



Are you ready to travel on The Great Platte River Road? Let's see if you have what it takes to make the journey!

Begin by clicking on Boone Rivers for an introduction, then start the first story by clicking on the  icon on the escalator. When it tells you to head up the escalator, **do not** click on the white arrow until the audio is completely over.

Introduction: Sally Hester is writing in a **diary**

Now, head up the escalator. Once you get to the top of the mountain, you'll go through the covered wagon. Click on the  icon to hear from mountain trapper, Jim Bridger. Keep going to explore Ft. Kearny!

Covered Wagon: What year was Ft. Kearny built? **1848**

Ft. Kearny: Ft. Kearny was one of the last supply shops along the trails. How many miles was it to Ft. Laramie? **330 miles**

Flagpole: Which year did the emigrants started each trail?

Oregon Trail: **1843**

Mormon Trail: **1846**

California Trail: **1849**

Crossing Plains: Read the sign to the left of the red wagon wheel. What year did Ft. Kearny close? **1871**

Go West: What type of animal usually pulled the covered wagons? **Ox**

Wagon: What kind of wood were wagons made from? **Maple, Oak, Other Hardwoods**

Buffalo Run: Native Americans used all parts of the buffalo. What was the heart used for? **A sack for dried meat**

49ers California: Most of the 49ers returned home **rich** or **poor** (circle one).

Mormons: The Mormons used **handcarts** because they couldn't afford covered wagons.

Abandoned Goods: Look at the scene of the broken-down wagon. List 3 items you see that were left behind to lighten the load.

Books, instruments, anvils, tools, trunks, chests, barrels, furniture

Journey's Outcome: New Chest was chief of the Piegan **Blackfoot** Nation. Many Native Americans died from diseases like **cholera** and **smallpox**.

Pony Express: Fill in the blanks below.

There were more than **150** relay stations.

Riders weight limit was **125** pounds.

It took **10** days to travel 2,000 miles.

Race for Riches: President **Abraham Lincoln** signed The Pacific Railroad Act in the year **1862**.

Pawnee & Major North: The Pawnee Scouts guarded the building of the transcontinental railroad from **Plum Creek/Lexington**, Nebraska to the plains of **Laramie**, Wyoming.

Union Pacific: Read the Union Pacific Country wall. A ticket cost \$**50** to go from **Omaha**, Nebraska to **Sacramento**, California.

Lincoln Highway: Read the sign labeled "Main Street of the Nation." How many miles long is the Lincoln Highway? **3,389**
How many states does the Lincoln Highway go through? **13**

Kozy Kabins: The transcontinental driver must be prepared to **camp out** every night.

Drive-In Movie: Drive-in movies reached their peak popularity in the late **1950's** to early **1960's**.

Superhighways: Interstate 80 was created by President **Eisenhower**. It cost \$**129 billion** to complete.

National Parks preserve areas of **historic, scenic, and scientific** importance for the benefit of all Americans.

Wiring America: Fiber optic cables replaced **copper** wires.

Wall Map: List three things you see on the wall map. **Gold pan, covered wagon, telegraph, stagecoach, handcart, tipi, Chimney Rock, computer, buffalo, train, semi truck, Pony Express rider, car, Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty**

Roadside Restaurant: Say hello to Flo! What would you order if you were eating at this diner?

Anything! Burger, fries, grilled cheese, donuts, cake, etc.

Our Grounds

Statue Garden: How many acres did homesteaders receive under the Homestead Act? **160**