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Pike Annual Meeting-
Sat. May 18 Royal Gorge Cañon City

PIKE ASSOCIATION AWARDED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS BEST

We are happy to receive recognition. Local Colorado media runs articles often. We trust you are as proud of the Association as our Board is. Here is another reason. The Pike National Historic Trail Association was chosen for the 2018 Best of Conifer Awards in the category of Association or Organization. The Best of Conifer Award was created to acknowledge the best businesses in our community.



THE NEW PIKE WEBSITE was launched in December.

TAKE A LOOK (www.zebulonpike.org)

We offer some wonderful new features:

- volumes of new educational information
- online membership renewal (via PayPal or credit card)
- **online store** to purchase Pike art by celebrated former Disney

- our Newsletters (past and present) can be found on the website for your convenience,
 - Click here: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/newsletters/> and
- other promotional items designed to help us accomplish our mission.

These products are easily found on our website:

- Starting at \$2, you can own this art in the form of notecards: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/cards/>
- Perhaps a gift of Mr. French's Coloring Book for children: "**Zebulon Pike An American Hero**" would be appropriate- order online - <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product/childrens-coloring-book/>
- For those who wish to purchase an original Pike painting: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/art/original-paintings/>
- Perhaps a t-shirt is your thing? Look here: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/clothing/>
- For those who want to own a less expensive canvas painting: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/art/canvas-prints/>
- Perhaps you collect coins- We recommend that you look at our set of six Commemorative Pike Coins - framed or unframed - <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/collectibles/coins/>
- our educational, interpretive, and preservation mission has been enhanced with the website.

You can help: Donations for -

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| - Designation of Pike Trail in States & Federally | - Newsletter 'Blog' & Website Management |
| - Preservation of Pike Memorabilia & Pike Sites | - Field Research to Authenticate Pike's Route |
| - Smartphone App | - Directional Signs for Pike Trail in Colorado & Beyond |
| - Route Guide Booklets & Interpretive Materials | - Roadside Panels and |
| - the general living area. | can be contributed online, |

In fact, you can not only donate and purchase items, you can become a member, now online. It is just so easy with this new website. **Ready to join? Go here.** Memberships start at \$15.

Of course, if you are more comfortable making payments by phone or regular mail with your checks you can continue to do so. See the membership form at the bottom of this newsletter.

JIM VAN HOY SHARES ANOTHER FINE PHOTO OF PIKES PEAK

Jim Van Hoy has once again shared one of his fine photos of Pikes Peak with the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. We have added it to our masthead above. A larger image appears on page 2.

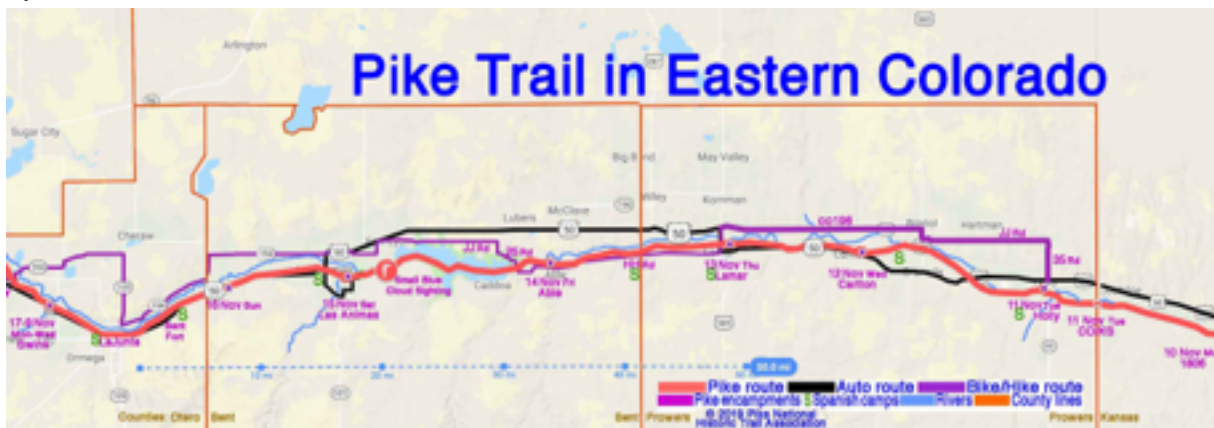


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PIKE FROM KANSAS TO LAJUNTA

by Allan Vainley (WE QUOTE PIKE IN GREEN.)



