

No. 71, Mormon Battalion Trail Marker

Picacho Peak State Park, Pinal County, Arizona

TRAIL SEGMENT

2. Main Command

TRAIL DATE

17 Dec 1846

DEDICATION DATE

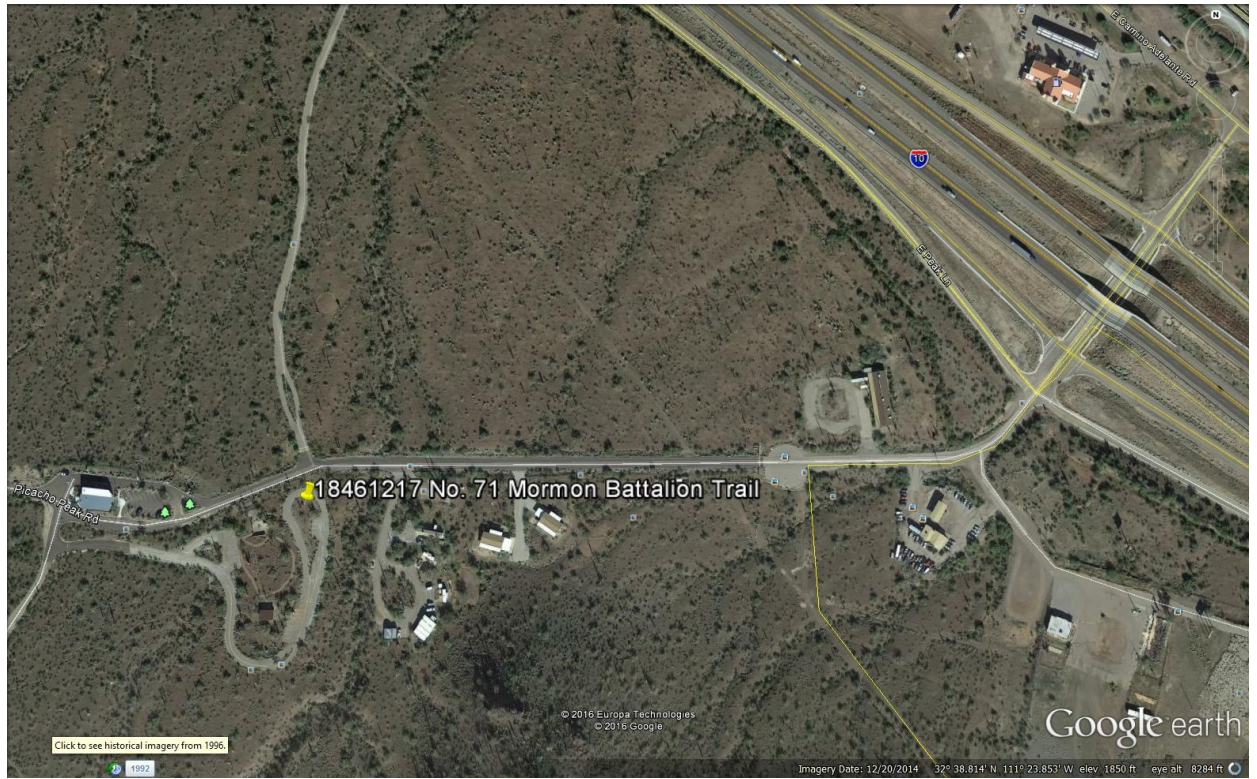
15 MAY 1937

GPS COORDINATES

32° 38.766' N

111° 24.008' W

WGS84



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Description

This square stone masonry marker, topped by three bronze crossed muskets, marks the 17 December 1846 campsite of the Mormon Battalion, the day after leaving Tucson, Arizona, 38 miles southeast of here. This marker was dedicated on 15 May 1937. This site is very scenic, located at the base of the imposing black volcanic Picacho Peak, with numerous imposing saguaro cacti and palo verde bushes all around.

Driving Directions

Take the Picacho Peak State Park Exit from I-10, 38 miles northwest of downtown Tucson, Arizona. Go southwest on Picacho Peak Road past the gate into the park. Continue west 0.3 miles to the rest rooms and turn left onto Harrington Loop, and then immediately left again onto the unnamed loop. Follow that loop 0.2 miles all the way to the end. Park in the four parking spaces on the left. The marker is at the end of the path, 50 feet to the north in the center of the turnaround.

Inscriptions

Plaque 1 of 1.



[script text on Buffalo Skull:]

[*Official Marker*]

[*Utah Pioneer*]

[*Trails and*]

[*Landmarks*]

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MAY 15, 1937

MORMON BATTALION TRAIL

THE MORMON BATTALION OF THE U.S. ARMY CAMPED HERE ENROUTE TO CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 17, 1846. DURING THE WAR WITH MEXICO, ON THE LONGEST INFANTRY MARCH OF RECORD, THEY WERE FIRST TO UNFURL THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IN TUCSON.

THIS MARKER PLACED BY AARONIC PRIESTHOOD, MESA THIRD WARD, MARICOPA STAKE, J. R. PRICE, PRESIDENT, CHARLES E. STANDAGE, CHAIRMAN.

SONS OF BATTALION
H. A. BRIZEE
ED BOIL
DAN JUDD

HUGH DANA, BISHOP
FRANK K. POMEROY, 1ST COUNSELOR
LELAND GLAZIER, 2ND COUNSELOR
J. WALLACE BOND, CLERK
H. THURBER PAYNE, ASST.

History

Erected 15 May 1937 by of Aaronic Priesthood, Mesa Third Ward, Maricopa Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Also see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHiPAYGbrpg&feature=channel>, the short YouTube™ video entitled “ARIZONA MILESTONES: The Mormon Battalion” produced by Arizona State University (azpbs.org).

Credits

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