



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.

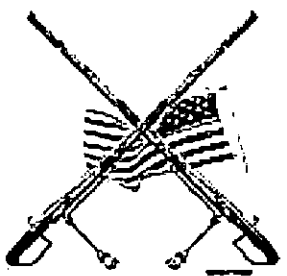
We welcome the interest of many people across the nation wishing to create a lasting memorial to one of the country's greatest heroes - Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

We are proud to recognize the support of the Pike family, Pike Bicentennial activists, various national trail organizations and federal agencies.

General Zebulon Montgomery Pike's Sword & Scabbard (CHS)

"Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

15 star flag, Pike sword & scabbard



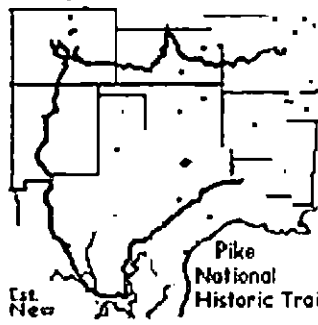
They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind - Tuscarora

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 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, El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail, and American Discovery Trail.

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

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 we refer to as the San Antonio Road.

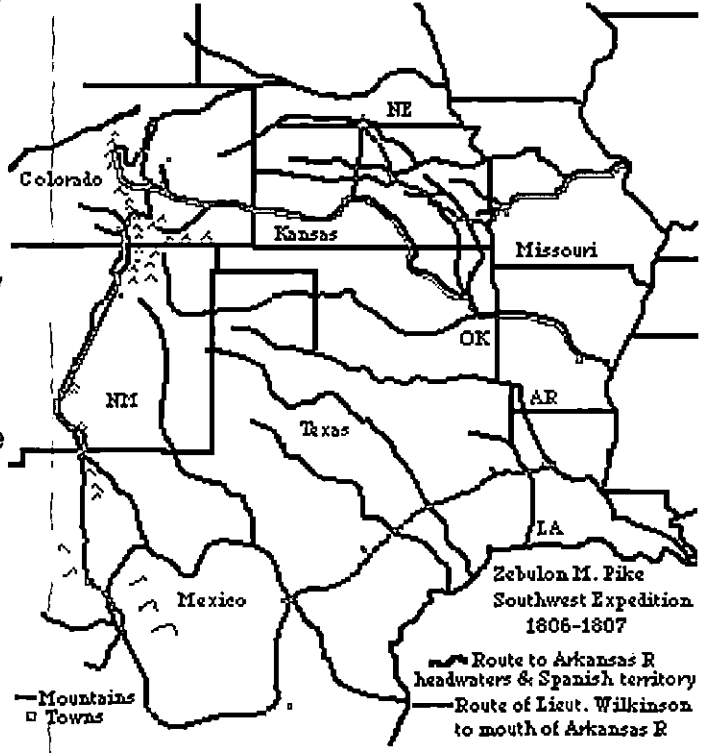
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Purposes of the Pike NHTA

The 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 Southwest 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.



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Budget Needs

- The Pike NHT Association projects financial needs for
- Δ promotional costs for the passage of the bill authorizing the Feasibility Study,
- Δ continuing costs of our website,
- Δ membership in National Trails System organizations,
- Δ educational materials,
- Δ member excursions and preservation,
- Δ 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.

See our website- www.zebulonpike.org



- ☉ 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.

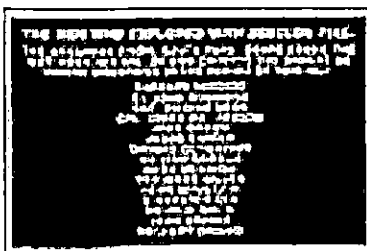
Regarding his character- He was a loyal, observant, U.S. Army officer to the core. He was a gutsy explorer, an uncomplicated man of action. He inspired a generation of soldier explorers. He followed orders, at times, to extremes. He took initiative when conditions warranted as a diligent Army officer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

Let us get on with giving due credit!

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Wet Mountain Valley memorial



Pike's "Blue Cloud" memorial HH



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

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