Pike's Trip
 11/10 to 16/1806
 Entering today's
 Colorado
 November 11,
 1806.

Pike's crew traveled west on the south side of the Arkansas River for the 80 miles from Kansas to LaJunta in

7 days. Pike was concerned about Spanish troops returning to New Spain from the attempted interception of Pike and Lewis and Clark in Kansas about a month prior. Pike found Spanish sites marked "S" in green on our map.

Near Las Animas and the Purgatory River- Pike spotted his "Grand Mountain" (the Small Blue Cloud) at 2 pm on November 15th, 1806.

Pike Route- The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike

10th November, Monday.- The hills increased, the banks the river, covered with groves of young cotton wood; the river itself much narrower and crooked. Our horses growing weak, two gave out, being you then along empty, cut down trees at night, for them to browse on. Killed one buffalo. Distance 20 miles. **Camp Location: 3 miles west of Syracuse, Kansas on S side of the Arkansas R 3,232'**

11 Nov. 1806 KS/CO State Line 38.02534, -102.04489 3,356'

11th November, Tuesday.- Marched at the usual hour. Passed too old, and one last summer, camps which had belonged to the savages, and we suppose Tetaus. Passed a Spanish camp where it appeared they remained some days as we conjectured to lay up meat, previous to entering the Tetau country, as buffalo evidently began to grow much less numerous. Finding the impossibility of performing the voyage and the time proposed, I determined to spare no pains to accomplish every object even should it oblige me to spend another winter, in the desert. Killed one buffalo, one brelaw. Distance 24 miles. **Camp Location: Holly W side at the mouth Two Buttes Creek S side Arkansas Prowers County, CO 3,392'**

12th November, Wednesday.- Was obliged to leave two horses, which entirely gave out. Missed the Spanish Road. Killed to buffalo. Distance 20 miles. **Camp Location: Carlton W of Granada Prowers County, CO 3,537'**

13th November, Thursday.- We marched that the usual hour. The river banks begin to be entirely covered with woods on both sides, but no other species in cotton wood. Discovered very fresh signs of indians, and one of our hunters informed me, he saw a man on horseback, ascending a ravine to our left. Discovered signs of war parties ascending the river. Wounded several buffalo. Killed one turkey, the first we have seen since we left the Pawnees. **Camp Location: Lamar, CO 3,619'**

14th November, Friday.- In good morning, doctor Robinson, one man and myself, went to a ravine, on which a man was supposed to have been seen, but could not make any important discovery. Marched at 2 o'clock; passed a point to red rocks and one large creek. Distance 10 miles. **Camp Location: Between Mud Creek and Caddoa Creek- E end of John Martin Reservoir State Park Bent County, CO 3920'**

