



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

This is an oak and iron wagon jack from the first half of the 19th century. It is 22” high with the jack retracted and 36: high with the jack extended. The wooden support has been reinforced with a metal plate, which contains the jack handle and a flip-lock mechanism to hold the extended jack in place. *Circa 1850.* Artifact courtesy of Glorieta Private Collection.

SUGGESTED USES

1. Combine with the “Ox Yoke” artifact in order to provide a clearer picture of westward movement along the Oregon and Santa Fe trails. Does the size of the Conestoga jack provide clues to the size of the wagon, the load, or the difficulty of the task?
2. Utilize this artifact in a discussion of tools and how they have stayed the same and been modified over time. Compare with the car jacks of today, especially the smaller hydraulic jacks in compact cars.