

with loaded mules in thirty days. From this lake to the navigable waters of the San Joaquin is not more than three hundred and fifty miles, with plenty of wood, water and grass the whole distance. The high range of mountains between the San Joaquin and Mary's river can be passed in six hours. There is a low gap, pathway leading through it. The route from this gap leads up Mary's river to the forks; thence up the east fork, and over the plains, to the Pont Neuf branch of the Saptin; thence through a gap in the mountains to Big Bear river at the Soda Springs; thence up Bear river and over the plains to the Rendezvous on the Sheetskadee; thence over the plains to the Sweetwater branch of the north fork o