
Hugo's Trails: 1855 - 2010

Evolving Transportation Systems There were several land transportation systems before and after the official Pacific Highway from 1913 to 1926 in southwestern Oregon: from Indian trails to pioneer trails and wagon roads following water courses, and during the auto age from dirt and granite roads to narrow paved roads, and finally the four lane, and larger, interstate 5 (I-5) freeway.¹

A trail, or track, is a simple thoroughfare used for travel. Trail systems may be used for community travel in less developed villages, for commercial purposes such as moving cattle herds, or recreational purposes such as hiking, cycling, or cross-country skiing. Trail systems maintained by government entities may explicitly designate recreational trails as being restricted to pedestrian or bicycle traffic or may place other restrictions depending on the intended use.

Pre Automobile¹

1850s General Land Office Surveys²

1895 Official Map of Josephine County³

1901 - 1902 Oregon Riddle Quadrangle Data⁴

1932, 1955, & 1970 Metsker Maps⁵⁻⁷

Historic and Present Day Trails There were dozens and dozens of old trails from Merlin Hill to Grave Creek. Only a few are presently covered. This list will be updated as information becomes available.

1. Hugo's Trails: 1855 - 2010 (Brochure 1A)
2. Hugo's Crippin Trail, Part I (Brochure 1B)
3. Hugo's Crippin Trail, Part II (Brochure 2)
4. Hugo's Primary Indian Trail (Brochure 3)
5. Ritchie's Indian Trail: Hugo, OR (Brochure 4A)
6. Hugo's Indian Trail (Brochure 4B)
7. Hugo's High Road (Brochure 5)
8. Jumpoff Joe Road (Brochure 6)
9. Hugo's Niday Ridge Trail (Brochure 7)
10. Hugo's Three Pines Fruit Tracts Trail (Brochure 8)
11. Tunnel No. 9 Road: 1870s - ca., 1900 (Brochure 9)
12. Tunnel No. 9 Road & Trail: Hugo, OR (Brochure 10)
13. Grave Creek Hills Trail (Brochure 11)

Merlin Hill to Grave Creek

1954 USGS Quadangles (15 Minutes)⁸

1996 & 1998 USGS Quadangles (7.5 Minutes)⁹

Local Oral Histories

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

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8. 15 Minute USGS Quadangles They are all in Josephine County, Oregon (15 minute topographic series, scale 1:62,500, and contour interval 80 feet)

(1) Glendale Quadrangle - 1954

(2) Grants Pass Quadrangle - 1954

9. 7.5 minute USGS Quadangles They are all in Josephine County, Oregon (7.5 minute topographic series, scale 1:24,000, and contour interval 40 feet).

(1) Glendale Quadrangle - 1996

(2) Grants Pass Quadrangle - 1996

(3) Merlin Quadrangle - 1998

(4) Sexton Mountain Quadrangle - 1996

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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