



Lewis and Clark
National Historic Trail

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

White Cliffs of the Missouri
Photo by Scott Mestrezat



Posting of the colors at the naturalization ceremony.



3D Chalk Art during the Bridge Beats Concert Series, a partnership with the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department.



Teddy Roosevelt helps staff celebrate the NPS Centennial.



Superintendent Mark Weekley accepts a flag during a flag ceremony to honor the sailors aboard the USNS Lewis and Clark and the USNS Sacajawea.

Looking Back

As I reflect back on **2016**, I find myself amazed at all that was accomplished. A personal highlight for me was celebrating the **National Park Service Centennial**. The Trail staff enthusiastically embraced the Centennial with numerous special events, webinars, and activities. One of the most exciting Centennial events for me was the partnership with Union Pacific Railroad Museum. Our Visitor Center became a stop for the annual Railroad Days. Over 3,000 visitors stopped in over the two-day event. Another key Centennial program was a naturalization ceremony for new citizens with “Teddy Roosevelt” as the speaker, followed by a flag ceremony to honor the sailors aboard the USNS Lewis and Clark and the USNS Sacajawea.

After many years with little change in staff, 2016 was the exception with several new staff coming to replace outgoing employees. **Tom Smith** joined us as Education Specialist filling the position previously held by Jill Hamilton-Anderson. **Linda Helm**, Environmental Protection Specialist, replaced Denise Nelson. **Kristine Struck**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, took over Neal Bedlan’s old position. **Kristin**

Khan became our new Business Services Associate, taking over for Dawnisha Bullion. **Ashley Danielson** became the Volunteer and Partnership Coordinator after the departure of Nichole McHenry. We welcomed **Ryan Kephart** as our new Park Guide filling in behind Byrony Forbes. And lastly, **Julie Blanchard** was selected to fill a new position of Visitor Center Manager. While it is bittersweet to see long-time employees move on as they advance in their careers, we have been very fortunate in being able to bring in outstanding new employees with a high level of energy and fresh ideas.

In 2016, vital partnerships and cooperative agreements increased the leverage of our funding. While available resources for such agreements are often limited, they facilitate engagement with key partners and achieve amazing results. Groups we partner with bring in additional funds, skills and experiences. In many cases they also bring a host of talented and committed volunteers.

Our agreements in 2016 included partnerships with the **Omaha Parks Foundation**, the **Discovery Expedition of St. Charles**, the **Lewis**

and **Clark Trail Heritage Foundation**, the **Fort Mandan Foundation**, the **Lewis and Clark Trust**, **J. Greg Smith**, the **Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center**, and **Solimar International**.

The agreement with Solimar International was put in place towards the end of the year and is set up to build a partner-focused geotourism program for the Lewis and Clark Trail over the next several years. In addition to this project we hope to continue our existing partnerships and agreements and work to implement our Communications Strategy Plan, develop a Long Range Interpretive Plan, continue work on our Administrative History, continue implementing our Wayshowing and Wayfinding plan, and work to further disseminate and implement the Honoring Tribal Legacies project.

The key to all of this great work is the support provided by all of you and the great staff at the Trail. I am hopeful and excited by all the opportunities coming our way in 2017.

Happy New Year!
Mark Weekley, Superintendent

23
national
wildlife refuges

6,157
miles of
auto route

8
tribal trust
lands

9
intersecting
national historic
and scenic trails

13
national
forests/grasslands

27
congressional
districts

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

3,700
miles



15
Indian
reservations

1,439
miles of
water trail

19
trail-related
national
historic
landmarks

8
NPS units
along trail

151
counties

11
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Washington
Oregon
Idaho
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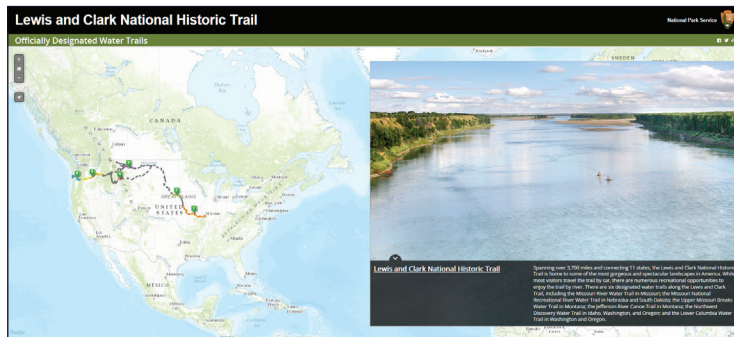
Water

Beginning at the mouth of the Missouri, you will take observations of latitude and longitude at all remarkable points on the river, & especially at the mouths of rivers, at rapids, at islands... President Thomas Jefferson



Story Maps

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail released a new Story Map highlighting the six officially designated water trails along the Lewis and Clark Trail. This interactive Story Map allows visitors to explore the geography of each water trail and provides photos, descriptions, and links to more information.



