



3 YEARS

NEZ PERCE (NEE-ME-POO) NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL 1986-2016

● Chinook



THE CONGRESSIONALLY DESIGNATED TRAIL IS **1170 MILES LONG**

THE NPNHT PASSES THROUGH OR NEAR **WILD & SCENIC RIVERS**



THE TRAIL IS OPEN TO **HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN USE.**

● Missoula

28 TRIBAL PARTNERS

● Lapwai

● Helena

● Stevensville

● Deer Lodge

2991 MILES OF AUTO TOUR ROUTES



VISITOR CENTERS & MUSEUMS ALONG THE ROUTE HELP TELL THE STORY OF THE NEE-ME-POO TRAIL.

● Wallowa

● Joseph

ATTEND A **BATTLE MEMORIAL** ALONG THE NEE-ME-POO TRAIL

● Salmon

COMMEMORATION AND **TRADITIONAL CULTURAL** TRIBAL USE ALONG THE TRAIL

● Bozeman

● Virginia City

● Billings

● Bannack City

POW WOWS IMPORTANT TO NEZ PERCE PEOPLE



MILITARY SITES



● Cooke City

● West Yellowstone

THE TRAIL TRAVELS ALONG OR NEAR TO **SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAYS**



THE TRAIL TRAVELS THROUGH **TWO NATIONAL PARKS**





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TRADITIONAL AND CULTURAL USE

The Nez Perce trail marks the path of the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce but the trail had been used for thousands of years. The Nez Perce is a living culture that honors the past, present and future voices. Their traditions are gifts that have deep roots in the past. The Nez Perce people continue to use the trail in traditional and culture ways. Examples include: hunting and fishing; picking berries and gathering medicinal plants, foods, and hardware plants (for weaving baskets, hats, bags, and more); cutting trees for gaff and tepee poles; for spiritual reasons; and for recreation including canoeing, rafting, swimming, camping, hiking, and horseback riding.



28 TRIBAL PARTNERS

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail commemorates the Nez Perce War and Flight of 1877 from the Nez Perce Homeland in Wallowa, Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield in northeast Montana. This trail was familiar to the Nez Perce and had been in use for thousands of years. The trail was used by many tribes and passed through many tribal homelands. Today, Nez Perce Trail staff work to administer the Trail and its programs.



VISITOR CENTERS ALONG THE TRAIL

In addition interpretive signs and wayside exhibits along the NPNHT, you will find additional interpretation at locations including:

- [Big Hole National Battlefield](#), Wisdom, MT
- [Blaine County Museum](#), Chinook, MT
- [Lolo Pass Visitor Center](#), MT/ID
- [Nez Perce National Historical Park](#), Spalding, ID
- [Ravalli County Museum](#), Hamilton, MT
- [Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center](#), Fort Benton, MT
- [Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center](#), Wallowa, OR



BATTLE MEMORIALS

Annual memorials are held at battle sites along the Trail. Memorials are generally held on a Saturday as close to the historic date of the battle as possible. All are welcome to attend and experience memorials, although please be aware that a portion of the memorial may be for Nez Perce participants only. Check for any dates changes before you travel.

- Chief Red Heart Memorial, April 22, 2017
- White Bird Memorial, June 17, 2017
- Big Hole Memorial, August 5, 2017
- Bear Paw Memorial, October 7, 2017



ALONG, ADJACENT TO, OR NEAR SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS

While out exploring the Nez Perce Trail, you will travel on or be near to more than a dozen Scenic and Historic Byways. There are many jurisdictions for scenic and historic byways so check with local tourism specialists in the area you will be traveling for more information.



POW WOWS IMPORTANT TO NEZ PERCE PEOPLE

There are many pow wows throughout the western US. Attending a pow wow is an excellent way to experience and learn more about Native American culture. A listing of pow wows important to the Nez Perce people can be found on the [Nez Perce National Historic Trail](#) website.



THE TRAIL TRAVELS THROUGH TWO NATIONAL PARKS

- [Nez Perce National Historical Park](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park](#)



THE NPNHT PASSES THROUGH OR NEAR WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

- Idaho: Clearwater River (Middle Fork), Lochsa River, Salmon River, Snake River
- Oregon: Grande Ronde River, Imnaha River, Lostine River
- Montana: Clarks Fork River, Missouri River
- Wyoming: Yellowstone River (Clark's Fork)



MILITARY SITES ALONG THE TRAIL

More than 2,000 soldiers, civilian volunteers, and scouts from Forts in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana pursued the Nez Perce during the 1877 War and Flight. The Nez Perce fought masterfully in some 20 battles and skirmishes with the U.S. Army at sites including White Bird Canyon, Big Hole, Camas Meadows, Canyon Creek and Snake Creek at the base of the Bears Paw Mountains. More information related to the military history of the NPNHT can be found at BLM and National Park Service Visitors Centers, State Parks, and local museums.



THE NPNHT SHARES A PORTION OF ITS ROUTE WITH:

- [Lolo Trail \(National Historic Landmark\)](#)
- [Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail](#)
- [Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail](#)
- [Continental Divide National Scenic Trail](#)



AUTO TOUR ROUTES & GUIDES

Eight segments make up the [Auto Tour](#). Brochures are available for each one. You can find them at many visitor centers and may also request hard copies to be sent to you. Auto tours are also posted on the [NPNHT](#) web site).



The [Nez Perce \(Nee-Me-Poo\) National Historic Trail website](#) is a rich source of information about the Nez Perce Trail and the Nez Perce people.

