

expeditions

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Welcome to Expeditions

Expeditions presents three historic journeys for children who love adventure! Youngsters can travel back in time and relive the hardships and successes of three different groups of Americans. Each expedition directs attention to the history of the development of the North American continent.

In a wide variety of situations, children are in control and can test strategies to help them reach their destination safely. Success depends on the wise use of resources, intelligent decision making, and a little good luck!

Three programs For use by one child Ages 8-13

Note: To end any of the programs early, press the f1 Key twice whenever the computer is waiting for a response.

Getting Started

For Commodore 64® users:

- 1. Turn on the monitor, disk drive, and computer.
- Insert Expeditions diskette.
- 3. Type LOAD "MENU", 8,1 and press the Return Key. After the word READY appears, type RUN and press the Return Key. The MECC logo will appear after the program is loaded.

For Commodore 128™ users:

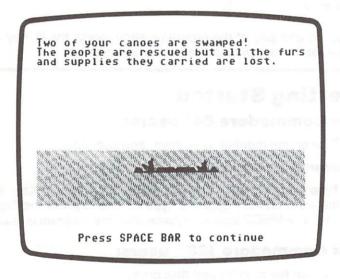
- 1. Turn on the monitor and disk drive.
- 2. Insert Expeditions diskette.
- 3. Turn on the computer. The MECC logo will appear after the program is automatically loaded.

Note: To ensure the proper loading and running of this product on the Commodore 128 computer, the Shift Lock and 40/80 keys must be in the up position.

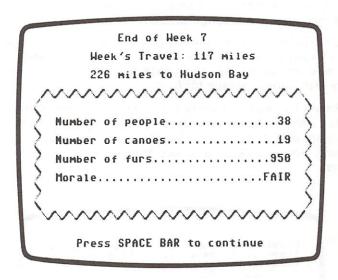
Furs

The Ottawa Indians were active fur traders in the latter half of the sixteenth century. In FURS, you assume the role of an Ottawa Indian who leads a fur-trading expedition across North America to forts on the Hudson River, the St. Lawrence River, or Hudson Bay. You can carry and trade any combination of mink, beaver, deer, or fox skins that equals a total of one thousand pelts.

Your journey will not be an easy one. You are in charge of a crew of forty people and must make important decisions when faced with a variety of difficulties. For instance, a poor decision in treacherous weather could cause the loss of furs, canoes, and even human lives.



Throughout the journey, you will learn about your progress with a weekly report and a map showing the number of people and canoes in your group, the number of furs you carry, the state of group morale, and the distance remaining to your destination.



If you and your group reach the fort safely, you will see the results of the expedition and the value of your furs in terms of beaver pelts, the trading standard. At your journey's end, you can relax and compare your success with that achieved by other Indian expedition leaders.

Voyageur

During the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the buying and selling of furs was an important business. Voyageurs, working for fur-trading companies, traveled to trading posts by canoe to exchange supplies for furs.

In VOYAGEUR, you assume the role of a voyageur who leads a canoe expedition from Grand Portage on Lake Superior to Fort St. Pierre on Rainy Lake. You need to reach the fort quickly and safely with goods to trade for furs.

You begin by selecting thirty packs of daily supplies and trade goods. Daily supplies are used by the voyageurs and trade goods are exchanged for furs at the fort. If your daily supplies run low, you will be able to use trade goods to continue the journey.

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Items		Daily Supplies	Trade
flour/suga pemmican: rum/wine: tobacco: guns/gunpo blankets/o beads/tric	wder:	<u>²</u>	3

It will be a hazardous trip. You will make important decisions when faced with bad weather, damaged canoes, or unhappy crew members. Throughout the journey, you will keep track of important information using a map and a log book.

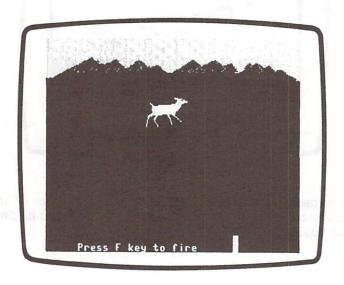


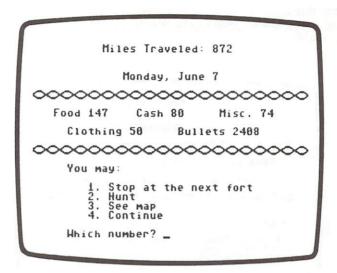
If the expedition succeeds, you will see the number of trade packs the crew was able to carry to the fort. Will you be one of the top voyageurs?

Oregon

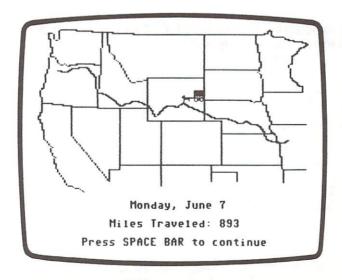
In 1847, brave pioneer families traveled over 2000 miles from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon on the Oregon Trail. In OREGON, you are the head of a family of five with \$700, a wagon, and a dream of reaching Oregon City in five or six months.

When you begin the trip in Independence, you can purchase oxen, food, ammunition, clothing, and miscellaneous supplies. Goods will cost more at the forts along the trail. You may hunt for wild game along the way.

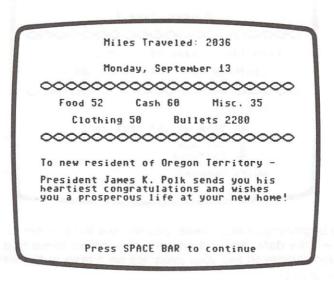




At the beginning of each week, you will see the number of miles traveled, the date, and the amount of supplies remaining. You can also choose to see your progress on a map of the western United States.



During this long and difficult journey, your family depends on you to make wise decisions and to protect them. Tragedy may strike if supplies get too low or if wild animals or bandits attack.



For this journey, you need a lot of smarts and stubbornness! Hope to see you in Oregon City!

Expeditions Rewards

With the exciting journeys in **Expeditions**, children strengthen their ability to form and test strategies and to make responsible decisions. Children should exhibit a better understanding of part of the history of North America and of the effect of a harsh environment on its settlement.

MECC has made every effort to ensure the instructional and technical quality of this courseware package. Your comments are valued and will be considered for inclusion in any future version of this product.

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Expeditions (Ages 10-15)

CME-306

Three simulations allow children to test their decisions as they assume the roles of frontier Americans. Children are challenged in the areas of problem solving and navigation as they learn about American history.

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