



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

# Pike National Historic Trail Association

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## Membership Drive

The current Membership Drive for the Association is going quite well. Brian Pike, Chairman, has been mailing letters appealing for membership and support. "We have received dues and donations from new individuals and corporations as well a membership renewals."

Not only are we asking for individuals to join, but also asking that they request that their friends join and to ask corporations to donate.

This time there are differences.

### Incentives and reasons to give

All who join receive not only receive a membership card but also one of our new vinyl Association decals.

At higher levels of giving, coins and coin sets are provided the giver. And at the Life Membership level the collector Pike Bicentennial post card is offered



### Pike's Grand Mountain

The small Blue Cloud Picture- Thank you Jim Van Hoy for letting us use your excellent photo.

Won't you join us and also donate to at least to the \$50 level?

Won't you ask small businesses as a corporation near or in your community to become supporters/partners?

Businesses can also sponsor any one of our projects from Pike interpretation, roadside panels, smartphone apps, etc.

**Our next Annual Meeting will be on April 30th 2016 at the Royal Gorge.**

*Monty -is doing well* Of course Monty most likely doesn't want us to print this but we feel he



needs your continued prayers. So here we go- my man... I believe that many of you aware that Monty (now 93) took a fall in Salina last week outside his orthopedic doctor's office. Broken ribs, bleeding, etc.. He was airlifted to St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver in critical condition. The 31May report from Brian (his nephew) is that he's out of ICU and doing quite well. Many of us have been praying for him but we had a feeling that he wasn't about to let the slow him down. I found out on 31May that this incident has been mentioned in the media, and that it is known outside the ring of Monty and Grace's acquaintances.

Medical Condition update 3Jun- It looks like "he will be released and be heading back to the Physical Therapy facility in Salida." ...Brian Pike

## NEW Colorado State DNR Recreation map- Zebulon Montgomery Pike Trail

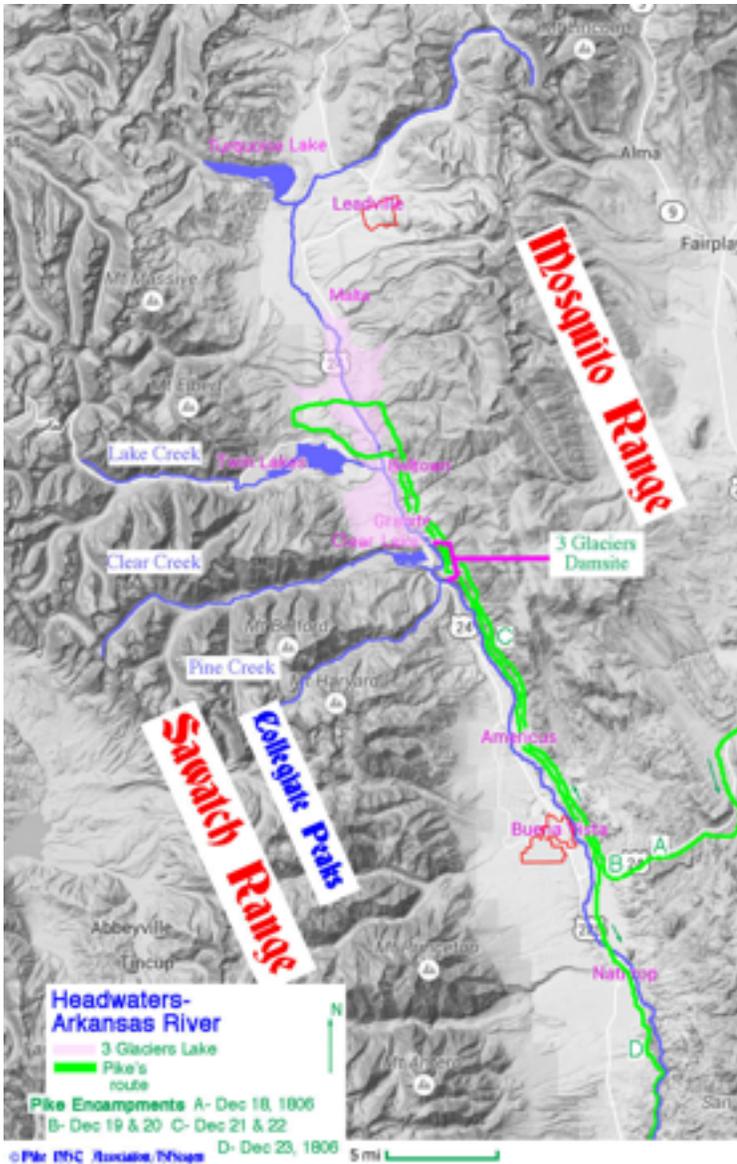
The Pike Hiking Trail will soon be placed on the Colorado DNR Recreation map.