View the Story Map: <http://arcg.is/1SZgHqn>
To view other Lewis and Clark Story Maps and the Trail Atlas, visit www.nps.gov/lecl/planyourvisit/maps.htm

Missouri
Missouri River Water Trail

Nebraska and South Dakota
Missouri National Recreational River
Water Trail

Montana
Upper Missouri Breaks Water Trail

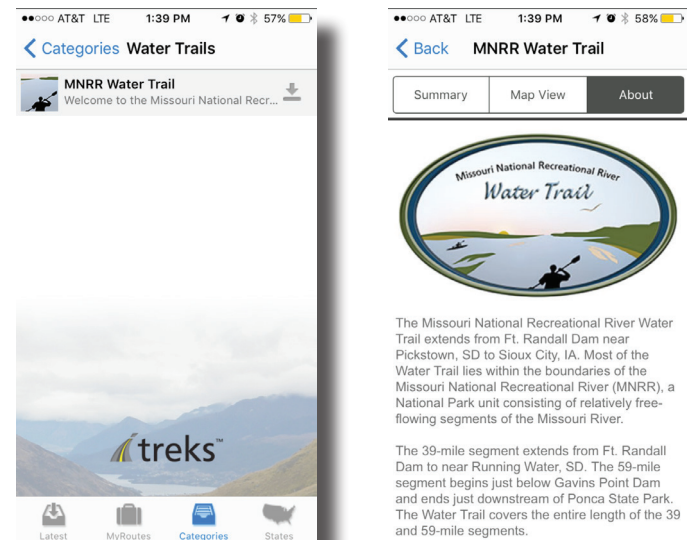
Montana
Jefferson River Canoe Trail

Idaho, Washington, and Oregon
Northwest Discovery Water Trail

Washington and Oregon
Lower Columbia Water Trail

A New App

In the summer of 2016, the Missouri National Recreational River Water Trail released a new GPS-enabled mobile app with the assistance of the National Park Service that serves as a tour guide on the Missouri River from Pickstown, SD to Sioux City, IA. The free app helps visitors find out information about this historic river and explore recreational opportunities along the National Water Trail. This interactive tour experience is free to download and is available for most smartphones, tablets, and mobile devices.



For more information:
<http://i-treks.com/routes/4/>

Trail



Descent Trail

This year, development of a new recreational trail along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail was begun by the National Smokejumper Association in cooperation with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in Montana.

The new 2.75-mile hiking trail is located on a narrow ridge in the Bitterroot National Forest and follows a portion of Lewis and Clark's September 1805 descent from Lost Trail Pass into the Bitterroot Valley in Montana.

Signs and trail markers for the project were provided by the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. When the trail is completed, visitors will be given the experience of following closely in the footsteps of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Useful Links:

www.smokejumpers.com

www.lewisandclark.org

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot/>

National Smokejumper Association volunteers on the Descent Trail in Montana.



Mark Smith of the Bitterroot National Forest installs a Lewis and Clark Trail marker on the Descent Trail. Photo by Ted Hall.

Road

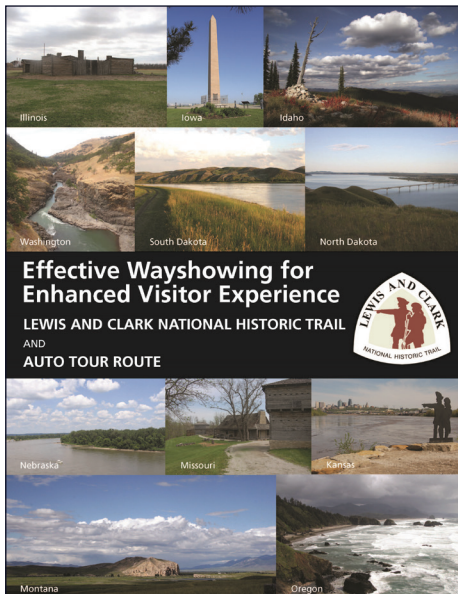


Auto Route

The Lewis and Clark Auto Route is a system of 6,100 miles of roads and highways designated by each trail state. The Auto Route brackets each side of the trail and is the primary way in which visitors travel to trail destinations.

