

## YEAR AND LOCATION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENDEZVOUS, 1825 – 1840

*From 1825 through 1840, the mountain men looked fondly on the up coming mountain rendezvous each year. It was the social and business event of the year for the fur trappers and traders.*

*Instead of having a permanent trading post, it was Jedediah Smith who convinced William Ashley to bring a caravan of supplies from St. Louis and meet the trappers at Henry's Fork on the Green River in July of 1825 for the first rendezvous.*

*At each mountain rendezvous camp, the location for the next years mountain rendezvous camp was announced. After the business of trading the beaver pelts for the essentials of life in the mountains, the mountain men got down to the serious business of gambling, drinking, telling tall tales, target shooting and general socializing.*

*Most of the men left the mountain rendezvous camp with little money for what good was money in the isolated world that they lived in. More important were their horse, rifle, string of traps and a fresh supply of tobacco.*

*Leaving, they would go to find new beaver streams, hole up in the winter in their isolated world, and hope to live to return to the next mountain rendezvous camp.*

*Year and Location of known mountain rendezvous camps:*

- 1825 Henry's Fork of the Green River, Wyoming
- 1826 Cache Valley (near present Hyrum), Utah
- 1827 Bear Lake, Utah
- 1828 Bear Lake, Utah
- 1829 Upper Popo Agie, near Lander, Wyoming
- 1830 Wind River headwaters near Riverton, Wyoming.
- 1831 Cache Valley (near present Hyrum), Utah
- 1832 Pierre's Hole, Idaho
- 1833 Green River near Horse Creek, Wyoming
- 1834 Ham's Fork, Wyoming
- 1835 Green River near Horse Creek, Wyoming
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- 1838 Wind River at the mouth of Popo Agie, Wyoming
- 1839 Green River near Horse Creek, Wyoming
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