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FORT LARAMIE



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As America expanded westward, Fort Laramie played an important role on the high plains. Founded in 1834 as Fort William, a fur-trading post, it was a center for trade in beaver pelts and buffalo robes, and a place for mountain men, frontier entrepreneurs, and Plains Indians to mingle. Rebuilt in 1841 as Fort John, the new trading post became a welcome stop for emigrants migrating westward along the Oregon Trail and the Mormon Trail.

In 1849, the United States Army purchased the post, renamed it Fort Laramie, and expanded it into a major military fort.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

The Fort grounds are open from 8:00 AM until dusk every day of the year. From October to early May, the Visitor Center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., every day except federal holidays. The Summer season has extended hours. • Superintendent, Fort Laramie National Historic Site, HC 72, Box 389, Fort Laramie, WY 82212, (307) 837-2221.