

Here's your sneak preview of the Western Historic Trails Center, opening October 5 in Council Bluffs



Aerial perspective of the 480-acre Western Historic Trails Center.

The following photo essay is part of an exhibit now being installed in the new Western Historic Trails Center in Council Bluffs. Opening in early October, the center will tell the story of western expansion in the United States. Through exhibits, sculptures, and film, visitors will experience westward migration on the four overland trails—the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Oregon Trail, the California Trail, and the Mormon Pioneer Trail, which crossed southern Iowa and is the focus of the images on the following pages.

Western Historic Trails Center is owned and operated by the State Historical Society of Iowa, and was built by the National Park Service and local partners. The center opens October 5. Take exit 1B off Interstate 80 and south onto 24th Street. For more information, call 712-325-4900.

—The Editor