

## The Great Salt Lake

Jim Bridger was a mountain man known for his skill as a trapper trader and guide to wagon trains headed west. In the mid-1820s, Bridger was following the bear river in Utah to find where it emptied. When the river came to its end Bridger was standing on a sandy shore looking out at a wide expanse of blue water. Gulls circled overhead, and a scent of the sea was in the air he scooped up a handful of water and took a sip.

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Bridger jumped up in surprise as he spat out the mouthful of water. The water was extremely salty. Bridger was amazed. Was it possible that the Pacific Ocean extended so far to the east. As Bridger tried to make sense of his confusing discovery he couldn't find no other explanation. "This must be an inlet of the ocean, he thought. "It must reach much farther inland than anyone ever imagined. It turned out of course that Bridger was wrong.

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Its no wonder that bridger was confused. As far as he knew only the ocean could be so salty. today, the body of water bridger discovered is fittingly named the Great Salt lake. Besides the river that bridger followed from the north there are three other main rivers that flow into this lake. The weber and ogden rivers enter it from the east the jordan river flows in from the south. There are no rivers however that flow out of the lake



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The water that flows into the great salt lake contains minerals, including salt. As water evaporates from the lakes surface theese minerals remain in the lake and gives the water it's high salt content. About two million tons of dissolved salt enters the lake each year in this manner In the mid-1800s, people began to extract salt from the lake for commercial use. to this day, companies continu to collect salt from the great Salt lake.



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