



the Pike National Historic Trail Feasibility

Update for the Pike newsletter by Jill Jensen (Acting) Lead
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Study

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Hey all! As you might have heard Lillis Urban has moved on to work with the US Forest Service, we wish her all the best and are so grateful for all the hard work she has put into the Pike Feasibility Study. For the next 120 days or so I will be on a temporary assignment filling in behind Lillis. We are THIS close to wrapping up the outreach and engagement report! Once that is done it will be sent off for final editing and formatting then on up the chain for review and approval to release. In the meantime, we are working on reviewing the eligibility criteria and drafting some preliminary findings for the feasibility study. As a reminder, to be considered eligible as a National Historic Trail under the National Trails System Act (NTSA) a trail must meet all three criteria outlined in the NTSA and at least one criteria for national significance using guidelines established by the Historic Sites Act (National Historic Landmark criteria). I've listed those criteria below, but if you have any questions or comments about the process please don't hesitate to drop me an email at jill_jensen@nps.gov or give me a call at 801-741-1012 extension 115.

To be considered eligible for inclusion in National Trails System as a National Historic Trail:

- 1) It must be a trail or route established by historic use and must be historically significant as a result of that use; AND
- 2) It must be of national significance with respect to any of several broad facets of American history, such as trade and commerce, exploration, migration and settlement, or military campaigns. To qualify as nationally significant, historic use of the trail must have had a far reaching effect on broad patterns of American culture; AND
- 3) It must have significant potential for public recreational use or historical interest based on historic interpretation and appreciation.

If all three of these criteria are met, then the trail must also meet at least one of the National Historic Landmark criteria:

- 1) Be the location of an event that had a significant impact on American history overall; OR
- 2) Be the property most strongly associated with a nationally significant figure in American history; OR
- 3) Provide an outstanding illustration of a broad theme or trend in American history overall; OR
- 4) Be an outstanding example of an architectural style or significant development in engineering; OR
- 5) Be part of a group of resources that together form a historic district; OR
- 6) Be a property that can provide nationally significant archeological information.

Pike National Historic Trail Support

 by Harv Hisgen, President Pike National Historic Trail Association

The Pike Association designation team has decided to gather support using several mechanisms- Electronic signatures, signed support sheets and requesting support letters/resolutions from State and County officials as well as our partners in the trail community.

Here are some details of my trip last week [Sep 22-25, 2021] working on support for future Congressional designation bills for the Pike National Historic Trail next year.

- On Wednesday 9/22/21 the Board of the Santa Fe Trail Association unanimously voted approval to write a letter of support for our trail.
- Missouri State Representative Patricia Pike agreed to lead sponsor a support resolution in the Missouri State Legislature.
- During the Santa Fe Trail Symposium [9/23-25] we collected 106 signatures of support for designation of the Pike National Historic Trail.

- On Thursday and Friday I took a trip from La Junta CO to Red Cloud NE visiting folks who have agreed to collect signatures for designation on the support sheets. We now have 25 Collectors. More coming on board. If you would like to help collect signatures call Harv at 303-912-9939 or email harv.pike@gmail.com .
- On October 6 we will request COG, the 6 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION in the San Luis Valley, as well those 6 counties to pass a resolution of support.

The National Park Service will hold a second set of Public Meetings for their draft findings likely in the spring. They will present their findings to Congress likely in December 2021.

We are lining up lead sponsors of bipartisan designation legislation in the Senate as well as a companion bill in the House.

Our goal is to get federal designation as early as possible and not have to wait for passage years down the road. As soon as the Pike Trail is designated in the US, Mexico will be asked to form an International Trail with the Pike National Historic Trail.

It took 12 years for passage of the Feasibility Study Legislation to get to this point.

Pike was persistent. He never gave up. We shall follow his example. 9/27/2021

America the Beautiful BLOG

And crown Thy good with Brotherhood

America's Mountain is Pikes Peak.



America is beautiful. Katherine Lee Bates found this to be so in the early 1890's especially true from the summit of Pikes Peak.