15th November, Saturday.- Marched early. Passed two deep creeks and many high points of the rocks; also, large herds of buffalo. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon I thought I could distinguish a mountain to our right, which appeared like a small blue cloud; viewed it with the spyglass, and was still more confirmed in my conjecture, yet only communicated it to doctor Robinson, who was in front of me, but in half an hour, they appeared in full view before us. When our small party arrived on the hill they with one accord gave three *cheers* to the Mexican mountains. Their appearance can easily be imagined by those who have crossed the Allegheny; but their sides were whiter as if covered with snow, or a white stone. Those were his *spur* of the grand western chain of mountains, which divided the waters of the Pacific from those of the Atlantic oceans, and it divided the waters which empty into the bay the Holy Spirit, from those of the Mississippi; as a Allegheny does, those which discharge themselves into the latter river and the Atlantic. They appear to present a natural boundary between the province of Louisiana and New Mexico and would be a defined and natural boundary. Before evening we discovered it a fork on the south side bearing S. 25° W. and as the Spanish troops appeared to have borne up it, we encamped on its banks, about 1 mile from its confluence, that we might make further discoveries on the morrow. Killed three buffalo. Distance 24 miles. **Camp Location # 124: Purgatory River 1 mile of upstream from its confluence with the Arkansas SE of Las Animas Bent County, CO 3,900' Sighting of the Small Blue Cloud 38.06417, -103.13037**

16th November, Sunday.- After asserting that the Spanish troops had ascended the right branch or main river; we marched at 2:00 PM. The Arkansas appeared at this place crickets years to be much more navigable, than below, where we first struck it; and for any impediment I have yet discovered in the river, I would not hesitate to embark in February at its mouth and ascend to the Mexican mountains, with crafts properly constructed. Distance 11 1-2 miles **Camp Location: Above the mouth of Horse Creek E of La Junta S of Bent's Fort Bent County, CO 4000'**

AUTO, BIKE AND HIKE ROUTES KANSAS BORDER TO LAJUNTA

We are publishing the Auto route and Bike/Hike route for the Pike Trail in Colorado approved by Otero and Prowers Counties. The Auto Route is on US 50 and the Bike/Hike route, for safety reasons, is on less traveled roads. The Bike/Hike route is easily followed either east to west (Pike's direction of travel) or west to east.

AUTO: Westbound via US-50 W: Kansas/Colorado State Line to La Junta, CO 1 h 31 min (87.9 miles)

KS-CO State Border using US-50 for 87.9 miles

1. Head west on US-400 W/US-50 W 32.1 mi

Continue to follow US-50 W

2. Turn right onto US-50 W/S Main St Lamar 55.6 mi

Continue to follow US-50 W

SIDE TRIP- At 66.7 miles (Las Animas) you may wish to take the trip to the

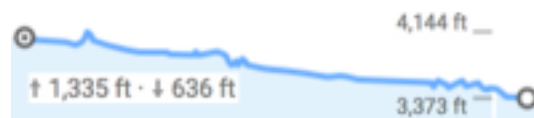
Sighting of the Small Blue Cloud Monument and more. See description below Bike/Hike route- page 5.

3. Turn left (south) onto Colorado Ave off of US 50/1st St. **LaJunta** 0.1 mi

4. Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto W 3rd St 203 ft

5. Turn left 341 ft

in La Junta Colorado 81050



Bike: 7 hours 46 min Hike: 30 hours (95.2 miles)

Westbound

Use caution—bicycling directions may not always reflect real-world conditions

KS-CO State Border and US 50

1. Head west on US-400 W/US-50 W 7.1 mi

Bike 34 min (7.1 mi)

