

*Trail Trek 2001*

*The Iron Horse Trail*





Heinsburg main street, the day begins



Heinsburg's  
Landmark





Lots of room for a trail head and parking



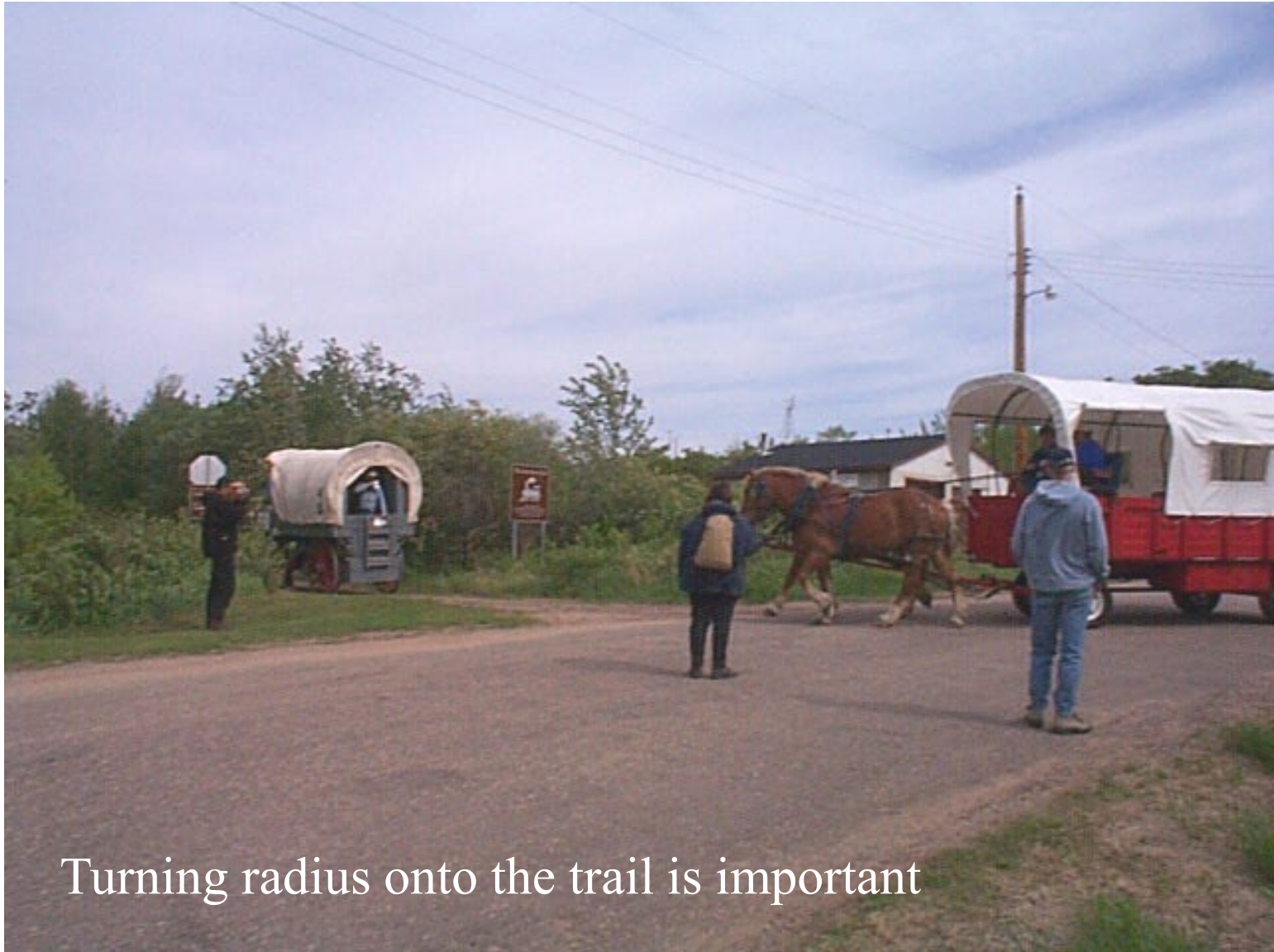


Trail access, notice the signs and gates which were open



ATV's went first so as not to upset horses and riders





Turning radius onto the trail is important



No locks, but leave the gate how you found it...





Cattle were only slightly bothered by Trek



Some traveled in style.  
You could even get  
your teeth pulled in  
one of the wagons.





Note how landowner has removed railway grade...



