

PIKE



NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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We are the Pike National Trail Association **not** the Park Service.
The Pike National Trail Association is now **asking for your help.**

PIKE FEASIBILITY STUDY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Please use your own words so that your comments will be unique.

SET 1

General Positive support comments

You are the public
and can comment at any Public Meeting listed below in the “chat” box **PLEASE DO SO**
or on the comment page parkplanning.nps.gov/pike **PLEASE DO SO.**
We offer two sets of comments below: **GENERAL** and Colorado fashioned ones

Please state your comment in your own words so that your comments are unique.

You can attend any of the National Park Service Zoom (Virtual) Public Meetings by clicking on the blue “Zoom link:” in the schedule below. Zoom meetings will allow you to view the presentation and type positive (please) comments into the “chat” box even if you live outside the 7 states being presented.

Another way to contribute Public Comments is to visit parkplanning.nps.gov/pike They must be received by June 30, 2021.

These are some ideas and comments we have heard people say about the Pike Trail and the good that it would mean for the areas through which it runs.

Maybe they will help you think of things you'd like to say in the comments portion of the virtual meeting”

- A** There are many sites and areas I have visited in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana that should be visited especially to learn more about Zebulon Pike.
- B** I enjoy scenic driving, hiking and backpacking, fishing, river rafting enjoying the magnificent scenery. I think “I am where Pike was.”
- C** The history in the seven states is interesting and enlightening especially about Pike, something I wish to know more about.
- D** People from all over the world visit the American west. National Parks, National Historic Trails serve as guides in their visitation planning. The Pike National Historic Trail should be in the mix.
- E** The Pike National Historic Trail would certainly help communities economically with the tourist dollar.
- F** From an economic and educational standpoint the National Historic Trail would be greatly appreciated bringing advantages and benefit to several states
- G** The Pike National Historic Trail would benefit many communities.
I would like to see Pike's 1806-1807 expedition designated as a national historic trail
- H** I think this route is important in America's history. It should be a national historic trail because of its historically importance
- I** Pike's route is historically significant. He explored the Osage, Cottonwood, Arkansas, South Platte and Rio Grande rivers.
- J** Pike's southwest exploration of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana eventually lead to them becoming states

SET 2

Positive support comments

FOR COLORADO

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I. Sites There are sites and areas that could be visited by the public in Colorado including:

A I enjoy driving up the Pikes Peak highway, riding the Pikes Peak Cog Railway or hiking on Barr Trail to the top of Pikes Peak, being reminded that Zebulon Pike attempted to climb this fourteener, that *America the Beautiful* was inspired here and enjoying the magnificent scenery

B Hiking and backpacking in Colorado is unbelievable. Near the Pike route are 19+ fourteeners (14,000 feet) with marked hiking trails: Mount Elbert, Mount Massive, Mount Harvard, Blanca Peak, Crestone Peak, Mount Lincoln, Mount Antero, Mount Shavano, Mount Princeton, Mount Belford, Mount Yale, Mount Bross, Tabeguache Peak, Mount Oxford, Mount Democrat, Pikes Peak, Mount Columbia.

C Along the Pike route, I enjoy bike and hiking trails along the Arkansas and Rio Grande rivers, fishing, river rafting, and scenic driving. Hiking up High Dune at the Sand Dunes was special. I was walking to where Pike was.

D Colorado historic sites are varied and diverse along the Pike route, like ... (see chart below). They are numerous and enlightening. South Park City Museum [Fairplay, CO], Silver Cliff Museum

E I have run into people from all over the world at such places as Bents Fort, South Park National Heritage Area, Browns Canyon National Monument, and Great Sand Dunes NP .

It was interesting that a Pike quote is etched on the Visitor Center window at the Sand Dunes.

II. Pike’s 1806-1807 route

A The study route looks accurate. A larger scale map would be helpful.

B Other map sources give good, accurate detail

C I like what the Park Service has done providing accurate maps.

III. National Historic Trail affect

How might designation of this route as a national historic trail affect you and your community?

A From an economic and educational standpoint the National Historic Trail would be greatly appreciated bringing advantages and benefit to Colorado

B I have no concerns. The benefits and advantages of the Pike National Historic Trail loom great

C Economically- tourism dollars are needed and valuable- Businesses would be positively impacted.

D The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the Santa Fe National Historic Trail have benefited many communities.

E Smaller communities along the Arkansas, South Platte and Rio Grande rivers would be helped economically

F Private money from businesses, individuals and other sources likely could fund interpretive material

G Educationally - Families, individuals and children can travel with more purpose. The scenery is great but they will be able to learn about history of a notable person- Zebulon Pike.

H Up close experiences are valuable.