to US-50 Scenic and CR 32 W of Holly, CO

2. Turn right (north) onto Co Rd 32 1.0 mi



3. Turn left (West) onto Co Rd GG to Co Rd 31 and GG 0.9 mi Bike 9 min (1.9 mi)
4. Head west on Co Rd GG toward Co Rd 31 0.1 mi
5. Turn right (north) onto Co Rd 31 to CR 31 and JJ 2.0 mi Bike 10 min (2.1 mi)
6. Head west on Co Rd JJ 0.2 mi
7. Continue onto Rd Jj 0.2 mi
8. Continue onto Co Rd JJ 0.5 mi
9. Turn right (north) onto CO-196 1.0 mi
10. Turn left (west) to stay on CO-196 22.2 mi
11. Turn left onto State Hwy 287 0.1 mi
12. Turn left (south) onto US-287 S/US-50 E into Lamar to 3rd and S Main St in Lamar, CO 81052 2.0 mi Bike 2 h 7 min (26.3 mi)
- Continue to follow US-287 S Pass by Burger King (on the right in 1.2 mi)
13. Head south on S Main St toward E Oak St 36 ft
14. Turn right (west) onto W Oak St in Lamar 0.8 mi
15. Continue onto Co Rd HH 7.3 mi
16. Turn right (jog north) onto County Rd 34.5 236 ft
17. Turn left (WSW (still CR HH)) 1.8 mi
18. Turn left (jog south) toward Co Rd HH 194 ft
19. Turn right (WSW) onto Co Rd HH 1.9 mi
20. Continue SW & WSW onto Co Rd GG 5.5 mi
21. Turn right (north) onto County Rd 25.75 1.0 mi
22. Slight left 1.2 mi
23. Turn right (NW) at County Rd 24 0.6 mi
24. Continue onto S School St 0.9 mi
25. Turn left onto 5th St 10 ft Bike 1 h 46 min (20.9 mi)
- to S School St and CR JJ in Hasty, CO 81044
26. Head west on County Rd JJ/5th St toward Co Rd 22 9.0 mi
- Continue to follow County Rd JJ You will be in John Martin Reservoir State Park
27. Turn left (south) onto Co Rd 16 in Fort Lyon 0.2 mi
28. Continue south onto Rd 16 0.9 mi
29. Continue onto Rd Hh 0.2 mi
30. Continue west onto Co Rd HH 2.8 mi
31. Turn right onto Co Rd 13 0.2 mi
- Use care hiking or biking beside on roads especially US 50.
32. Turn left (west) onto US-50 W to US-50 and CO 194 Las Animas, CO 81054 2.3 mi Bike 1 h 14 min (15.6 mi)
33. Head north on US-50 W 0.1 mi
- Walk your bicycle
- SIDE TRIP- At this point you may wish to take the trip to the Sighting of the Small Blue Cloud Monument.
- See below.
34. Take the exit on the left toward CO-194 W 0.2 mi
35. Merge onto CO-194 West to Bent's Old Fort on CO-194 NE of La Junta, CO 81050 13.3 mi Bike 1 h 7 min (13.6 mi)
- Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site on your left.
36. Head southwest on CO-194 W toward Co Rd 35 6.5 mi
37. Turn left (south) onto CO-109 S 1.0 mi
38. Turn right onto E 4th St 0.6 mi
39. Turn right to 4th and Colorado Ave. La Junta, Colorado 81050 26 ft Bike 40 min (8.1 mi)

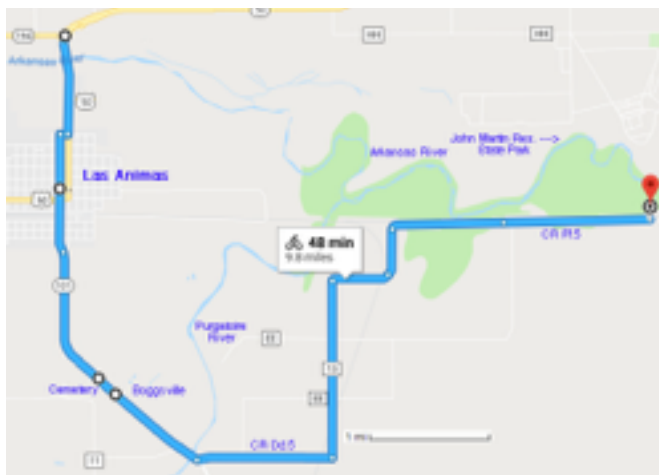
SIDE TRIP- Boggsville, Pike encampment site 9/15/1806, and Sighting of the Small Blue Cloud
38.06417, -103.13037 21 min (9.8 miles) Hike 3h 11min Bike 48min

