



PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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THE NEW PIKE WEBSITE

being edited and altered on it. We have learned to be

The updates include with Pike National Historic Trail

have altered our MISSION to include Pike's a. Early Life, b. 1st (Mississippi River 1805-6) Expedition, and Later Life as well as the 2nd Expedition. A **great** deal has been added together with Pike Field Maps and modern maps to reflect our Mission.

Because smartphones (iPhones and Android) as well as tablets have been created over the 10 years of our site ownership, our new look website had to be altered to allow for the use of these devices. You will be able to see our website on your smartphone and it will fit on the phone screen.

The ability to donate and pay for membership by credit card or PayPal has been also been added.

Once the new design and content is checked and approved by us the old website will be taken down and replaced by the new one.

ERWIN YOUNG- Vice President for Preservation

Erwin Young on suffered a stroke on Thursday 11/1 in a cafe in Alamosa. He was flown to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs and placed in ICU. He is doing much better and should be out of ICU in a couple of days and placed in another area of the hospital.

Get well and best wishes cards should be sent to:

James Erwin Young

% Penrose Hospital

Address: 2222 N Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

VISITING FORT MASSACHUSETTS, CO 1852 BY Allan Vainley

Fort Massachusetts, Colorado's First Military Fort and First Weather Station was built near the west bank of Ute Creek on the base of Blanca Peak at 8,000 feet on June 22, 1852. Its primary function was to protect travelers and settlers in the San Luis Valley in Southern Colorado (then part of the New Mexico Territory) from Indian attack.

In 1853 the explorer John W. Gunnison with his party stopped at Fort Massachusetts, as did Lt. E.F. Beale's expedition to California. Gwinn Harris Heap, part of the Beale group, described the fort as "a well-built stockade of pine logs, ten feet in height, and enclosing very comfortable quarters for one hundred and fifty men."



(www.zebulonpike.org) is significantly. We are working patient.

current information about the Association and our Board. We

Following the Indian Christmas massacre at Fort Pueblo in 1854, troops from Fort Massachusetts fought for 6 months the Mohuache Utes and their allies, the Jicarilla Apaches defeating them. The Utes ceded their lands in the San Luis Valley to the United States.

The poorly chosen swampy location proved unsuitable and late in 1858 the troops were removed to Fort Garland, six miles to the south.

The site is administered by History Colorado- Fort Garland, is one of our members, part of the "Museums of the San Luis Valley Association" and is actively being excavated by the Adams State University - Fort Massachusett's Field School by Dr. Richard Goddard.

PIKE TRAVELS FROM PUEBLO TO CAÑON CITY by Allan Vainley (WE QUOTE PIKE IN GREEN.)

Pike's Trip 11/30 to 12/4/1806

29th November, Saturday.- Marched after a short repast, in arrived at our (Pueblo) camp before night; found all well.

Camp Location: Pueblo stockade-Mouth of Fountain Creek in the Arkansas River

30th November, Sunday.- Marched at 11 o'clock, it's snowing very fast, but my impatience to be moving would not permit me still at that camp. ... This day came to the first cedar and pine.

Camp Location: A two day camp between Livesy, CO and the mouth of Turkey Creek N side of Arkansas River

1st December, Monday.- The storm still to continue with violence, we remained encamped...

2nd December, Tuesday.- It cleared off in the night, and in the morning the thermometer stood at 17 below zero (Reaumer:-6.25 °F) being three times as cold as in any morning we had yet experienced. ... found it necessary to cross to the north side ... The ford was a good one, but the ice ran very bad, and two of the men got their feet froze before we could get accommodated with fire &c. ... The country being very rugged and hilly ..."

Camp Location: Another two day camp about where the Red Creek joins the Arkansas from the south near the Pueblo-Fremont County line.

3rd December, Wednesday.- The weather moderating to three below zero (Reaumer:-4°F)... I wore myself cotton overalls, for we had not calculated on being out in that inclement season of the year. ..."

Killed two bulls, that the men might use pieces of their hides for mockinsons. ,,,"

4th December, Thursday.- Marched about five; took up Sparks who is succeeded in killing a cow. Killed two buffalo and six turkies. Distance 20 miles."

Camp Location: Below Cañon City on the N side of Arkansas River near mouth of 4mile Creek

5th December, Friday.- Marched at our usual hour. Passed one very bad place of *falling rocks*; had to carry our loads. Encamped on the main branch of the river, near the entrance to the south mountain. In the evening walked up to the mountain. Heard 14 guns at camp during my absence, which alarmed me considerably; returned as quickly as possible, and found the cause of my alarm was their shooting turkies. Killed two buffalos and nine turkies. Distance 18 miles."

