

Life on the Oregon Trail

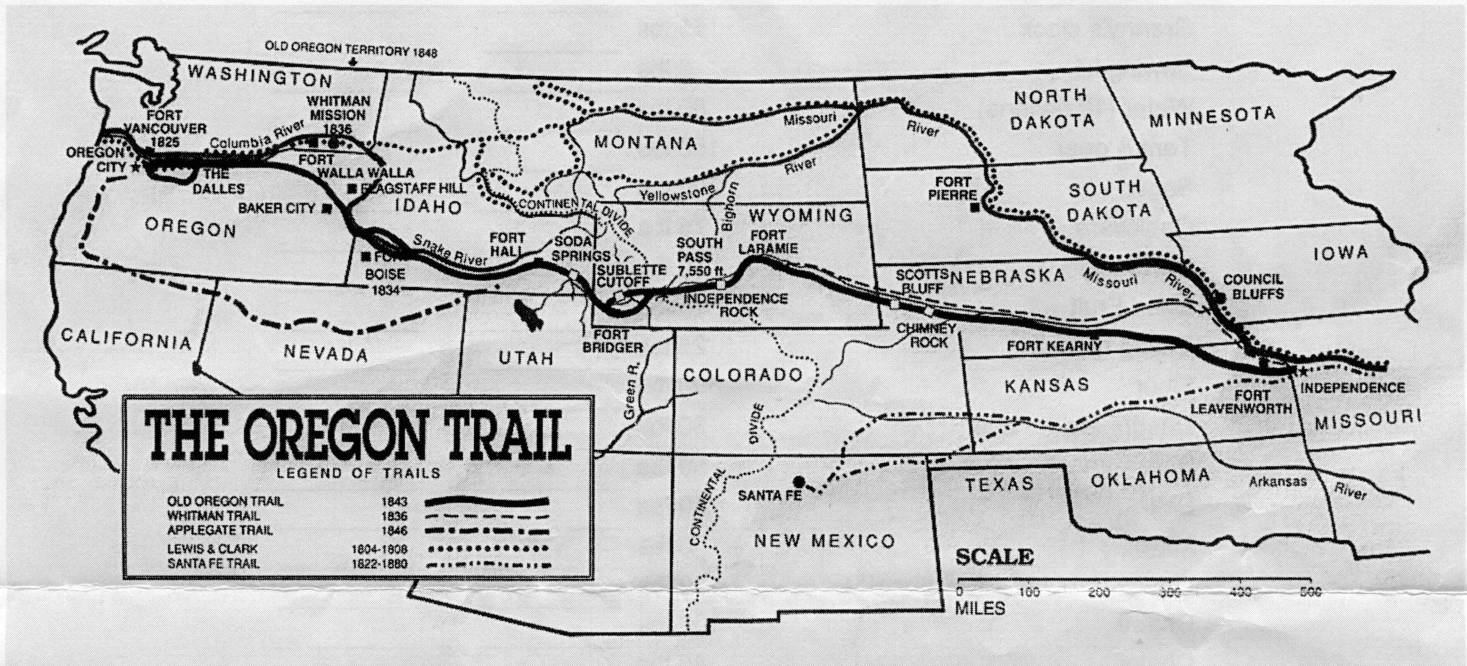
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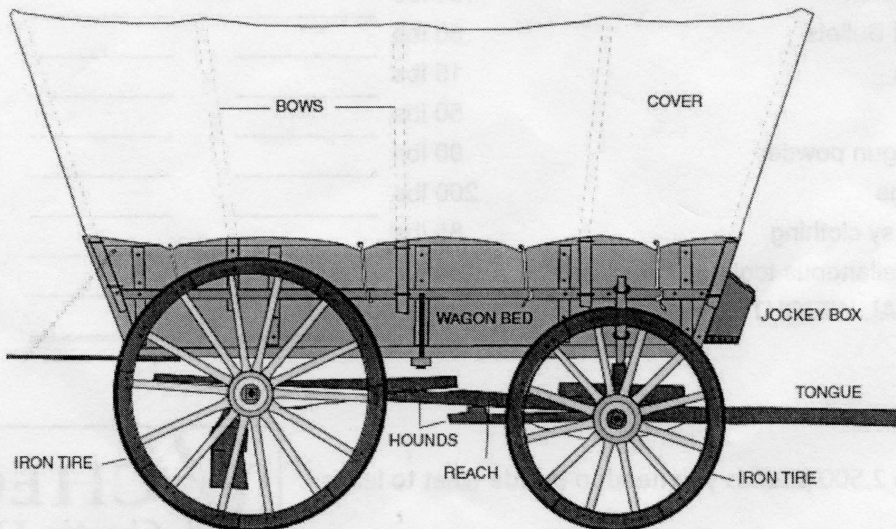
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SIDE VIEW

Pack Your Wagon for the Oregon Trail

In the table below write the weight for each item in either the Take? column or the Leave? column based on what you think your family would need in order to complete the Oregon Trail. When you are done, add up the weights you have listed in each column.

Item	Weight	Take?	or	Leave?
Favorite Painting	25 lbs	_____		_____
Bacon	400 lbs	_____		_____
Bed slats & rope for mattress	15 lbs	_____		_____
Granny's clock	15 lbs	_____		_____
Sewing kit	5 lbs	_____		_____
Water (10 gallons)	80 lbs	_____		_____
Tent & gear	150 lbs	_____		_____
Sugar	200 lbs	_____		_____
Cookware	75 lbs	_____		_____
Cornmeal	10 lbs	_____		_____
Dried Fruit	15 lbs	_____		_____
Eating utensils	25 lbs	_____		_____
Flour	600 lbs	_____		_____
Headboard for bed	30 lbs	_____		_____
Rice	50 lbs	_____		_____
Salt	50 lbs	_____		_____
Mirror	5 lbs	_____		_____
Linens (table cloths & sheets)	100 lbs	_____		_____
Coffee	100 lbs	_____		_____
Chairs	40 lbs	_____		_____
Favorite books	40 lbs	_____		_____
Bedroll	30 lbs	_____		_____
Medicines	20 lbs	_____		_____
Footboard for bed	20 lbs	_____		_____
Cast iron stove	300 lbs	_____		_____
Gun making tools	200 lbs	_____		_____
Hardtack	100 lbs	_____		_____
Lead Bullets	50 lbs	_____		_____
Toys	15 lbs	_____		_____
Lard	50 lbs	_____		_____
Shotgun powder	80 lbs	_____		_____
Beans	200 lbs	_____		_____
Dressy clothing	85 lbs	_____		_____
Miscellaneous tools	50 lbs	_____		_____
TOTAL WEIGHT		=====		=====

What is your total?

If your total was more than 2,500 pounds you need to decide what to leave behind.

