Schoolfield Rd (CR140)	1.8 mi
Turn left onto Macey Ln (CR129)	2.0 mi
Turn right onto Horn Rd (CR130)	1.0 mi

Auto- 12 min Bike- 40 min Hike- 2h 10 min (6.3 mi)

Location 2 Horn Rd. & CR 131 (5000 Horn Rd) 1/17-21/07 Encampment (5 day)

Pike's January 17th to 21st encampment- will be in this area likely between 38.058906, -105.506410 and 38.054949, -105.515494 beside Horn Creek. 8400'

"We parted, but not without tears."

"I furnished the two poor lads who were to remain with ammunition and made use of every argument in my power to encourage them to have fortitude to resist their fate; and gave them assurance of my sending relief as soon as possible."

"Two poor fellows, who remained (who were John Sparks and Thomas Dougherty.) - Pike 1/22/07

Head east on Horn Rd (CR130) toward CO-60	3.5 mi
Turn right onto Colfax Ln (CR119)	4.5 mi
Turn right onto S Colony Rd (CR120)	1.5 mi
Turn right onto Colony Ln (CR125)	1.7 mi

Auto- 22 min Bike- 59 min Hike- 3h 37 min (11.1 mi)

Location 3 5077 Co Rd 125 (Colony Lane) 1/22/07 Encampment

Pike's January 22nd encampment: North Colony Creek 38.011455, -105.481082 8540'

"We went on eight miles and encamped on a little creek, which came down from the mountains; at three o'clock went out to hunt, but killed nothing. Little snow." - Pike 1/22/07

Head south on Colony Ln (CR125) toward Co Rd 124	1.7 mi
Turn right onto S Colony Rd (CR120)	2.5 mi

feet elevation not 2.5 mi. If you do the numbers for this segment will be Auto- 11 min Bike- 31 min Hike- 1h (2.1 mi)

Auto- 26 min Bike- 54 min Hike- 1h 44 min (4.1 mi)

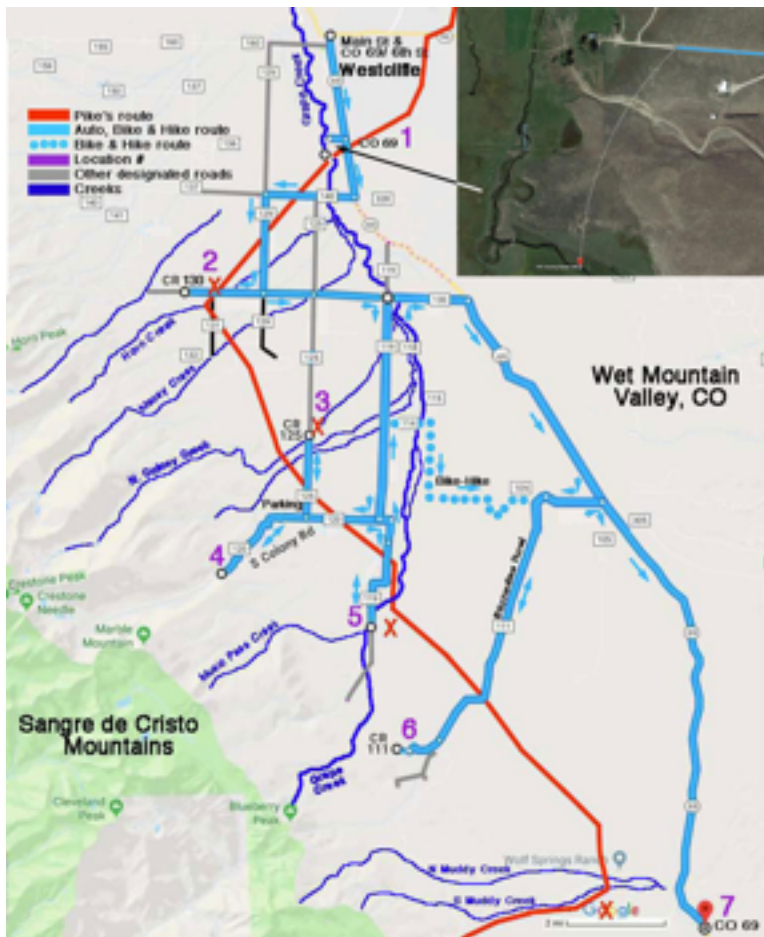
Location 4 3598 S Colony Rd (CR120) 1/23/07 Crossing Pike's path 9000' or higher

Pike & Robinson separated from the group to hunt in the morning of the 23rd.

