

Auto Tour - The Oregon Trail Route to the Whitman Mission

A tentative schedule for the auto tour of Pendleton and the Walla Walla Valley on June 26 and June 27 follows. Suggestions welcomed.

June 25 – Travel to Pendleton. Early arrivers could visit Tamástslikt and Pendleton on their own.

June 26 – 9:00 am Meet at Umatilla County Museum in Pendleton

View or descent on Poker Jim Ridge from north of Cayuse (road to Adams)

Emigrant camping area between Adams and Athena

Athena. Sugar Shack for coffee. Discuss (but not visit) route over Big Hill to Pine

Creek

Milton-Freewater. Military expeditions and later “Oregon Trail”

Pambrun Winery

Mouth of Pine Creek and descent to valley above Vineyard Road.

Ebey Camp

HBC Farm

Stay in Walla Walla or return to Pendleton

June 27 – 9:00 am. Meet at Whitman Mission (if open)

Frenchtown

Touchet crossings

Route along US12. Stop if traffic permits.

Junction US12 and Byrnes Road (Ebey and Whitman campsites)

Walla Walla River routes to Fort Nez Perce

Marie Dorian Park at the mouth of the Walla Walla River

End of tour

Participants must have their covid shots. We will socially distance at all times. There will be no group events for lectures or meals. Travel will be by personal auto. Participants are encouraged to group four to a car if companions can be found. There will be a maximum of eight cars in the tour. All plans are subject to revision as per local covid regulations.

Please contact Polly Jackson (pnjocata@yahoo.com) for additional information or if you are interested in participating.