But it doesn't seem to be a problem





Rail bed has been graded out to maximum width ...



which is very important for passing, especially horses





The trail surface was fairly good for most uses



And the rail bed allowed elevated views in many areas





And there were many informal stopping areas



Some of which would make great campsites.....





with the landowners permission of course.

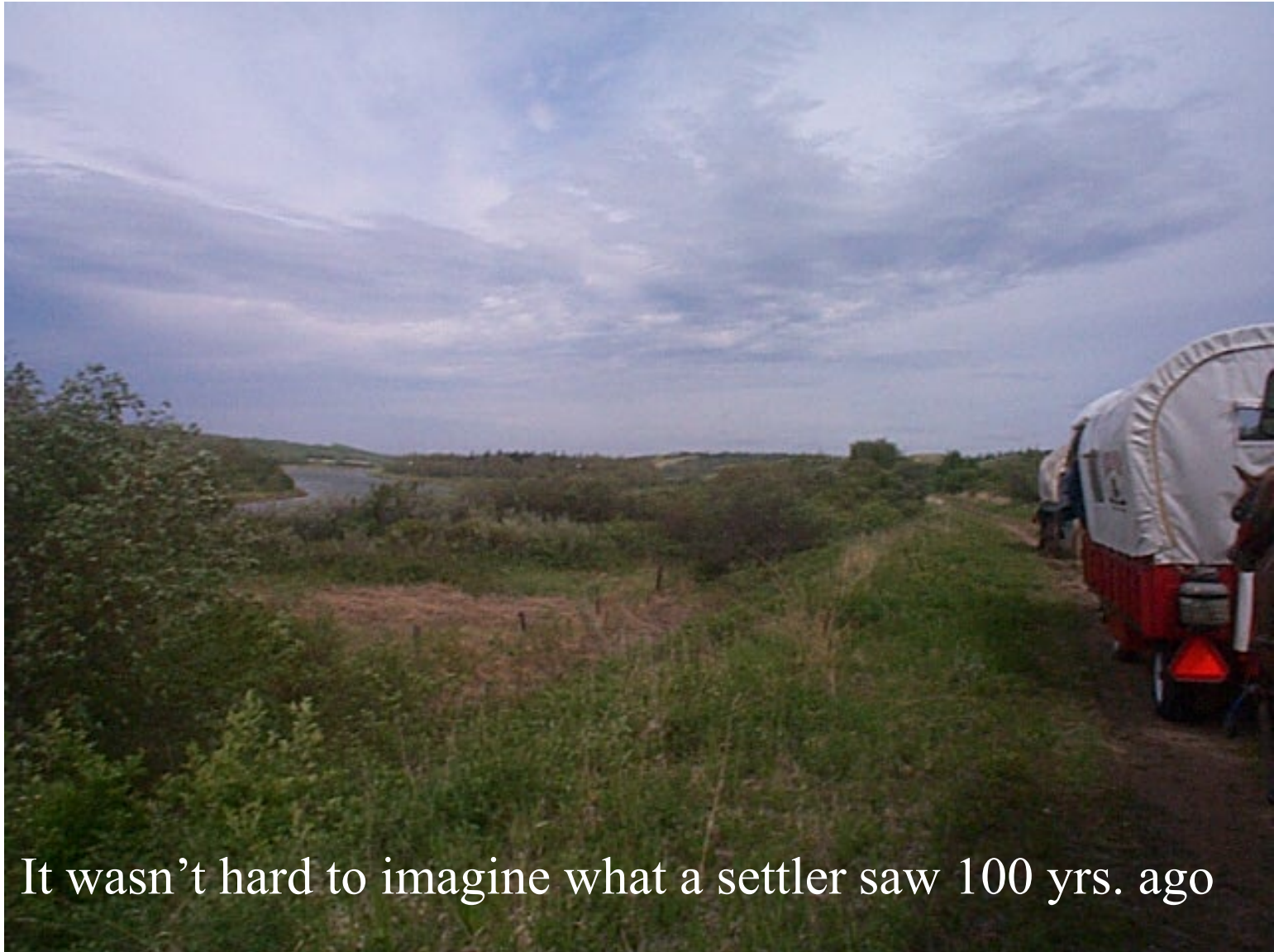


The odd group did stray from the trail....





but the view was spectacular and it was an access trail



It wasn't hard to imagine what a settler saw 100 yrs. ago





The picnic site for lunch at Middle Creek was secluded and well protected from the strong wind...





It had all the right facilities in the right places....





