Travelin' the Oregon Trail

The Oregon Trail was much more than a pathway to the state of Oregon; it was the only practical corridor from Missouri to the western United States. The journey, which took six months, was exceptionally difficult and filled with both excitement and danger. In 1843, approximately 900 settlers in the "Great Migration" used the trail to move west. Over the next 25 years, more than a half million people followed. The glory years of the Oregon Trail ended in 1869 when the transcontinental railroad was completed.