In 2016, NPS Trail staff continued to actively engage Department of Transportation offices in Trail states in order to begin the Trail-wide implementation of the recommendations from the 2013 plan entitled *Effective Wayshowing for Enhanced Visitor Experience, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Auto Tour Route*.

Trail staff worked in collaboration with the Montana Department of Transportation to fabricate and install 66 auto route guide signs and 35 directional signs to attractions along four different auto route segments.

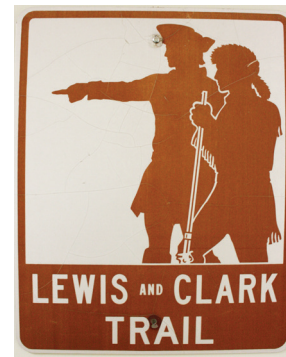


View the Wayshowing Plan: <https://www.nps.gov/lecl/learn/management/index.htm>.

Over the Years



1950s



1980s



2016



High Potential Historic Sites

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail entered the final phase in the process of designating **High Potential Historic Sites**, which according to the National Trails System Act are places *“related to or in close proximity to the Trail, which provide the opportunity to interpret the historic significance of the Trail during the period of its major use.”*

Over the past five years, Trail staff have identified and mapped an initial list of 181 sites in collaboration with 118 local experts across all Trail states, including State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, historians, geographers, archeologists, and members of partner groups.

Staff also consulted with 64 trail-affiliated tribes to ensure that sites of traditional, religious, and/or cultural significance would not be adversely impacted by increased public awareness. Trail staff used historic significance, interpretive potential, scenic quality, freedom

from intrusion, sense of place, and presence of historic remnants as criteria for inclusion as a High Potential Historic Site.

In 2016, after applying the criteria, staff narrowed down the list to 90 proposed sites. A project was created in the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site. A National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review was completed and a determination of No Adverse Effect was made based on the outcome of consultations and consensus from all State Historic Preservation Offices was received.

After a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Review, a Categorical Exclusion was received after a determination of no potential for environmental impact was made. In 2017, the final list of 90 High Potential Historic Sites will be published as an addendum to the Trail Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP).



Honoring Tribal Legacies curriculum designers, Shana Brown (Yakama), of Washington State, and Rose Honey, of Montana, presenting at the National Indian Education Association meeting in Reno, Nevada, in October 2016.



Bellingham Indian Education Summit, October 2016, which was attended by HTL curriculum designer, Shana Brown (Yakama).

Honoring Tribal Legacies

The Honoring Tribal Legacies (HTL) project enjoyed a year of exciting dissemination activity in 2016. In February alone, NPS tribal liaison Richard Basch carried the news about the two-volume handbook and seven demonstration Teachings to more than **300** people during meetings of the **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the Columbia River Tribes**. Also in that month, our National Archives partner, Carol Buswell, and Washington State teacher, Shana Brown (Yakama), presented information about our digital resources at the **Northwest Council for Computer Education**, reaching another **50** people.

In March, Richard Basch and Stephanie Wood made informal contacts with some **40** educators and met with the Director of Education, Tara McCauley, at the **Burke Museum** on the campus of the **University of Washington**, getting HTL in on the ground floor of new directions in education for the new and expanding museum there. We are excited about establishing close contacts with

universities in the Northwest, including not only UW but also increasing our relationships with the administration and faculty at the **University of Oregon**, where we have a solid supporter in the Associate Vice President and Tribal Liaison, Jason Younker, a representative for the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon. Also at UO, Professor Michelle Jacob has embraced HTL, as she assigned our materials in one of her teacher-education courses (Fall 2016) and invited Stephanie Wood to present our approach.

Another highlight of 2016 was the participation of the HTL curriculum designers, including Julie Cajune (Salish), Rose Honey, and Shane Doyle (Apsaalooke), at a **Gilder Lehrman Seminar at the University of Montana**. These colleagues were able to introduce and demonstrate some of their Teachings to a number of other educators. In the fall, Shana also attended an **American Indian Education summit in Bellingham, Washington**, where, she says,

“Every superintendent, dean, principal, and tribal education leader walked away with a pamphlet and a look at the [HTL] website!”

In all, at these various meetings and over the remaining months of 2016, which saw presentations at another nine conferences across the United States, the Honoring Tribal Legacies teachings and methods were shared with some **1,700** people! We will continue this outreach all through 2017.