Camp Location: Cañon City on the N side of Arkansas River near CO 115 (Pike moved slightly west)

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Our Corporate Partners



AUTO, BIKE AND HIKE ROUTE by Allan Vainley

GATEWAY PARK AT THE RIVER WALK PUEBLO, CO TO PIKE STOCKADE TUNNEL DR. CAÑON CITY, CO

Auto 56 min (40.7 miles) Bike ~3 h 15 min (40.6 miles) Hike ~13 h 7 min (40.4 miles)

1 to 11 In Pueblo- 20 min (7.6 mi)

- 1 Head east on S Grand Ave toward S Santa Fe Ave 289 ft
- 2 Turn left onto S Santa Fe Ave 1.2 mi
- 3 (at Mineral Palace Park) Turn left onto W 15th St CO96 0.2 mi
- 4 Turn right onto Court St 0.1 mi
- 5 Turn left onto W 17th St 1.1 mi
- 6 Turn right onto Hood Ave 341 ft
- 7 Turn left onto W 18th St 0.4 mi
- 8 Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto Atlanta Ave 0.1 mi
- 9 Continue SE onto Cheyenne Ave 0.7 mi
- 10 Slight left onto W 11th St 1.1 mi
- 11 Turn right onto CO-45 N 2.7 mi



- 12 Use any lane to turn left onto US-50 W 38 min (34.4 mi)
(Pass by Wendy's- Cañon City (on the right in 33.0 mi))
- 13 Turn left onto Tunnel Dr 45 s (0.2 mi)
- 14 Arrive at Pike Stockade 110 Tunnel Dr Cañon City, Colorado.

LITTLE FALLS- ELK HUNT

Ed French, artist and Board Member completed this painting **Little Falls- Winter Hunt** on 9/3/18.

The Art

The setting of this painting is in northern Minnesota on Zebulon Pike Lake, part of the Mississippi River south of Little Falls, MN. They spent 85 days here waiting for the river to freeze and then to thaw going home. They had to find a good hunting ground for provision.

The Setting

Zebulon and his 20 men were living off the land and many times were desperate for provisions.
 November 2nd: "Left camp with the fullest determination to kill an elk... We soon struck where a herd of 150 had passed. Pursued and came in sight ... When they appeared, like an army Indians movie along in single file; a large buck, of at least four feet between the horns, leading the van ... Shortly after saw three elk by themselves in the copse of woods."
 Sunday, November 3, 1805: "Passed many droves of elk and buffalo... Saw many droves of elk on both banks. About sunset saw a herd crossing the prairie toward us... I struck one of them behind the shoulder; he did not go more than 20 yards before he fell and



died. This was the cause of much exultation, because it fulfilled my determination; and as we had been today and nights without victuals, it was very acceptable.” - Pike Journal

Purchasing Details

Original Painting	Canvas Prints	Canvas Prints	Posters	Posters	Note cards
Medium: Oil	Medium: Ink	Medium: Ink	Medium: Ink	Medium: Ink	Med: Ink
Surface: Masonite	Surface: Canvas	Surface: Canvas	Surface: Paper	Sur: Paper	Sur: Paper
Size: 24"x36"	Size: 24x36"	Size: 20x30"	Size: 14x18"	Size: 16x20"	4 1/4" x 5 1/2" &
Framed	Unframed	Unframed	Unframed	Unframed	5 1/2" x 8 1/2"
\$5995	\$595	\$455	\$40.95	\$40.95	\$4 each
					Sets: \$26.00 smaller \$36.00 larger

Ordering- By mail: -Ed French- PO Box 300 Cotopaxi, CO 81223 or
 -Pike National Historic Trail Association 10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433 or -by phone 303-912-9939 or email: harv.pike@gmail.com

T-SHIRTS

The Pike National Historic Trail Association are now offering for sale 2 different T-shirts (shown below) with two of our paintings as full color reproductions.

These shirts **\$25 post paid** can be ordered through Ed French (a retired Senior Disney World Artist)
 PO Box 300 Cotopaxi, CO 81223 Ed is a. Board 719 942 3604 Ed French <edfrench72@gmail.com>



or through the Association (address below)

All profit is donated to the Association's Preservation Fund.



Will you consider joining us or renewing? Membership blank below.

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



VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell _____

e-mail _____

I will be able to help with:

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

- I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support
- I /we will write letters of legislative support
- I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)

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

Make checks payable to: Pike National Historic Trail Association Mail membership and donation checks to:

Pike National Historic Trail Association, C/o Brian Pike, Membership Chair, 5357 Bristol Arvada, CO 80002

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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**

