

# The Ho Chi Minh Trail

*The Blood Road*



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**Vietnam War**

**The legendary Notorious Ho Chi Minh Trail or The Truong Son Trail**

**The Ho Chi Minh Trail in the Vietnam War was a logistical system that ran from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) to the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) through the neighboring kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia.**

**The Trail was developed from just a series of rough paths into a highly organized route for soldiers and supplies. The Ho Chi Minh Trail extended from Mu Gia Pass in the north, southward along the western slopes of the Annam range, to a combination of exit points that stretched to the tri-border region of Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam.**

**By 1971, the Trail encompassed an estimated 3,500 kilometers of roads.**