

# Trek Overview

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## LOCATION OF THE TREK AND SPECIAL CAMPING INSTRUCTIONS:

All of the American West Heritage Center's *Willie Handcart Experiences* take place in Blacksmith Fork Canyon at the Hardware Ranch.

The Hardware Ranch was purchased in 1945 by the State of Utah as a Wildlife Management Area. During the summer months they run cattle on the ranch land and during the winter months they operate a feeding program for Rocky Mountain Elk. The ranch spans approximately 19,000 acres of wildlife area over rocky mountain terrain.

### **Directions:**

Hardware Ranch is located 15 miles east of Hyrum, Utah, in Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

From I-15 take exit 364 toward US-89 / Logan /Utah State University. Travel on US-89 / US-91 for approximately 19 miles (through Sardine Canyon). Turn right onto UT-101 and follow the signs for UT-101 until you reach a McDonald's – keep going straight on this road until you reach to top of Blacksmith Fork Canyon. We will rendezvous about 1 mile prior to reaching the main visitor center area.



Campsites on the Hardware Ranch are considered “primitive”. This means no running water, no flushing toilets, no showers/baths, and no amenities. The AWHC will provide an ample number of clean porta-potty toilet facilities at each campsite and a large transportable water container with culinary water for drinking, cleaning, cooking, etc. Please do not drink or otherwise consume water from local streams or natural waters sources.

### **\*Leave No Trace camping means:**

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all left over food and litter.
- Deposit human waste, toilet paper and hygiene products in porta-potties only.
- Leave what you find – do not collect rocks, plants or other natural objects.
- Do not build structures, furniture or dig trenches
- Keep campfires small, use only wood provided.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely.
- Please do not play with or otherwise interact with any of the variety of snakes in the area for safety reasons.

For more information about Hardware Ranch please visit them online <http://hardwareranch.com/>.  
For more information on Leave No Trace camping visit <http://www.lnt.org/programs/>.