"We separated and had not marched more than one or two miles, when I found it impossible to keep any course without a compass continually in my hand, and then not being able to see more than 10 yards." - Pike 1/23/07

Head northeast on S Colony Rd (CR120) toward Colony Ln (CR125)	4.6 mi
Continue onto Colfax Lane (CR119)	2.0 mi

Auto- 31 min Bike- 42 min Hike- 2h 12 min (6.6 mi)



Location 5 8459-8465 County Road 119 (Colfax Lane) 1/23/07 Encampment

Pike's January 23d encampment: Headwaters of Grape Creek, due east of Music Pass - Sangre de Cristo range. Custer County, CO 37.936297, -105.446126 8400'

"About one o'clock it commenced snowing very hard, we retreated to a small copse of pine where we constructed a camp to shelter us, [just he and Robinson] ... We lay down and strove to dissipate the idea of hunger, and our misery by the thoughts of our far distant homes and relatives." - Pike 1/23/07

A shorter Bike- Hike route from here begins at this location - See below in blue

Auto route continues from Location 5

- Head north on Co Rd 119 toward S Colony Rd (CR120) 2.5 mi
- Co Rd 119 (Colfax Lane) turns slightly left and becomes S Colony Rd (CR120) 0.2 mi
- Turn right onto Colfax Ln (CR119) 4.5 mi
- Head east on Horn Rd (CR130) toward Colfax Ln and CO-69 1.6 mi
- Turn right onto CO-69 S 5.0 mi
- Turn right onto Co Rd 106 1.2 mi
- Slight left onto Blizzardine Road (CR111) 5.7 mi
- Turn right to stay on Blizzardine Road (CR111) 0.8 mi

Auto 39 min (21.5 mi)

Location 6 1/24/07 Crossing Pike's Path 8600' or lower Finally food, but "snow, (about two and a half feet deep,) 5714 Co Rd 111 (Blizzardine Road) In the morning 1/24 they

"perceived our little band, marching through the snow, (about two and a half feet deep,) silent and with downcast countenances. We joined them and learnt that they finding the snow to fall so thickly that it was impossible to proceed; had encamped about one o'clock the preceding day." ...

"... the snow became so deep that it was impossible to proceed; ... and for the first time in the voyage I found myself discouraged;"...

" We dragged our weary and emaciated limbs along, until 10 o'clock. The doctor and myself who were in advance discovered some buffalo on the plain, when we left our loads, and orders on the snow, to proceed to the nearest woods to encamp. We went in pursuit of the buffalo, which were on the move.

The doctor who was then less reduced than myself, ran and got behind a hill and shot one down, ... We then proceeded to butcher the one we had shot; and after procuring each of us a load of meat, we marched for the camp, the smoke of which was in view. We arrived at the camp to the great joy of our brave lads, who immediately feasted sumptuously," - Pike 1/24/07

- Head northeast on Blizzardine Road (CR111) 0.8 mi
- Turn left to stay on Blizzardine Road (CR111) 5.7 mi
- Slight right onto Co Rd 106 1.2 mi
- Turn right onto CO-69 S 9.5 mi

Auto 26 min (17.2 mi)



**Location 7 33991 CO-69 1/24-26/07
Encampment (3 day)**

Pike's January 24th to 26th encampment- Camp Location: At the confluence of North and South Muddy Creek - 37.885750, -105.361317 - Wet Mountain Valley 8000'

"We marched, leaving Menaugh encamped with our deposit, after a bad days march, through snows, some places three feet deep;" - Pike 1/27/07

On the 27th they hiked over Medano Pass and the Sangre de Cristos to the Sand Dunes. Today a 4-wheel drive road crosses Medano Pass west to the Sand Dunes.

The shorter Bike- Hike route begins at this location #5. Descriptive information is found above.

**Location 5 8459-8465 Co Rd 119 1/23/07
Encampment**

Head north on Colfax Ln (CR119) toward S Colony Rd 2.5 mi
Continue onto S Colony Rd (CR120) 0.2 mi
Turn right onto Colfax Ln (CR119) 2.0 mi
Turn right (East) onto Baldy Rd (CR114) 1.0 mi
Turn right (South) onto Crystal Ln (CR115) 1.5 mi
2.3 mi
0.1 mi
5.6 mi
0.8 mi

Bike 1 h 29 min Hike 5h 20 min (16.0 mi)

Location 6 5714 Co Rd 111 1/24/07 Crossing Pike's Path

Head northeast on Co Rd 111 0.8 mi
Turn left to stay on Co Rd 111 5.7 mi
Continue onto Co Rd 106 1.2 mi
Turn right onto CO-69 S 9.5 mi

Bike 1 h 16 min Hike 5h 25 min (17.2 mi)

Location 7 33991 CO-69 Westcliffe, CO 81252 1/24-26/07 Encampment

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MONEY SPENT AND PIKE'S BUDGET CUT by Allan Vainley

We would like to comment on two items we noticed when looking over costs of Expeditions around 1806. Item 1- Pike's Budget Cut- He received \$2000 for the Mississippi R. Expedition & \$600 for the SW Expedition Quite a cut!!!

The amount of money spent on various military expeditions in 1806 seems low. The value of today's dollar is much higher, of course*.

