

The Oregon Trail

The Oregon Trail was one of the paths people took to go west. These paths were sometimes called wagon trails because of the wagons that the settlers travelled in.



The Oregon Trail was over 3,000 kilometres long!



Thousands of settlers used the Oregon Trail. But not everyone who used the trail got to the end because it was very dangerous. The dangers included disease, snakes, cold weather and wagon accidents.

Daniel Boone and Calamity Jane

Groups of settlers travelling west usually had a leader to show them the way. These leaders were known as frontiersmen.



Probably the most famous frontiersman was Daniel Boone. He was an explorer who found new trails to the west.

Calamity Jane was a famous frontierswoman. She was famous for being a fierce fighter, but also for being very kind to people who needed help.