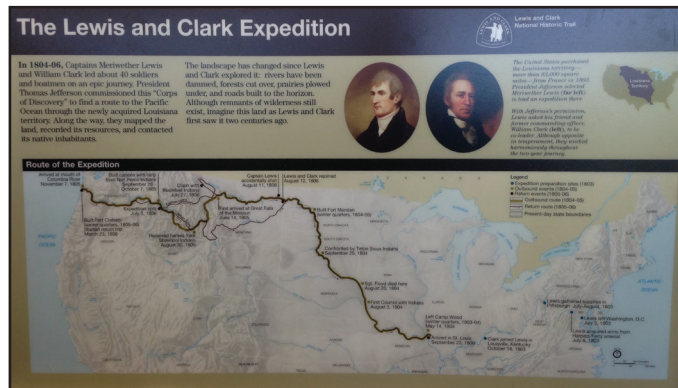
We are also proud to announce the launch of a new, open-source, open-access website, where the demonstration curriculum and two-volume handbook are now housed by the University of Oregon: <https://blogs.uoregon.edu/honoringtriballelegacies>. This site is secure and should have a greater assurance of longevity than our original site. People visiting the older site will be automatically redirected to the new site.



Freshly installed new Lewis and Clark wayside at Sergeant Floyd Monument in Sioux City, Iowa.

A New Lewis and Clark Wayside

Recognize this wayside?

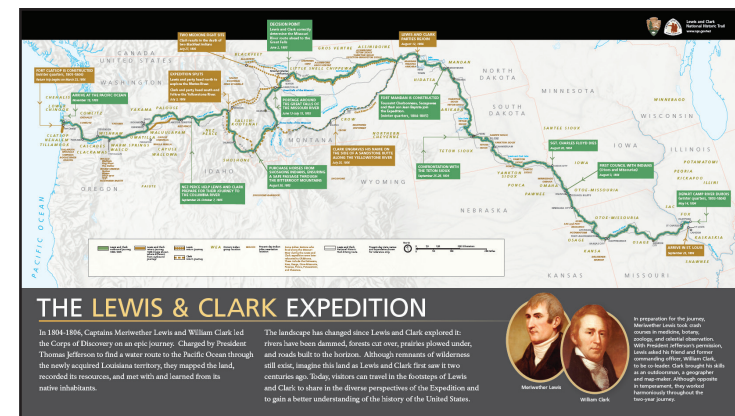


This generic Lewis and Clark informational sign can be found all across the Trail. It has served as a useful tool for visitors over the years but it is definitely showing its age. The fiberglass imbedded panels are looking worn and tired and are in need of an update.

We are happy to announce that in **2016**, we redesigned and fabricated a new wayside panel. The updated and fresh look will enhance and complement existing signage along the Lewis and

Clark National Historic Trail in 11 states. We have begun to distribute the panels for replacement, but ***we need your help.***

Is there an old panel at your site that needs to be replaced? We'll be happy to send you a replacement at no cost. It's easy - just send an email to lecl_communications@nps.gov to get started. We'll ask for your contact information and for a photo taken with a smartphone so that we can have it geolocated.



Social Media

The Trail continued to have an active presence on social media and the internet.

Social media platforms are a unique asset to amplify accomplishments along the Trail. These platforms were used to promote events, facilitate dialogue, engage the public, provoke discussion on historical topics, encourage recreation and trail visitation, and promote stewardship.



14,065
Page Likes

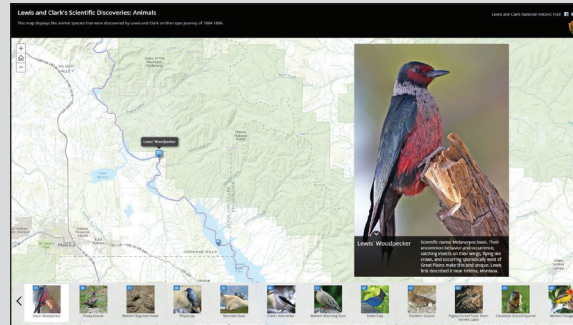
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2,189
Followers

@LewisClarkTrail

StoryMaps



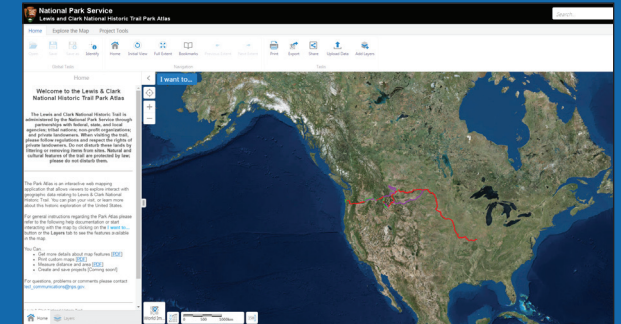
www.nps.gov/lecl/planyourvisit/maps.htm

In 2016, staff created three new, and updated five existing online web maps utilizing the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Story Maps platform. These customized, lightweight applications combine web maps with multimedia content in order to share stories and present geographic information to a wide audience.