## NEW Eagle Scout Project (BSA) Committee

**Patrick Surrena** has agreed to head our new Eagle Scout Project (Boy Scouts of America) Committee. The purpose is to help us with various Pike Association programs and provide ideas for boys seeking to do an Eagle project. The types of projects being considered include: Video and/or audio, Fund raising, Interpretation brochures (funding of, distribution of, etc.), Pike roadside panels (installation), Pike Smart phone apps (with audio, video and text), Pike Blog and Facebook (another social media) pages, etc.

## The Pike National Historic Trail Association- our Facebook page

Visit our Facebook page- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)



### *Hey Monty- what did you walk into?*

*by Allan Vainley -*

When you cross over Trout Creek Pass from South Park, CO, as Pike and his men did on Dec. 18, 1806, you cannot see to Collegiate Peaks which overlook the Upper Arkansas River headwaters. As he traveled south down Trout Creek from the pass he didn't see them until about 5 1/2 miles later (at 38.844292, -105.990586- Daley Gulch) when Trout Creek and today's US 285/24 turns decidedly west and they got a glimpse of Mt. Princeton. In another 5 1/2 miles the path opens up at 38.814318, -106.087887 to give if you've a full view of Mount Princeton 14,204 ft (4,329 m) some 2,177 ft above the valley and Mt. Yale 14,202 ft (4,329 m) some 1,896 ft above the valley. Pike would see seven 14,000 foot mountains [each about 2000 feet above the Arkansas River] in the following week.

Walking still further down toward the Arkansas River they may have noticed that there are rocks which really don't belong on the valley floor, one 60 feet in diameter. They can be found for 18 miles upstream from Johnson Village, CO, where the party separated, north to Clear Lake.

It is hard to say if he notice this or not, but it marks an interesting time in the upper Arkansas's past.

### **Three glaciers dam and flood**

In the geological past at least three floods have occurred south of Leadville, Colorado. These events

occurred at the decline by ice ages when the glaciers filling various valleys of the Sawatch Range began calving.

Dr. Keenan Lee (Professor Emeritus at the Colorado School of Mines) who has studied this for years, wrote

During the Pleistocene, three glaciers from the Sawatch Range flowed down contiguous tributary valleys to the Arkansas River near Granite, Colorado. The Lake Creek glacier probably pushed the river out of its channel, and the Clear Creek and Pine Creek glaciers crossed the river and rammed into granite walls on the far side of the valley.

These glaciers formed an ice dam about 670 ft high that blocked the Arkansas River and created a large lake about 600 ft deep that extended 12 miles upstream. (see map.)

When the ice dam broke, the lake drained catastrophically. The outburst flood tore out the ends of the moraines and carried the detritus down the valley in a torrent of dirty water that deposited a sheet of flood boulders 60 ft thick in a matter of hours. Many flood boulders are tens of feet in diameter, and some can be found 150 ft up the valley wall.

In the next part of the series, I will further describe what Dr. Lee described to me and explain further the map above.

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**NEW-** Merchandise

Our efforts with creating various types of merchandise is to provide funds for various programs including Interpretation brochures, Pike roadside panels, Smart phone apps (with audio video and text), Pike memorabilia preservation, Pike auto, hike, cycle routes, and legislative efforts. Any extra costs charged for these items goes directly into our treasury. It is strictly used for the budget. There are no paid employees rather all is being accomplished voluntarily.

*Coin set available*

The individual coins are priced at \$3.50 each [plus shipping.]  
The six coin sets will be sold at the \$15- framed \$25 [plus shipping.]

Limited-edition coins (the first 50- with signed certificates of authenticity)- \$10 each Six coin sets-\$40 Framed \$75

*The Pike Association's vinyl decals-*

The new Pike vinyl decals are available for purchase at the cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks for 5, 10, or 25 decals, [plus shipping.]

**Pike Six Penny Coin Set (PDS6C)**

**START FINISH**  
Fort Belle Fontaine Florissant, Mo, MO  
15 July 1806  
36.827556, -92.214088  
Fort Claiborne Natchitoches, LA  
1 July 1807  
31.750718, -93.087138

**SITING**  
Siting of the Small Blue Cloud at  
Sept. 13 Nov. 1806  
Las Animas, CO (Pueblo, CO #1044)  
38.064026, -105.148032

**MT. ROSA**  
Pike, Robinson, Miller and Brown  
Wearing the Grand Old, from Mt. Rosa (east)  
26 & 27 Nov 1806  
38.754135, -104.848028

**ROYAL GORGE**  
Royal Gorge - John Jay, CO  
Pike and Robinson climbed Pike's Gulch  
(Formerly Telegraph Gulch)  
4 Jan 1808  
38.493005, -105.523827

**GSD**  
Great Sand Dunes - Mesa, CO #1148  
National Park  
28 Jan 1807  
37.787985, -105.508038

**STOCKADE**  
Pike Stockade - On Road 24 - Sanford, CO #1151  
31 Jan to 28 Feb 1807  
37.293814, -105.810283

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