

National Historic Trails Interpretive Center brings history to life!

The NHTIC has paired up with local re-enactors to bring history to life. Southerland McCoy, Charlie Becker, or Catherine Sanger may be a part of your school's field trip this year.

"We wanted to bring something new and captivating to our tours this year," said Mike Abel, NHTIC manager.

Students from Buffalo enjoyed the trial-run with re-enactors. The majority responded, "Southerland... was my favorite part of the tour!" Take history away from the dull text books, and bring the students' learning to life. Schedule a field trip today.



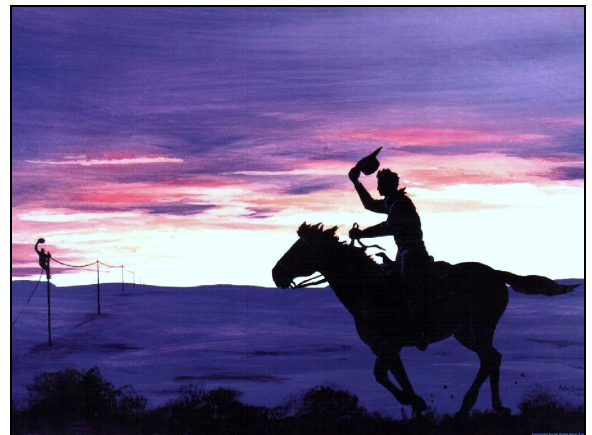
Women's History Month

Throughout the month of March, the NHTIC proudly celebrated Women's History Month by hosting the traveling exhibit "In Pursuit of Equality." The exhibit, on loan from the American Heritage center, told the story of three prominent women who challenged the conventional understanding of equality in Wyoming during the 1900s. The exhibit featured Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman to serve as governor of a U.S. state; Thyra Thomson, who served as Wyoming's Secretary of State from 1963-1967; and Elizabeth Byrd, the first African-American to serve in the Wyoming Legislature.

Pony Express

The NHTIC joins with the National Pony Express Association in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the national trail which blazed advancements for the U.S. postal service. The Pony Express mail route which took only 10 days to complete from St. Josephs, Missouri to Sacramento, California will be re-run starting June 6th, this summer. Riders will pass through Casper on June 16, 2010.

A temporary exhibit on the Pony Express will be on display from April through August. The exhibit will highlight the activities of the National Pony Express Association throughout the years. The photo exhibit will emphasize the 75th Anniversary which took place in 1935. Twentieth century Pony Express memorabilia will also be on display.



Fourth grade teachers looking for lesson plans will find a fabulous five day plan of Pony Express lessons posted on our site: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/NHTIC.html> Lessons were donated by Linda Hearty.

An evening of family activities has been planned at the NHTIC on **June 16th** leading up to the appearance of the riders at 7:15 p.m. (Note: Exact times may vary due to the wariness of the horses!) Children's games and re-enactors will kick off the celebrations at 3:00 p.m. Speakers, demonstrations, and tales will follow.

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Hours:

Mid-April to mid-October:
Daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Mid-October to mid April:
Tues-Sat 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Admission:

\$6/adult, \$5/seniors
\$4/students,

Children under 16 FREE

Group and school rates apply, but please call ahead to make reservations. Online registration available at website above.