

National Pony Express Association - Utah

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Pony Express Annual Re-Ride Gallops Through Utah June 15 & 16

Pollock Pines, CA – May 20, 2025 — On **Sunday, June 15**, the thundering hooves and steadfast spirit of the Old West return as the **2025 Pony Express Annual Re-Ride** makes its way through Utah. Riders from the **Nevada Division** will pass the mochila, carrying approximately 1200 letters to the **Utah Division** in **Ibapah, Utah**, marking a key milestone in the cross-country journey.

Traveling along the original Pony Express Trail, Utah riders will relay the mochila through **historic stations and landmarks**, honoring the legacy of the daring young riders who once bridged the frontier. The route includes scheduled stops and handoffs at:

Utah Route Highlights:

- **Ibapah (Handoff from Nevada Division)**
Sunday, June 15 | Approx. 2:00 AM MDT
A remote, high-desert location where the Nevada Division passes the mochila to Utah riders. This critical junction marks Utah's entry into the national relay and hearkens back to one of the original Pony Express stations.
- **Simpson Springs**
Sunday, June 15 | Approx. 12:00 PM MDT
One of the best-preserved original Pony Express stations, with interpretive signage and a replica station structure.
- **Fairfield (Camp Floyd State Park)**
Sunday, June 15 | Approx. 4:30 PM MDT
Riders pass through this historic military site, once home to over 3,500 U.S. troops during the Utah War.
- **Murray City Park**
Sunday, June 15 | Approx. 9:00 PM MDT
Located in the heart of Salt Lake County, the relay passes near Murray Park and engages urban audiences with real-time history.

- **Barker Ranch, WY State line (Handoff to Wyoming Division)**

Monday, June 16 | Approx. 6:30 AM MDT

The final Utah waypoint. Utah riders ceremonially pass the mochila to the Wyoming Division, continuing the journey toward St. Joseph, Missouri.

The journey across Utah will culminate in a ceremonial handoff to the **Wyoming Division at Barker Ranch**, continuing the eastbound route toward the final destination in St. Joseph, Missouri.

"This event is a living tribute to the Pony Express riders who defied the elements and terrain to keep communication alive across a young America," said Petra Keller, Corresponding Secretary of the **National Pony Express Association**. "The re-ride brings history to life, uniting communities and riders in a powerful tradition of honor, endurance, and heritage."

The Annual Re-Ride spans over 1,900 miles across eight states and takes approximately 10 days, running 24 hours a day in a non-stop relay. Riders carry commemorative letters in the mochila, maintaining the authenticity and purpose of the original Pony Express service from 1860–1861.

About the National Pony Express Association (NPEA):

The **NPEA** is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Pony Express. Through education, reenactments, and community events, the NPEA keeps the spirit of the Old West alive for generations to come.

About the Pony Express Annual Re-Ride

The **Annual Re-Ride** is a living history event that celebrates the legacy of the **Pony Express**, which operated from **April 1860 to October 1861**. Though short-lived, the service became legendary for its daring riders, rugged terrain, and commitment to fast mail delivery across a developing nation. Spanning over **1,800 miles across eight states**, the **Pony Express Re-Ride** is a 24/7 non-stop relay involving hundreds of riders and horses. Commemorative letters are carried in a mochila, just as they were over 160 years ago. The re-ride is both a living history experience and a logistical achievement, preserving the spirit of the original Pony Express.

"This event bridges generations and geography," said Petra Keller, Corresponding Secretary, National Pony Express Association. "We ride to honor those fearless messengers of the past and to keep their memory alive for future generations."

Public Welcome!

Spectators are encouraged to attend the mochila exchanges, meet the riders, take photos, and engage with local Pony Express volunteers at each major stop. Forts and interpretive centers along the route will offer special programs and trail information.

Follow the ride live via GPS tracking at <https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/follow-the-ride/>. Spectators are welcome at various handoff points and historical landmarks.

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