



Pike's scabbard (CHS)

# Pike

## National Historic Trail Association

Established October 2007

### Pike's Time Has Arrived

Our purpose is to establish the Pike National Historic Trail for all 3664 miles of the 1806-1807 Pike Expedition.

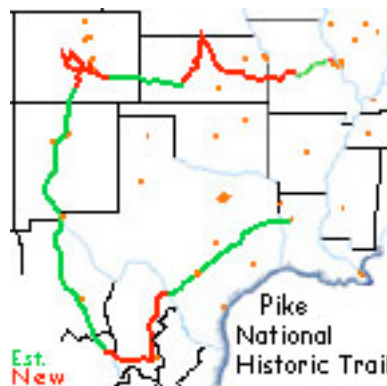
We welcome the interest from many across the nation of folks interested in creating a lasting memorial to one of our country's heroes- Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

We enjoy the interest and involvement of the Pike Family, many of those involved in bringing the Pike Bicentennial to the nation's attention, the support of four other long distance trails, and have the attention of federal agencies.

*They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind - Tuscarora*

### What parts of Pike's Route are already established?

There are six established long distance trails which follow, in part, Pike's route. They are the American Discovery Trail, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Santa Fe National Historic Trail, Old Spanish National Historic Trail, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, and El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail in order.



There are 2006 miles of the 3664 Pike miles or 55%, which the Pike NHT would share.

There are three major sections which are **not** part of a National Historic Trail.

✓ **Great Plains section** Confluence of the Osage and Missouri rivers (MO) to the Great Bend (KS) on the Arkansas River. Even some of the trails used in Kansas and western Missouri are Pawnee/Osage suggesting further heritage connections.

✓ **Colorado Heart** LaJunta CO to Great Sand Dunes National Park CO, where Pike spent a great deal of time.

✓ **Mexico Northeast** Torroén Mexico to near Eagle Pass TX, an old Spanish/ Mexican trail

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### *Purposes of the Pike NHTA*

The proposed purposes of the Pike

**National Historic Trail Association include:**

- a) Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail (for the 1806-1807 Zebulon Montgomery Pike Expedition.)
- b) Promote historic/heritage investigation of aspects of the 1806-1807 Zebulon Montgomery Pike Expedition and of the Pike National Historic Trail.
- c) Conduct and/or participate in educational opportunities regarding the legacy left by the Pike 1806-1807 Expedition.
- d) Provide educational materials regarding the Pike Expedition.
- e) Cooperate with federal state & local agencies, and trail organizations on which the 1806-07 Pike Expedition overlies, (such as the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and de Tejas National Historic Trails,) & other federal, state and local trail & heritage entities.

### Who are we? -

#### *The Advisory Committee-*

The folks serving the Pike National Historic Trail Association currently include: Harv Hisgen- Chair- Conifer CO (retired Chemistry teacher); Rev. Dr. Roy Pike- Jenks OK (retired minister, Pres.- Pike Fam. Assoc., and GGG grandnephew); John Patrick Michael Murphy- Colorado Springs CO (retired lawyer and Pike expert); Don Headlee- Las Anamas CO (retired history teacher and Pike expert); Dr. Jill Ghnassia-Cullowhee NC (English professor); Mike Bandera- Canon City CO (Superintendent- Royal Gorge); Will Kerns- Morrison CO (County official); Norm Meyer- Conifer CO (retired Continental pilot); Rex Rideout- Conifer CO (Pike era music expert); Clive Siegel- Austin TX (Bicentennial Committee and Pike expert); Zebulon Montgomery Pike- Salida CO (Pike expert, former Pres.- Pike Fam. Assoc., and GGG grandnephew)



Pike's sword (CO Historical Society)

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*Budget Needs*

The Pike NHT Association projects financial needs for

- ▲ filing the Not for Profit papers,
- ▲ establishing our interactive website,
- ▲ membership in National Trails System organizations,
- ▲ promotional costs for the passage of the bill authorizing the Feasibility Study,
- ▲ organizational costs.

## Giving Zeb His Due Honor

We believe that Pike should be given more credit for his monumental accomplishments.

Pike's Mississippi River and Southwestern Expeditions, and the 1812 War victory are focal points of Pike's Great Accomplishments.

-Brig. Gen. Zebulon Pike was the only commander of two to completely win a battle in the War of 1812, losing his life in the capture of York, now Toronto, Canada, dying a hero. -Pike was the American sent to explore the north eastern and south western boundaries of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, it's northern and south western extreme ranges.

-On both missions (Mississippi and Arkansas/Red), he, for the U.S., explored, mapped and found the character of a) major sections of the new American empire, b) the headwaters of the Mississippi, S. Platte, and Arkansas Rivers and to large extent their watersheds, c) the route of the Osage River, today, in part, comprised of the massive Truman Reservoir and the Lake of the Ozarks.

- Pike asserted American control and national honor, both with British fur traders in the north and with the Pawnee on the Plains of Nebraska.

- Pike dealt directly with three opponents of American liberty- Spain, Great Britain and native nations.

- He purchased land from the Lakota Sioux for the U.S.

- He established American ties with native American people, and provided revelations regarding Indian tribes.

- He returned captured Osage to their homeland, and used Osage guides to the Great Bend of the Arkansas.

- He provided revelations concerning Spanish settlements, and military strength.
- He provided observations of terrain, climate, flora and fauna, local customs, military force strength and placement, commerce, geopolitical information about the American southwest AND MEXICO.
- He provided reconnaissance about Mexico undoubtedly used by Stephen Kearney and Alexander Doniphan in the Mexican/American War [1846] by gaining
  - a) cartographic information about Mexico as a result of his more than cordial treatment by the Spanish.
  - b) a great deal of information about New Spain/ Mexico as a result of a very close friendship with a Spanish lieutenant, Facundo Melgares.
- His comments spurred the establishment of the Santa Fe Trail.
- He provided the basis of knowledge for the formation of numbers of states.

Regarding his character- He was a loyal, observant, U.S. Army officer to the core. He was a gutsy explorer, an uncomplicated man of action. He inspired a generation of soldier explorers. He followed orders, at times, to extremes. He took initiative when conditions warranted as a diligent Army officer is trained to do.

**Let us get on with giving due credit!**

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Pike's "Blue Cloud" memorial HH



Wet Mountain Valley memorial



15 star flag, Pike sword & scabbard

**Membership-  
Newsletter  
Member card or certificate  
Access to our research & docs  
Support our Congressional effort  
& organizational infancy**

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

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(Newsletter is usually sent as email attachment)

I /we will write letters of legislative support Yes \_\_\_\_  
 I/we would like to help (Assoc. will contact) Yes \_\_\_\_

I will be able to help with:

- \_\_\_\_ The Pike Assoc. website
- \_\_\_\_ Historic/heritage investigation
- \_\_\_\_ Providing educational opportunities
- \_\_\_\_ Producing educational materials

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