Pike was allowed to spend \$2000 to travel to northern Minnesota from St. Louis in 1805-6 with 21 persons, but his budget was cut to \$600 for the Southwest Expedition with 23 individuals in 1806-7. (Other expeditions were given larger amounts.**)

When you consider that \$180 of those \$600 was spent on Scientific Instruments for the SW Exp. this leaves \$420 or \$18.26 per person, it is little wonder that Pike was ill-equipped on his second expedition.

Looking at the list of items which had to be purchased for \$420- clothing, tents, weapons and ammunition, trade goods, and other items, I would have a hard time with the budget in dollars in those days.

Here is a list of items mentioned in Pike's Journal:

Clothing

Cap, Gorget, Uniform coat/uniform (cotton), Pants, Breech cloths, Leggings, Socks, Blankets cut for socks, Boots and moccasins, Boots (raw buffalo hide made into shoes), Leather

Shelter

Tent, Blankets

Scientific Instruments- \$180 worth

Spy glass, Telescope and tripod, Sextant, Compass, Theodolite, Reaumur thermometer

Weapons

Guns- (.69 caliber musket, some with bayonets), two-barreled shotgun, rifle, pistols, ammunition (powder, lead for balls, cartridges), Swords

Trade Goods

Peace medals, US flags

Tools

Broad axes and tomahawks, rope, other tools (Mention of Saws is not found in Pike's Journal)

Other items

Boat (most were made in the field), horses, whiskey, writing materials, books and tables, Bible, canteens, medicines, fire starters, other not mentioned.

Item #2- Wilkinson complained that he was not given his fair amount of provisions when Wilkinson went down the Arkansas R and Pike up, from Great Bend, KS.

a. Clothing- Most of the men were making their own.

b. Ammunition

Wilkinson- with 5 men 19 lbs. powder, 39 lbs. of lead/ball & 48 cartridges.

Pike- with 16 men 35 lbs. powder, 40 lbs. of lead/ball & 120 cartridges.

Do the math- Wilkinson got 11% more powder and 5% more cartridges per man.

This left Pike with only 45 rounds for each man, for food and protection during the rest of his SW Expedition.

* 1806 dollar= \$19.49 today

** Lewis and Clark got \$2500 from Congress & President Jefferson

FEDERAL LEGISLATION REINTRODUCED

Senator Bennet has reintroduced the Pike bill in the US Senate likely on the day of our Annual Meeting hoping for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill. The legislations would permit a Feasibility Study for our National Trail.



CAÑON CITY STOCKADE PAINTING AVAILABLE

Ed French has completed his Cañon City Stockade Painting (left.) The poster's caption reads:

From Dec. 5-9, 1806 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 14; Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike and his small command of men camped near the mouth of the Royal Gorge (current names). They constructed stockades to cache their equipment on the north side of the Arkansas River (at about where US 50 turns north on the west side of Canon City). Here they left two men to care for horses and to

guard. From there they road north up into South Park, then to near Leadville, then descended past the Royal Gorge before leaving for the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the Sand Dunes, and near Alamosa, Colorado. The areas they were exploring would become 11 of the central states of the United States of America many years later.

George Washington had died six years earlier and Thomas Jefferson was now the third President of United States. You can read his journals. He was a contemporary of the Lewis and Clark.

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- 24x36" LE framed giclee' canvas print: \$595
- 20x30" LE framed giclee' canvas print: \$455
- 16"x20" Poster " open edition unframed (pictured) \$24.95

Ordering- By mail: -Ed French- PO Box 300 Cotopaxi, CO 81223 or -Pike National Historic Trail Association 10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433 or -by phone 303-912-9939 or email: harv.pike@gmail.com

plus Modest Shipping cost Sales tax (4.5%) added if ordered in Colorado

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Won't you join our Association also!
 We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form: <http://zebulonpike.org/docs/MembershipBrochure.pdf> or complete and mail the membership form below.

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail We are a Charitable nonprofit organization
 Our website is www.zebulonpike.org "Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)

COIN SET AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL COINS- \$3 LOOSE SETS OF SIX- \$20 FRAME SETS WITH PAMPHLET (PIKE'S WORDS AND AN EXPLANATION FOR EACH COIN) \$30. SHIPPING AND HANDLING- \$ 1.00

The Pike Association's vinyl decals- The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

Join Now! Please consider membership in our organization

Level	Amt.	Level Name	Level	Amt.	Level Name
Student	\$15	Corporal Jackson	Small Business	\$75	Robinson-Brown-Miller
Individual	\$25	Sergeant Meek	Corporation	\$200 & up	Carter-Gordon-Mountjoy-Roy
Family	\$35	Menaugh-Stout	Benefactor	\$500	Sparks-Daugherty
Non profit organization	\$50	Vasquez-Smith	Life	\$1000	Zebulon Pike



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The Pike Assoc. website

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Historic/heritage investigation

Phone (____) _____ Cell _____

Providing educational opportunities

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e-mail _____

I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

I /we will write letters of legislative support

I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)

Contact us: 303/816-7424 harv.pike@gmail.com Additional gifts are tax deductible. Make checks payable to:

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