



BLACK ROCK DESERT  
HIGH ROCK CANYON  
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

## CHILDREN ON THE TRAIL

### How to make an “old” journal:

Adult supervision required

Prepare a mixture of hot water and tea bags in a shallow pan. Remove tea bags after water has turned a yellow-brown color.

When the water is cool, dip plain white paper into the water and then pin up and allow paper to dry in order to give it the color of parchment.

When the paper is dry, sear the edges of the paper with fire to create a burned look.

Have students use dip pens or a ¼ inch dowel with an end that has been sharpened, and dip into ink or paint to write on the parchment. Allow the ink to dry.

Bind the paper with twine or leather.

Enjoy!