This 14,115 foot (4,302.31 m) mountain has been called Tava (sun)-Ute, Heey-otoyoo' (Long Mountain)-Arapaho, El Capitán (The Leader)- Spanish, Highest Peak- Pike, Grand Peak, Great Peak, James Peak, Pike's Peak and America's Mountain.

Katharine Lee Bates originally wrote the lyrics for America the Beautiful as a poem pre-1895 and it was originally entitled "Pikes Peak" The poem became entitled "America."

Its music was composed by church organist in New Jersey by Samuel A. Ward in 1892. The combination was first entitled "America the Beautiful" in 1910.

This song for America's Mountain is one of the most popular of the many U.S. patriotic songs.

On November 22, 1806 Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Dr. John Robinson, John Brown and Theodore Miller began their attempt to climb America's Mountain. On November 26, 1806 they summited 11,504-foot (3,506 m) Mt. Rosa which is 1/2 mile below and 5 miles south of the Pikes Peak summit.

They returned to today's Pueblo, CO because of snow, cold and hunger. Today's Pikes Peak summit visitor center (rebuilt and recently dedicated) faces Mt. Rosa.

America's Mountain is named for Zebulon Montgomery Pike as is the Pike National Forest in which Pikes Peak is located. Other Pike specific music is being created to inform the public about him as do our "What Pike Saw" paintings. Art and music combine with a hero.

"America the Beautiful" has many different arrangements and recordings because it is so popular. Here is YouTube's most popular link for you to listen to. Yes get around the ads. Click here

Link: America the Beautiful US Navy Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSqVkuTegxY>

O beautiful for spacious skies,	For amber waves of grain,	For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!	America! America!	God shed His grace on thee
	And crown thy good with brotherhood	From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,	Whose stern, impassioned stress	A thoroughfare for freedom beat	Across
the wilderness!	America! America!	God mend thine every flaw,	
	Confirm thy soul in self-control,	Thy liberty in law!	

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O beautiful for heroes proved	In liberating strife,	Who more than self their country loved	And mercy
more than life!	America! America!	May God thy gold refine,	
	Till all success be nobleness,	And every gain divine!	

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!



IN RECOGNITION OF THE
 NOTABLE CAREER OF
 ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE
 SOLDIER EXPLORER
 THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO
 HAVE PLACED THIS TABLET ON
 THE SUMMIT



OF THE GREAT MOUNTAIN FIRST SEEN BY PIKE
 NOVEMBER 15, 1806.

GENERAL PIKE WAS BORN AT LAMBERTON,
 NOW TRENTON, NEW JERSEY JANUARY 5, 1779.
 DIED APRIL 27, 1813 AFTER A VICTORIOUS ATTACK ON
 YORK, LATER TORONTO, CANADA.

THIS TABLET COMMEMORATES THE ONE HUNDREDTH
 ANNIVERSARY OF PIKE'S SOUTHWESTERN EXPEDITION.

Pike Expedition Great Bend KS Likely site

We visited the Barton County Museum and their director Richard Lartz to confirm Hal Jackson and Bob Button's placing of the Pike encampment October 16 to 27, 1806 on the property now owned by the Barton County Historical Society. It was at this location just south of the Arkansas River and Great Bend KS that Pike's men built canoes, and divided up supplies for the departure of Lieutenant James Wilkinson and on Tuesday,

28th October, Pike writes- "As soon as possible, all was in motion, my party crossing the river to the north side, and lieutenant Wilkinson, launching his canoes of skin and wood. We breakfasted together, and then filed off; but I suffered my party to march, and I remained to see lieutenant Wilkinson sail, which he did at 10 o'clock, having one skin canoe, made of four buffalo skins and two elk skins; this held three men besides himself and one Osage. In his wooden canoe, were, one soldier, one Osage and their baggage; one other soldier marched on shore. We parted with "God bless you" from both parties; they appeared to sail very well."

Don Jackson says, "Perhaps Lieutenant Wilkinson's most important role on the excursion was the safe transmittal of the information Pike sent along with him."