Roy, the wagon master agreed and brought his own brand of authenticity to the proceedings.



even the furniture was labeled...





and the food and company were great.



Sometimes obstacles like this missing trestle add fun





And scenic lookouts add interest



But the best time came at the end of the day when the wagons were pulled in a circle.....





the horses were bedded down....





The toys were put away....



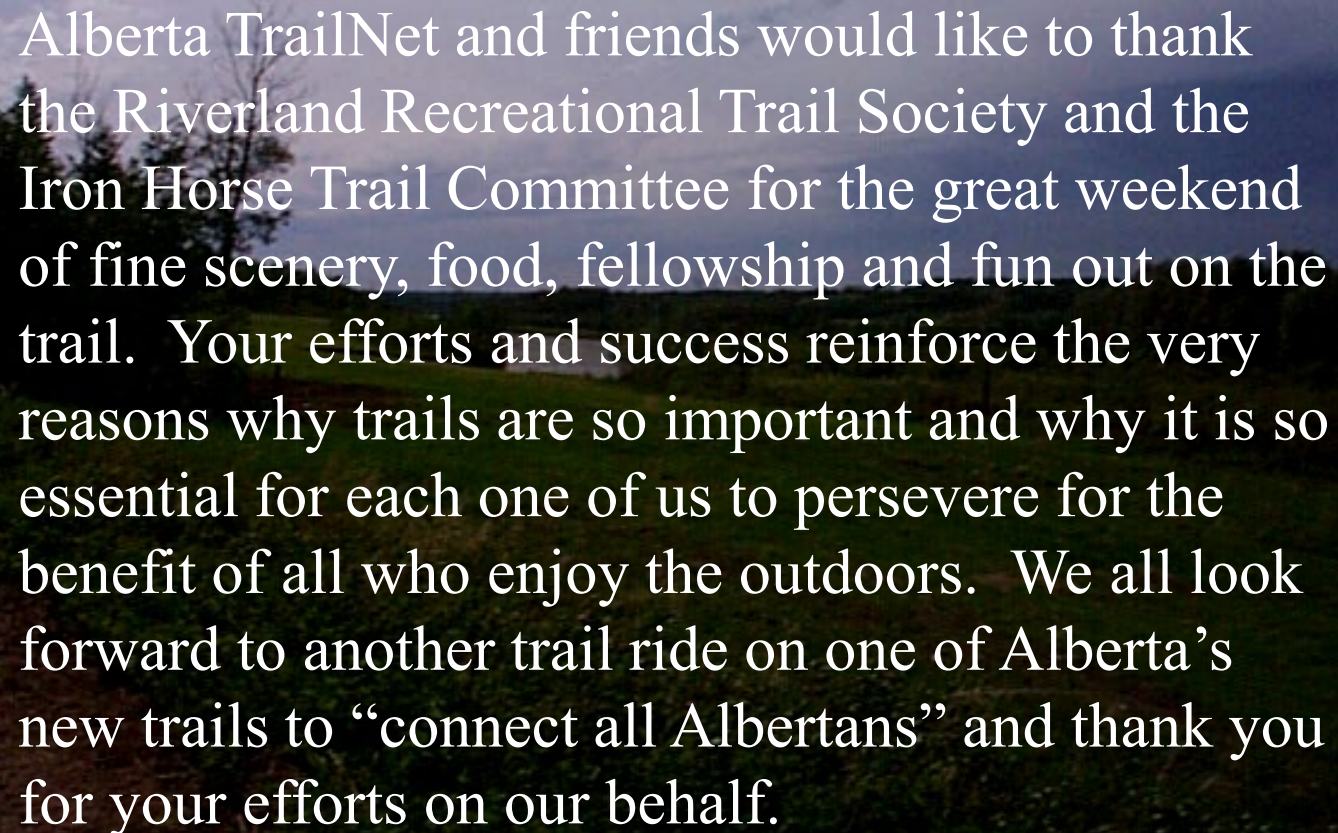


and everyone relaxed and filled their faces country style



except this guy who couldn't believe the seat was so soft and that his time was up!





Alberta TrailNet and friends would like to thank the Riverland Recreational Trail Society and the Iron Horse Trail Committee for the great weekend of fine scenery, food, fellowship and fun out on the trail. Your efforts and success reinforce the very reasons why trails are so important and why it is so essential for each one of us to persevere for the benefit of all who enjoy the outdoors. We all look forward to another trail ride on one of Alberta's new trails to "connect all Albertans" and thank you for your efforts on our behalf.