

# Jedediah Smith Society

## April 2-5, 2023 Rendezvous

### The People, Foods, and Landscapes of 1828



April 2 Guidebook (1): California Redwoods  
May 2 - June 22, 1828

#### Travels Through the Lands of Hoopa, Yurok, and Tolowa by Jedediah Smith and Harrison Roger



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considerable difficulty to the beach of the ocean where I encamped, I drove the horses across a small creek where there was some grass. The horses lost the day before were found and brought up. 3 of my men quite sick.

ROGERS: THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH. All hands up early and ready for a start, directing our course W. about 2 miles and struck a small creek, where there was some grass on the mountain for our horses, and enc. for the day, the traveling very bad. The horses that was left yesterday, was found to-day, and brought to camp. The day clear; some fog in the morning.

#### Endert Beach (June 13, 1828)

SMITH: June 13th North N West along a ridge in places rough with thickets and rocks. At night descending to and encamping on the shore where there was but little grass. In the course of the day 3 Mules gave out and were left one load was lost and one [] horse was disabled by falling down a ledge of rocks.

ROGERS: FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1828. We made an early start again this morning, steering N.W., about 6 m., and struck the ocean and enc. on the beach. Plenty of grass on the mountain for our horses, but very steep for them to climb after it. The traveling very mountainous; some brush as yesterday. 2 mules left today that gave out and could not travel; one young horse fell down a point of mou. and killed himself. The day clear and pleasant.

#### Cushing Creek (June 14, 1828)

SMITH: June 14th North 1 Mile. It being low tide by passing around a point in the water I was enabled to travel along the shore and encamped in a prairie of about 100 acres of tolerable grass. In the vicinity was a plenty of Elk sign. The prospect ahead was somewhat flattering and I was in hope that we had passed all the mountains. Some men sent back for the purpose found the lost load and brought up the fatigued mules.

ROGERS: SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 1828. We made an early start again this morning, directing our course along the sea shore N., about 1 mile, and struck a low neck of land running into the sea, where there was plenty of clover and grass for our horse, and enc. for the day. We travelled in the water of the ocean 3 or 4 hundred yards, when the swells some times would be as high as the horses backs. 2 men sent back after a load of fur that was lost yesterday, and to look after horses. 2 hunters dispatched after elk as soon as we enc. One fat deer killed yesterday by J. Hanna. Seven or 8 Inds. came to camp; Capt. Smith give them some beads. The hunters returned without killing any game; saw plenty of elk sign. The day clear and windy.

SMITH: June 15th I lay by to recruit my horses. Several of us went hunting and Joseph Lapoint in the morning killed one of the largest [] Elk I had ever seen. He was not very fat but [] tolerable [] good meat. His size induced me to weigh the meat which I found to weigh 695 lbs neat weight exclusive of the tongue and some other small pieces which would have made it above 700 lbs.



## GUIDEBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

The four 2023 Rendezvous Guidebooks were intentionally designed to be used on a local basis in future times by JSS members, students, researchers, and others with an interest in local history and historical locations. These two pages illustrate how the Guidebooks were used during the Rendezvous at the first stop: the Crescent Beach Overlook viewing the modern location and landscape of Smith's June 14, 1828 campsite near the mouth of Cushing Creek.

Facing Page: (upper left) This is the cover of Guidebook #1, featuring a reproduction of Paul Calle's 1987 painting, "In the Land of Giants." Note that it is likely Smith and others viewed the redwoods, but it is unlikely they brought the pack teams or horses into them because of surface obstructions and lack of browse. (upper right) A GIS map created by Vyla Grindberg, based on research by Joe Molter and Bob Zybach showing Cushing Creek campsite in relation to Smith's travel route. (lower left) Table of Contents index showing 1828 dates of named and mapped campsites and page in Guidebook in which Smith's and Roger's transcribed journal entries for that day can be found. (lower right) Cushing Creek campsite transcribed journal entries.

This Page: (top) Crescent Beach Overlook with (L-R) Milton von Damm, Arthur Hurley, Peter Meyerhof, Suzi Schoensee, Virginia \_\_\_\_\_, and Richard Cimino. Photo taken April 2, 2023 by Tam Moore. (center) View of Cushing Creek campsite from Crescent Beach Overlook. April 2, 2023 photo by Peter Meyerhof. (bottom) Map of Smith route to-and-from Cushing Creek campsite by Joe Molter.

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