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Public Meeting Announcement for the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail

The National Park Service (NPS) is conducting a public meeting on January 10, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Jeff Davis County Courthouse.

The NPS is kicking off the planning process for the newly designated Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail. An important first step in this process is meeting with people that live and work along the trail to build partnerships, get ideas for how to promote and develop the trail, and to answer any questions on what it means to have a Congressionally designated National Historic Trail.

The Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail (NHT) was added to the National Trails System on January 5, 2023. The NHT is 3,382 miles long, crosses seven states, and was designated to commemorate the impact the Butterfield Overland Mail service had on the shaping of the nation. The NHT is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), National Trails office Regions 6, 7 & 8 (NTIR). NTIR would like to invite you to join in developing the comprehensive plan for this newly designated NHT.

The comprehensive plan will provide a framework for the administration of the trail and a vision to be fulfilled through future, more specific resource studies and development plans which will be created with individual sites and communities that are interested in seeing the trail promoted.

A total of eighteen public meetings will be held across the seven trail states. Meetings will be held in communities from Missouri to California. The meeting for West Texas will occur at the Jeff Davis County Courthouse on January 10, 2024, from 11 am to 1 pm.

This is an exciting opportunity to provide input into the development, protection, and promotion of a new national historic trail. The NPS encourages participation and welcomes the input of everyone along the route that has knowledge of the sites, stories, and possibilities this trail holds. National historic trails are by nature partnership driven. Your participation is important, and the NPS urges you get involved in helping to administer the trail.

Links for additional information:

[ParkPlanning - Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail Comprehensive Plan \(nps.gov\)](#)
[National Park Service - PEPC - Meeting Notices \(nps.gov\)](#)

Meeting venue:

January 10, 2024 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Jeff Davis County Courthouse
100 Court Ave. Fort Davis, Texas

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