A to Z Colorado's Nearly Forgotten History 1776-1876 Hardcover – September 1, 2021

by John Wesley Anderson (Author) \$69.95

A to Z Colorado's Nearly Forgotten History 1776-1876 is an encyclopedic collection of 26 fascinating stories of historical events that took place prior to Colorado statehood. Within each chapter are interrelated historical vignettes of real people, places, and events which served as building blocks providing the foundation upon which the state of Colorado was built. Before Colorado had earned the right to become the 38th state of the United States, it was first forged in the calloused hands of Indigenous, Spanish, French, Mexican, and American people who lived during this century of conflict. The common thread that runs through these 26 stories is the concern that these people, places, and events that make up this 100 year period, in what is today's Colorado, are at risk of being forgotten. This 100-year period was not only an important part of Colorado's history but to America's history as well. This book was published during the second week of September and is available on Amazon.com

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The last chapter "Z for Zebulon" is good reading. It was edited by the President of the Pike National Historic Trail Association.

"Two centuries later, [after Pike's death] on May 25, 2018, the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs was dedicated."

“Sadly, most people only remember him for failing to climb Pikes Peak, and saying, “No human being could have ascended to its pinnacle.” What he actually said, atop Mt. Rosa on November 26, 1806, when he turned his men back after a failed summit attempt was, “No human being could have ascended to its pinnacle,” dressed as they were in summer uniforms, trudging through waist-deep snow and having nothing to eat for two days.” **Z is for Zebulon**

Chapter Twenty-Six

Pike at Tippecanoe

We have long sought information about Pike at Tippecanoe. John Anderson’s publisher Don Kallaus at Rhyolite Press LLC supplied two articles:

“Pike won a reputations one of the best officers in the army. Those detachments of the regular army which served under General William Henry Harrison and which enabled him to win the battle of Tippecanoe against the Shawnee Indians in 1811 were largely trained under Pike.” - *Zebulon Montgomery Pike, Pathfinder and Patriot* by Harvey L Carter.

“Pike was promoted to captain while on the southwestern expedition. In 1811, he was listed as Lt. Col. Zebulon M. Pike with the 4th Infantry Regiment at the Battle of Tippecanoe. He was promoted to colonel in 1812.” - Thomas H. Cushing <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/biographies/zebulon-pike>

Cushing seems to say Pike not only trained men for the Battle of Tippecanoe but also participated in the victory although today’s Tippecanoe folks can’t find Pike’s name in battle listings.



2 Pike Markers found in Kansas

A The land on which the Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site in Republic KS is now located, was originally called Pike’s Park before the Museum was built. A remaining sign for the Park is posted here. GPS 97° 51' 26" W 39° 54' 27" N Republic KS

B The second is in the Pawnee Indian Museum- a 2003 painting “Uncertain Welcome” by Darrell Combs depicting the Pawnee ceremonial charge of the Pike party. It is accompanied by the explanation that “When Lt. Pike with his small company of soldiers and Kaw and Osage emissaries got close to the Pawnee (near present Guide Rock, NE) they were met by over 300 charging warriors as a way of greeting.”



Pike Marker found at Big

Timbers Museum- Lamar CO

“Zebulon Pike who gave his name to Colorado’s most famous peak rested here in 1806. Settlers and travelers on the Santa Fe Trail paused at Big Timbers to rest and trade with Indians. ...”
GPS 102° 37' 7" W 38° 6' 57" N Lamar Big Timbers Museum

A Pike Note: The Royal Gorge Bridge is 956 Feet above the Arkansas River, has 4100 steel Cables and 1257 wooden planks. Pike and two others climbed up 956 feet on January 4, 1807.

“We at length discovered a narrow ravine, where there was the trace of the doctor and his companion; as the water had ran down it and frozen hard, it was one continued sheet of ice; we ascended it with the utmost difficulty in danger, loaded with the baggage.”

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Our **Vision** is **TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PIKE AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

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