



The Butterfield Overland Mail Trail played a significant role in the westward expansion of the United States.

On Jan. 5, 2023, the Butterfield Overland Mail Route was named a National Historic Trail, a federal designation that identifies and protects pathways of historic importance for public use and enjoyment.

The Butterfield National Historic Trail Association was formed to promote and educate individuals about the longest overland mail and passenger route in the history of the world.

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Butterfield National Historic Trail

Explore the Trail



Modern explorers can see the trail on the rural roads of Oklahoma.

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The Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail: Indian Territory



Operating from 1858 to 1861, the trail ran along a 2,800-mile corridor, which dipped all the way to the U.S.-Mexico border from its northern beginning in St. Louis, Missouri, before turning toward San Francisco when it reached southern California.

Two hundred miles of the route passed through the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

In 1958, the Oklahoma Historical Society placed roadside markers to commemorate the trail's centennial, and most of the monuments are still intact.



Roadside monuments mark the trail through southeastern Oklahoma.



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Twelve official Butterfield Overland Mail relay stations were located in Indian Territory, plus the Edwards Store, and Mountain Station.

Many of these locations are on private property. Please be respectful and do not trespass. See stations and GPS coordinates listed below.

Walker's Station (Le Flore County)

35.25189, -94.59102

Trahern's Station (Le Flore County)

35.12349, -94.80339

Edwards Store (Latimer County)

34.99750, -94.97420

Holloway's Station (Latimer County)

34.97586, -95.05120

Riddle's Station (Latimer County)

34.92017, -95.25647

Mountain Station (Latimer County)

34.83669, -95.42446

Pusley's Station (Latimer County)

34.79680, -95.46605

Blackburn's Station (Pittsburg County)

34.66957, -95.74213

Waddell's Station (Atoka County)

34.56725, -95.93317

Geary's Station (Atoka County)

Marker at dam, 34.44595, -96.08263

Boggy Depot (Atoka County)

34.31963, -96.30720

Nail's Station (Bryan County)

34.14269, -96.37357

Fisher's Station (Bryan County)

33.98588, -96.45440

Colbert's Ferry (Bryan County)

33.81837, -96.51614