THE CALIFORNIA-HUMBOLDT RIVER EMIGRANT TRAIL, with its main forks along the Truckee and Carson Rivers, was the most travelled route during the 1840’s through 1860’s migration. An estimated 300,000 to 500,000 emigrants traveled this route.

THE APPELGATE-LASSEN TRAIL provided a lower pass through the Sierra Nevada range but required crossing the infamous and waterless Black Rock Desert.

THE SPANISH TRAIL, oldest trail in Nevada, was established by missionaries and traders. Later a section of the route became known as the SAN BERNARDINO-SALT LAKE WAGON ROAD and was well travelled by emigrants.