


JUNE — ROCKY RIDGE



Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6

JUNE CHECKLIST

- Pick your bag and do a practice pack to make sure it stays under 17 lbs—space in the handcarts is limited.
 - Walk in my Trek shoes & socks to break them in—*practice good footcare & hydration* 🦶
 -  Begin gathering other items on the Packing List
 - Learn the story of the person I am trekking for and be prepared to share their story in first person on Trek 🗣️
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✓ LEARN ABOUT ROCKY RIDGE

- Watch [Rescue Riders](#)
- Read 2 [pioneer stories](#) about Rocky Ridge
- Read this brief history:

The first rescue team, led by George Grant, arrived to assist the Willie company on October 21. This group of rescuers was small, so the next day, only several men and six wagons stayed with the Willie company while the others continued east to find the Martin handcart company and the Hodgetts and Hunt wagon companies. Because few men and wagons stayed with the Willie company, most of those Saints had to continue pulling their handcarts for another 150 miles until they met more rescuers near Fort Bridger. Those miles included the most difficult of their journey: the ascent of Rocky Ridge on October 23. It was a day that would test them like no other. James Willie later said it was “the most disastrous day” of the entire journey.

The Willie company started from camp early that morning, and some of them didn't reach the next camp until almost Sixth Crossing sunrise the next morning. The climb up Rocky Ridge ascends more than 600 feet over a distance of about three miles. For people already worn down by hunger and fatigue, pulling handcarts up that grade, sometimes in deep snow, was agonizing. They stopped frequently to rest, and their pauses chilled them to the marrow. For those who were weakest, it took hours of teamwork and toil to get their carts to the top of Rocky Ridge.

✓ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- How would I have felt trekking Rocky Ridge?
- What helped me when I went through a hard time?
- How can the Savior help me through hard times?
- How do I feel when I tell my pioneer story?
- What is one way I will walk with the Savior this week?