Starting on US-50 1.3 miles north of Las Animas, CO 81054

1. Head south on US-50 W toward Rd Gg 1.3 mi
2. Turn right onto 6th St 348 ft Auto 3 min (1.3 mi)
 to **Bent Ave. & 6th St Bill Long's DQ Las Animas, CO 81054**
3. Head west on 6th St toward Carson Ave 7 ft
4. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Carson Ave 0.5 mi
5. Continue onto CO-101 S 1.2 mi Auto 4 min (1.7 mi)
 to **Cemetery where William Bent is buried CO-101 on right**
6. Head southeast on CO-101 S 0.2 mi Auto 13 s (0.2 mi)
 to **Boggsville, Home of William Bent in 1869 and Kit Carson in 1868 on the left**
7. Head southeast on CO-101 S toward County Rd Dd.5 0.9 mi
Pike's 9/15/1806 Encampment was here on the Purgatoire River and Dd.5
8. Turn left onto County Rd Dd.5 1.1 mi
9. County Rd Dd.5 turns left and becomes Co Rd 13 1.5 mi
10. Co Rd 13 turns slightly right and becomes Co Rd FF 0.5 mi
11. Continue onto County Rd 13 5/10 0.4 mi
12. Continue onto F 5 1.0 mi
13. Continue onto County Rd Ff.5 1.2 mi Auto 14 min (6.6 mi)

The marker and monument for Pike's Sighting of the Small Blue Cloud (Pikes Peak) is on the north side of the Railroad tracks. Find the tunnel under the tracks and follow the dirt road leading right off of CR Ff.5.

See pictures by clicking here- <https://www.zebulonpike.org/historic-preservation/historic-pike-sites-colorado/> near the lower left and be patient as the images are loaded.



COMING SOON- FROM ED FRENCH

"REPUBLICAN PAWNEE COUNCIL" - a preview of a 16" x 42" painting nearing completion.

On Thursday 9/25/1806, the Pawnee Chief Characterish (White Wolf), his two sons and warriors met them ceremonially as Pike's party approached the Pawnee village on the Republican River. Pike and his 22 men had traveled from the Osage villages [in SW Missouri] with Osage guides, Kans and one Pawnee named Frank. They were aware of the ceremonial charge which Pike describes

"When we arrived within 3 miles of the village we were requested to remain, as the ceremony of receiving the Osage into the towns was to be performed here. There was a small circular spot, clear of grass, before which the Osage sat down. We were a small distance in advance of the Indians. The Pawnees then advanced to within a mile of us, and halted, divided into two troops, **and came on each flank at a full charge, making all the gestures and performing the maneuvers of a real war charge.** They then encircled us around, and the chief advanced in the centre and gave us his hand: his name was *Characterish [White Wolf]*. He was accompanied by his two sons and a chief by the name of *Iskatappe [Rich Man]*. The Osage were still seated; but the Belle Oiseau then rose and came forward with the pipe, and presented it to the chief, to go whiff or two from it." Pike

Pike's visit to the Republican Pawnee was in response to his mission to create peace on the Great Plains and to establish American sovereignty.

About two months previous, Spanish Lieut. Don Facundo Malgares and 400 men had visited the village, deposited the Spanish flag during their attempt to intercept both Lewis and Clark as well as Pike.

September 29- After a silence of some, an old man rose, went to the door, it took down the Spanish flag, and brought it and laid it at my feet, and then received the American flag and elevated it on the staff, which had lately borne the standard of his Catholic majesty. This gave great satisfaction to the Osage and Kans, both of whom, decidedly avow themselves to be under the American protection. Pike established sovereignty. To save face for the Pawnee he did leave the Spanish flag. I did not wish to embarrass them with the Spaniards.

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

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

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

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We are a tax exempt not-for profit Association under Section 501 (c) (3) IRC. Your contributions are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

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

Membership Form

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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Providing educational opportunities

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I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

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

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