I More site preservation could be encouraged with national designation

J The use of Colorado recreational opportunities is well known. Historical aspects would be added enriching experiences

IV. Would you like to see Pike's 1806-1807 expedition designated as a national historic trail?

A Absolutely- the State of Colorado needs to know more about their history

B Yes, Pike's exploration of Colorado must be remembered with the designation of national historic trail

V. Importance in America's history

A I think this route is important in America's history. It should be a national historic trail because of its historical importance

B Pike's route is historically significant especially along the Missouri, Osage, Cottonwood, Arkansas, South Platte and Rio Grande rivers. It had a far reaching effect on broad patterns of American culture, trade and commerce, exploration, migration and settlement

C Pike's southwest exploration Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas became states

D I can imagine the Utes in Colorado observing Pike and his men travel on their hunting grounds. Native Americans were impacted positively with American compassion. They learned to respect American sovereignty

I. Sites and areas that could be visited by the public in **Colorado ON OR NEAR THE PIKE ROUTE**
National: Bents Fort [La Junta, CO], South Park National Heritage Area [Fairplay, CO]. Browns Canyon National Monument [Buena Vista / Salida, CO], Great Sand Dunes NP Roadside Panels - Visitor Center window [Alamosa, CO]
State: John Martin Reservoir State Park [Hasty, CO], Lake Pueblo State Park [Pueblo, CO], Elevenmile State Park [Lake George, CO], Cheyenne Mountain State Park [CO Spr, CO], Royal Gorge Mountain Park [Cañon City, CO], Pike Stockade (replica) [Alamosa, CO]
Local: Pikes Tower (Lamar, CO), 'Small Blue Cloud' marker (Las Animas, CO), Pike Park S and sign (LaJunta, CO), Gateway Park at The River Walk [Pueblo, CO], Garden of the Gods [Colorado Springs, CO], Tunnel Drive Trail and Pike Marker [Cañon City, CO], Royal Gorge Bridge and Park (Cañon City, CO)
Recreational: Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, CO, Pueblo River Trail [Pueblo, CO], Arkansas Riverwalk Trail [Cañon City, CO], Pike National Forest [Clear Creek, Teller, Park, Jefferson, Douglas and El Paso counties], Tomahawk State Wildlife & Antero Reservoir Areas (South Park/Hartsel)
Recreational/historic appreciation: Pikes Peak [Colorado Springs, CO] America's Mountain Pikes Peak Highway [Cascade/Colorado Springs, CO], Pikes Peak "America the Beautiful"- Katharine Lee Bates plaque, Pikes Peak- Zebulon Pike Summit Plaque, South Park City Museum [Fairplay, CO], Christmas site sign [Salida, CO], Silver Cliff Museum [Silver Cliff/Westcliffe, CO]

NPS virtual public meetings schedule for the Pike National Historic Trail Study using ZOOM

Zoom meetings will allow you to view the presentation and type comments into the “chat” box.

To join the meeting, click on the link (listed above) at the date & time of the meeting you would like to attend.

Colorado

Monday, May 24: Noon-2pm MST

Zoom Link: [Colorado Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 840 3093 7946 Participant ID: 530852973

Monday, May 24: 6-8 pm MST

Zoom Link: [Colorado Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 828 6939 0971 Participant ID: 172502062

Saturday, June 12: 10am-Noon MST

Zoom Link: [Colorado Meeting 3](#) Meeting ID: 856 5344 0707 Participant ID: 72732556

Kansas and Nebraska

Tuesday, May 25: Noon-2pm CST, 11am-1pm MST

Zoom Link: [Kansas and Nebraska Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 827 8296 7057 Participant ID:
220943572

Tuesday, May 25: 6-8 pm CST, 5-7pm MST

Zoom Link: [Kansas and Nebraska Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 889 1217 9442 Participant ID:
300930688

Louisiana

Wednesday, May 26: Noon-2pm CST, 11am-1pm MST

Zoom Link: [Louisiana Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 839 9100 4135 Participant ID: 761202222

Wednesday, May 26: 6-8 pm CST, 5-7pm MST

Zoom Link: [Louisiana Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 840 5548 1626 Participant ID: 714240317

Missouri

Thursday, May 27: Noon-2pm CST, 11am-1pm MST

Zoom Link: [Missouri Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 826 6010 2248 Participant ID: 455020726

Thursday, May 27: 6-8 pm CST, 5-7pm MST

Zoom Link: [Missouri Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 899 7164 1072 Participant ID: 506950327

New Mexico

Tuesday, June 1: Noon-2pm MST

Zoom Link: [New Mexico Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 838 6804 9754 Participant ID: 328518961

Tuesday, June 1: 6-8 pm MST

Zoom Link: [New Mexico Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 838 1888 9561 Participant ID: 554465943

Texas

Wednesday, June 2: Noon-2pm CST, 11am-1pm MST

Zoom Link: [Texas Meeting 1](#) Meeting ID: 895 7929 1260 Participant ID: 422059154

Wednesday, June 2: 6-8 pm CST, 5-7pm MST

Zoom Link: [Texas Meeting 2](#) Meeting ID: 869 3127 0127 Participant ID: 408333179

Spanish-speaking meeting

Thursday, June 3: 6-8 pm MST

Zoom Link: [Spanish-speaking Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 895 6536 6174 Participant ID: 365754559

Method 2- Submit Comments Online: parkplanning.nps.gov/pike Note: This is the preferred method for comment submission.

Method 3- Write or email the Project Manager with questions or comments

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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

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