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## Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail

**Local Trails** For purposes of the Hugo’s trail brochure series, a trail is one early Hugo settlers used or a trail that is being used today. Many times, prior to the wide-spread use of the automobile, trails were straight line affairs between neighbors, and from neighbors to stores, schools, railroad depots, churches, and other facilities where required services were available.

**The Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail** was an early settler trail. In the 1910s it was designed as part of the Three Pines Fruit Tracts Subdivision in conjunction with the platting of the Town of Three Pines, Oregon.

### Town of Three Pines<sup>1</sup>

May 30, 1911	Public streets dedicated by Steels.
June 6, 1911	Contract Surveyor approved.
Nov. 6, 1911	Josephine County Surveyor approved.
Nov. 7, 1911	Board of Commissioners approved.
Nov. 6, 1912	Josephine County Assessor approved.

**Town of Three Pines: Reservoir Drive** This drive was part of the platted town. It is in the northeast corner of the town connecting the lots that became the Three Pines School with the platted Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail. The 2007 assessor map clearly identified the trail as an alley and another section that used to be part of Reservoir Drive vacated by ordinance 91-135.

**“Three Pines Fruit Tracts”** The 1910 *Fruit Tracts* subdivided the land into five acre parcels where it was advertized that one could make a good living raising fruit. It was adjacent and to the east of the Town of Three Pines.

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## Town of Three Pines

**Trail** There were two main roads in the *Fruit Tracts*, north off of Hugo Road (today’s Three Pines Road). Wilson Lane (today) was called Deane’s Lane then because the Deane family lived at the end of it. Before that it went by the name of Huggins Lane. Huggins had an old wagon team and he used to take you to town right down the Pacific Highway. Templin Lane (today) was called Baer’s Lane for old man Baer who had a grape vineyard.<sup>2</sup>

The Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail was an east-west trail connecting in the west with Reservoir Drive at the Town of Three Pines. It ended in the east with the north-south road called Deane’s Lane.

**1920 Ruth Born** Ruth (Barton) Davis lived at the Top of The World Ranch in the 1920s. The ranch was located at the north end of Dean’s Lane. She attended Three Pines School from the first grade in 1925 to the middle of the third grade in 1927. She had the following memories about the trail.<sup>3</sup>

*The Barton children walked to school together by way of the drive that went by the packing house to a metal gate at the south-east corner of the back vineyard. Through the gate the drive joined the road that went past the Dean’s house and the little red and white stripped house of Mr. Huggins, the hired man. From there they took the path to the right that led to a foot bridge with a cattle guard. The creek bank was high and the tall ferns grew around the water’s edge; a few willows grew along the sides above. Across the bridge the path was level for a ways, but soon it began to rise and finally they were going up hill. At the top, the school house was in full view. It was a short incline from the gate into the school grounds. At the corner of the fence was a poison oak bush. Though the children had been warned, it did not stop them from eating the berries in the spring. They didn’t get poison oak.*

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## More Information

The creek today is known as Corliss Creek which runs between Templin and Wilson streets.

**1924 - Clarence Born** Clarence Ray Von Kolkow was born November 24, 1924 at his folks’ residence that became known as the Oxyoke Service Station in northern Josephine County, Oregon. He would also attend Three Pines School. He started first grade in 1930. His teacher was Bertha Gigler. His dad made him wear bib-overalls and he just hated wearing them.<sup>3</sup> He had the following memories about the trail.<sup>4</sup>

*The trail had been platted. It was a regular lane from the school with a bridge across that little creek [Corliss Creek]. Corliss had the Three Pines Hotel. From the northeast corner of the school yard – that is where the gate was that took you up to Reservoir Hill. Going east you would come over the hill on a fenced trail between Baer Lane and Reservoir Hill (between the George Baer property and the Brazille property), and down across Baer’s Lane, then across the bridge and over to Deane’s Lane.*

*If you traveled north on the trail through the Top of the World Ranch you would come out south of the old Erickson’s Sexton Mt. Auto Camp across from the junction of today’s Hugo Road and Oxyoke Road.*

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community history and land use.

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# Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

## Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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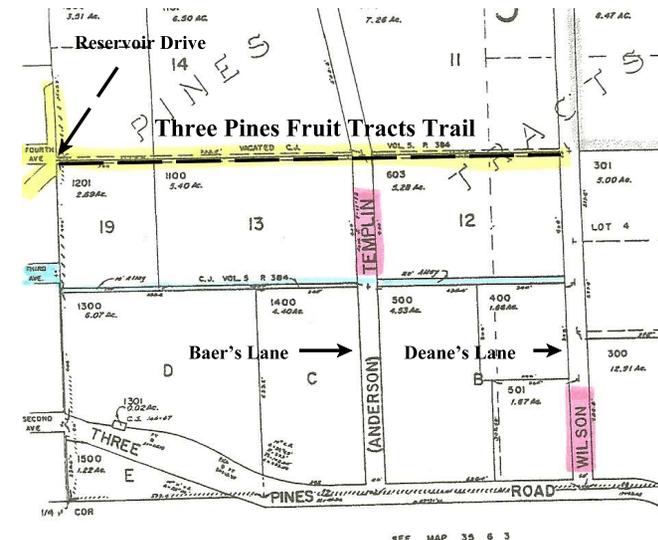
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# HUGO'S THREE PINES FRUIT TRACTS TRAIL

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*Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail:  
2007 Josephine County Assessor Map*

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