

Pike National Historic Trail Association Newsletter

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail April 2011 Vol. 6 No 1

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



• *Our Fourth Birthday* Our Association celebrated it's fourth birthday last October.



• *Annual Meeting Planned* The Association Annual Meeting will be held once again in the Bighorn Mountaintop Lodge overlooking the Royal Gorge and Pike's Gulch- outside Cañon City, CO on Saturday, May 5th. We plan to arrive on Friday afternoon and share an Italian meal in Cañon City at 6:30 pm and warm conversation. In the evening we will have a lively debate regarding Pike legislation and Pike Interpretive sites. Lodging will be available Friday evening in the warm Lodge. Reserve- 303/816-7424.

• The main topic at the meeting (9:30am to noon) 5/5/2012 will be Passing S. 276, our Congressional Legislative effort for the *Pike National Historic Trail*. Staff from the CO Congressional delegation will be there to aid.

New Board Members and a new Secretary will also be nominated.

• *Legislation* - President's report

I saw a sign saying- "Good judgement comes from experience--- Experience comes from bad judgement." The experience of working on Federal legislation has given plenty of experiences and enabled our patience. It is likely that S. 276 will be bundled with other bills in an Omnibus bill in this session. The bill will enable a Feasibility Study for the Pike Trail, but **it is essential [to be heard in Committee] that more Cosponsors sign on**. Currently, with Bill sponsor US Senator Michael Bennet [CO], US Senators Mark Udall [CO] and Claire McCaskill [MO] are Cosponsors.

- **We** have been asked to "Get Ready" for the Omnibus bill, which means you and I must recontact our US Senators for their Cosponsorship. Please do so if you live or have friends outside Colorado.

To this end-

☺ On October 21, 2011, I visited with Washington, DC staff members for Senators Vitter {LA}, Landrieu {LA} [through the Vitter staff], McCaskill {MO}, Nelson {NE} as well as Bennet's staff person; with attempts to visit with Tom Udall's staff {NM}. Senator Claire McCaskill joined as a Cosponsor.

☺ I am now recontacting the staff people I met with.

It is clear that **WE** must contact US Senator staff members in the offices of Roy Blunt (MO), Jerry Moran (KS), Pat Roberts (KS), Mike Joanns (NE), Jeff Bingaman (NM), Tom Udall (NM), John Cornyn (TX), and Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX).

☺ During April, I met with NM Pike State Coordinator Brian Murphy in Santa Fe and we set out on a plan to contact US Senators Bingaman and Tom Udall, the Pueblo Reservations and NM Pike County Commissioners not yet supporting our effort.

☺ We will be tackling the hows at our Annual Meeting in Cañon City.

• *Membership* - Thank you for our new members and those who have renewed their membership in the Pike National Historic Association! Many have not.

• To be able to continue to be effective, we must request that, if you have not done so, renew your membership yearly. The life members have helped us greatly, some giving well over their one-time share.

See the web site for a membership form.

Thank you for the additional donations some of you have given in addition you your membership!

Friends of Pike by Tom Rollings, Pike Upper Arkansas River Coordinator

The last couple of yearly board meetings, we brought up the need to encourage young people to learn about Zebulon Pike and carry on the fight to educate people about the true greatness of the explorer's contributions to America and the world. The past few months I have been working on a plan to do just that.

After researching the journals and movies about Pike, I have gradually been developing a few outfits that I can wear when talking to schools and other organizations. Colleen and I even visited Carol Cartmell, the creator of all of the wardrobes and uniforms for the movie "Zebulon Pike and the Blue Mountain." We were able to obtain the original uniform worn by Pike in the movie. I am having it altered to fit me. In addition, I have created a capote and other clothing to be worn with the buffalo hides I acquired online.

The goal here is to gradually raise enough money through donations to buy a piece of land for a Zebulon Pike Historical Park. This park would be for kids. The kids would trace the route and physically interact with the points of interest on a very small scale. By so doing, they would be able to learn about the expedition in a way that they could better understand.

When the land is purchased, a GOCO grant would be applied for and we could get funding for the park. I firmly believe that GOCO would support such a project. The guidelines of the grant process seem to encourage such a project as this because it is unique, interactive, and involves an opportunity for families to take part in a learning experience together.

Over the years, GOCO has expanded their efforts to supply funds for a broader range of projects. For instance, the new artificial turf at the football field at Salida High School, soccer fields on the front range, and neighborhood open space in Denver. At present, they are reviewing major multi-million dollar applications for river projects around the state.

Pike Historical Park will take years to accomplish, but it is a dream I've had for a while. Being part of the Pike National Historic Trail has helped to encourage that dream.

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Rivers of the West-Pike's Rivers Crossed or Navigated West into Kansas Part 4 by Allen Vainley

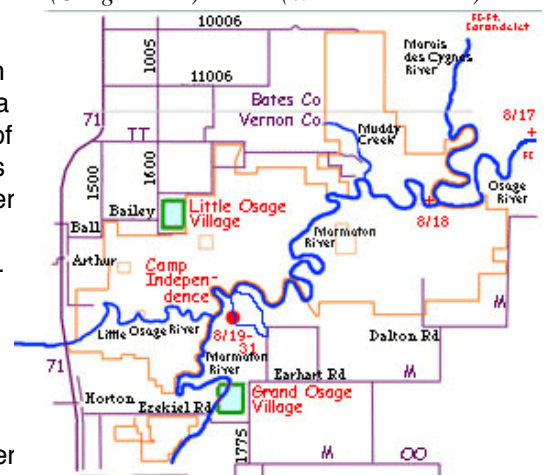
Part 1 March 2011 (Mississippi) Part 2 August 2011 (Missouri) Part 3 September 2011 (Osage River) Part 4 (West into Kansas)

I completed my survey of rivers and larger creeks Pike either crossed or passed by in Missouri. We left him at Camp Independence in southwestern Missouri with the Osage. To the right is a map of the 4 Rivers area of SW Missouri. On the left is a chart of the Neosho River creeks [with their lengths] which he is about to cross.

Cottonwood Ck Neosho R	KANSAS	4.79
Little Deer Ck Neosho R		5.49
Deer Ck Neosho R		30.03
"Neosho River" Deer or Cottonwood		3.93
Lairds CK Neosho R		7.48
Crooked Ck Neosho R		2.7
Haun Ck Neosho R		3.97
Neosho R Redmond Res to US 169		77.24
N North Big N Big Neosho R		2.02
S Big a Neosho R		3.4
S Big Ck b Neosho R		10.05
Big Ck Neosho R		6.69
N Big Ck Big Neosho R		21.95
Eagle Ck Neosho R		30.71

On the following page is a chart of creeks in Kansas he and his men, Pawnee guide and Osage guides are about to cross.

The map of Kansas river and Pike's route is placed in this issue for reference in future articles.



MO Rivers/creeks	Length
Little Osage	99.7miles
KS/MO line	46
Marmaton	77
Cygius	99.7
N fork Little Osage	7.48
Middle fork Little Osage/ Coal Ck	8.68
S fork Little Osage	10.79
Irish Ck	6.33
Limestone Ck	11.13
Lost Ck	13.46
Elk Ck	8.49
Laberdve Ck	1.49
Fish Ck	7.57
Moore's Branch	3.93
Indian Ck	6.97
? Ck	4.63
Duncan Ck	6.99
? Ck	3.86
Willow Branch	3.48
Stearns Lake Branch	2.81
Muddy Ck	11.77



Please consider joining us with your membership. The membership form is on our website or contact us at 303/816-7424.