

# Camp Floyd Gazette



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## OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Do you want to spend the night at Camp Floyd State Park?

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## EVENTS/ PROGRAMS

May 4, 2024 2:00 PM Junior Ranger Program (reservations required)

May 10, 2024 2:00 PM Lantern Tour (reservations required)

May 27, 2024 Camp Floyd Days

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During the soldiers off times besides relaxing in their barracks or tents the soldiers of Camp Floyd tried to fill their days with excitement. One of the activities they participated in was horse racing on the race track located 1 mile north of Fairfield somewhere around the Fairfield Eagle Mountain border.

**Camp Floyd Race Track** – (CF&M) (VT) Racing horses was a popular pastime and a gambling opportunity for both the soldiers of Camp Floyd and the citizens who populated Fairfield. The track was located just about a mile north of the town. The most infamous race was between the horses of Joaquin Johnson and a gambler named Madison (See Fairfield Jail below). Another favorite of the races was Brownie, a horse owned by Lieutenant John Sappington Marmaduke of the 2<sup>nd</sup> United States Dragoons. “In the fall of 1859 Marmaduke staked the wages of the Second Dragoons between his horse, Brownie, and (Joaquin) Johnson’s mongrel entry. The dragoons had every reason to be optimistic over the prospects of the race, for carefully leaked rumors claimed that the gambler’s horse had never won a race, while Brownie was “the fastest horse in the territory.” Moreover, Johnson’s entry was a slow starter, plunged and reared dangerously, and, as a colt, had sustained a serious leg injury.” The morning after the race, the *Valley Tan* reported to its readers: “It became apparent to the most verdant that it was a disgraceful sell. The sorrel won easily.” In another race, the *Valley Tan* on September 28, 1859 reported: “On Thursday last, the long expected match between Mr. Johnsons

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