

Big Blue River

The woods that lined the banks of the Blue were dense. The river can be swollen by the rains and is wide, deep, and full of rapids.

Pioneers often built a raft. They piled their goods upon it, with the exception of their guns (which each man chose to carry). Men often swim across the river, holding with the raft at each corner. The water was swift moving. The other members of the wagon train sat on the bank, anxiously watching the result, until they saw the raft had landed safely in a on the opposite bank. The empty wagons were easily passed across. Then each man mounted a horse, and rode through the stream. The animals followed after them.