



2025 Green River Rendezvous  
Museum of the Mountain Man

## South Pass Auto Tour

Guided by Jim Hardee and Scott Walker

**Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 9:00 AM to 3:00PM (6 hours)**

**FREE - Bring your own vehicle or carpool**

### Visit the little known South Pass fur trade crossing of the Continental Divide

In the spring of 1824, Jedediah Smith led a small group of trappers over South Pass into the Green River Valley. This path would become the easy crossing of the Continental Divide and Rocky Mountains that Lewis & Clark had hoped to find. From 1840 through the 1860s, hundreds of thousands of emigrants crossed. The traditional wagon road left the big bend of the Sweetwater River, traveled over to Pacific Creek, and on to the Big Sandy River. This route is best known to the public and shows on period maps, noted by modern historical markers. However, earlier trappers and fur trade supply caravans often crossed the Continental Divide 20 miles to the northwest at the Little Sandy River. This location of this alternative crossing is virtually unknown by the public and is not marked. Famous crossings on this route include Robert Stuart in 1812; Narcissa Whitman, Eliza Spaulding and their missionary husbands; Nathaniel Wyeth; and John Charles Frémont. The Lander Cutoff of the Oregon Trail used this route in the 1860s.

- **The tour is free.** However, registration is encouraged for coordination on tour day – provide name and cell phone (accessible on tour) by calling 307-367-4101 or emailing [info@mmmuseum.com](mailto:info@mmmuseum.com).

- Meet at the Museum at 8:45 am, July 10, 2025. The tour caravan will leave the Museum at 9:00 am. Carpooling is encouraged, but you may drive your own vehicle.

- The estimated time is 6 hours for the 170 total mile loop which includes 40 miles of maintained dirt road. The estimated return to Pinedale is 3:00 pm.

- Please bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks. Start with a full tank of fuel in your vehicle. The only gas and food services will be at Farson, one hour into the tour. Cell phone service is patchy on the back roads. It's recommended to have a good spare tire in your vehicle. Restrooms are available at a couple of the stops.

- A map of the route will be provided in case anyone gets separated from the group.

