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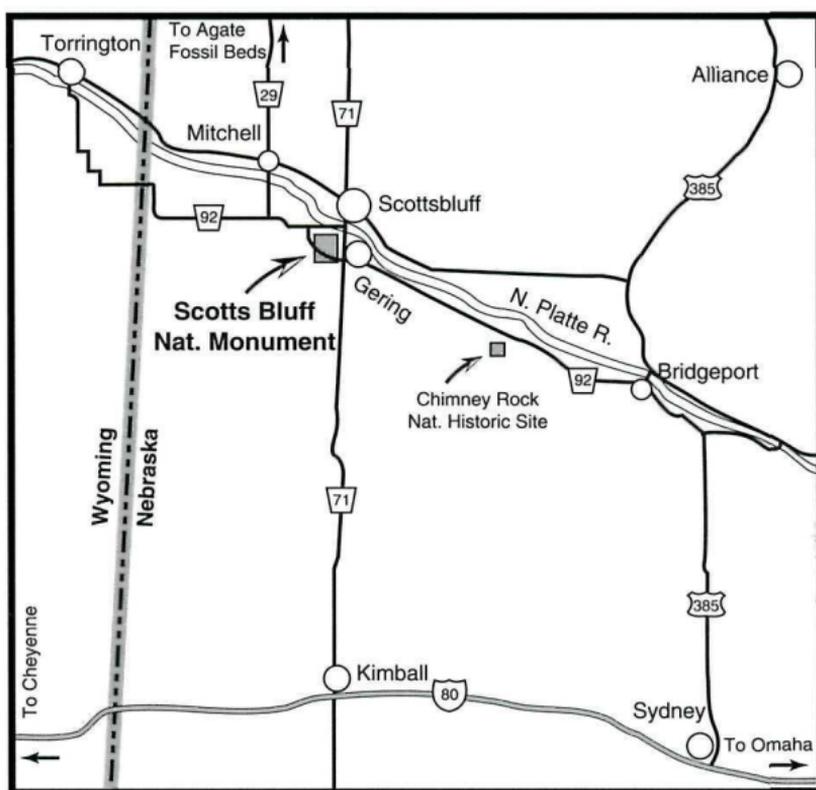
Scotts Bluff has served as a landmark for people making their way across the Great Plains for hundreds of years. First there were various tribes of American Indians who paused here briefly as they followed the huge herds of migratory buffalo. Then came the early fur traders and trappers, who were followed in turn by emigrants bound for Oregon, Utah, and California. Over time, the trail became a roadway that in the short span of time between 1840 and 1869 saw as many as half a million people make their way west.

Monument Features:

Today, Scotts Bluff National Monument, consisting of 3,000 acres of prairieland and scenic sandstone bluffs, is dedicated to preserving the historic legacy of America's westward movement. Vestiges of the old trail can still be seen, and the Oregon Trail Museum offers a wide variety of exhibits that tell the stories of early pioneers. A paved road and hiking trail allow visitors to either drive or walk to the summit of the bluff for a spectacular view of the North Platte Valley.

How to get there:

Scotts Bluff National Monument is located 3 miles west of Gering, Nebraska on State Highway 92. Scotts Bluff can also be reached via Interstate 80 by exiting at Kimball, Nebraska, and driving 40 miles north to Gering.



Hours:

Scotts Bluff National Monument visitor center / museum is open from 8:00 - 5:00 daily. The Summit Road is open from 8:00 - 4:30 daily. There are extended hours during the summer months. For more information call 308-436-4340 or write to the Superintendent Scotts Bluff National Monument at the address below.

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