These Story Maps are among the most popular available on the web today and are currently used as flagship examples in ESRI Story Map webinars, trainings, and presentations. In June, three Lewis and Clark Story Maps were chosen to represent the National Park Service Centennial Exhibit at the ESRI User Conference in San Diego, CA.

Trail Atlas

A major revision to the Trail Interactive Atlas was completed in 2016. It was enhanced to improve speed and performance and expanded to include a multitude of different data layers, including historic Lewis and Clark Expedition data highlighting the people, places, and resources along the Trail.



lewisandclarktrailmap.com

A new *Points of Interest* layer was added to display sites along the trail and new natural resources data was added allowing users to visualize animal and plant species, ecological regions, and explore links to further information. Existing data layers were updated to include the most recent land ownership, boundaries, and census data.

Alice Creek Brochure

Lewis and Clark NHT provided funding and technical support to The Wilderness Society and partners from the city of Lincoln, Montana on a brochure for the **Alice Creek Historic District** in the Helena National Forest.

Trail staff completed the mapping for the brochure, wrote narratives on area history and unique cultural, natural, and recreational resources. Feedback from partners and stakeholders was incorporated into the design of the brochure. It was completed and printed for distribution in advance of the 2016 tourist season.

Updated Brochure



Staff worked in collaboration with the NPS Harpers Ferry Center to update the Trail Unigrid Brochure. Over 150 sites on the map were reviewed and updated and 34 new locations were added.

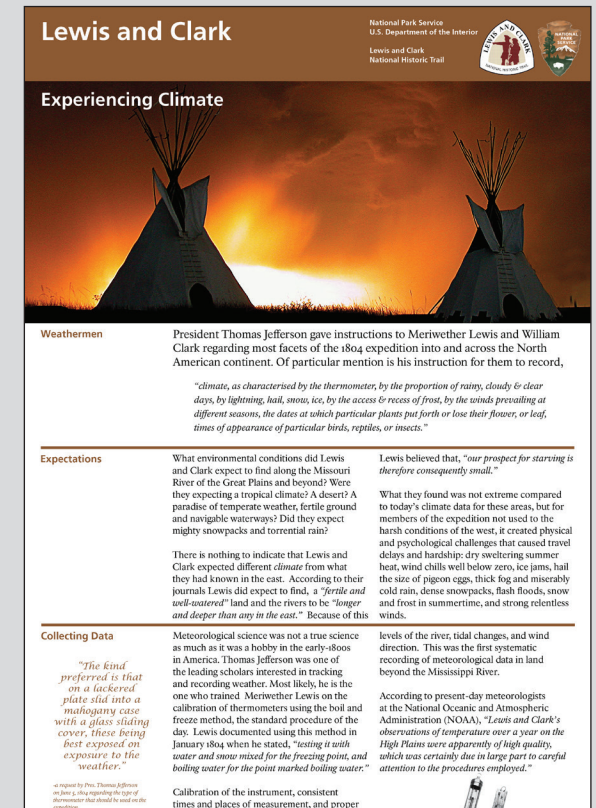
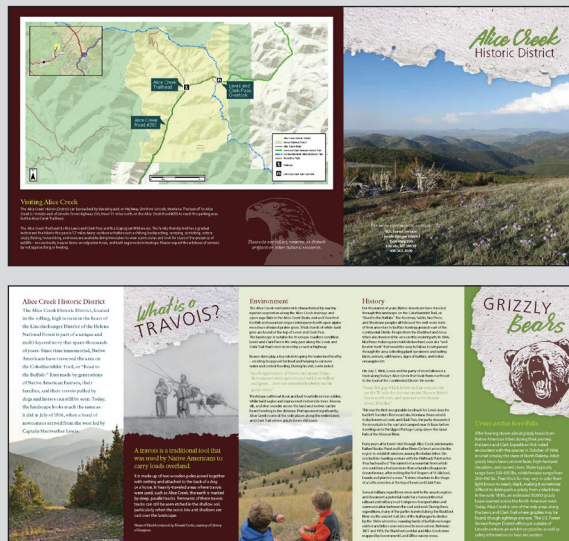
More than 50 updates to the text, features, labels, and symbology on the map were made and significant revisions to the interpretive text and visitor information were made to correct mistakes, enhance understanding, and provide additional information.

The brochure is scheduled to be printed and distributed in early 2017.

Experiencing Climate Site Bulletin

This summer, **20,000** copies of a site bulletin entitled *Experiencing Climate* were distributed to over 100 visitor centers across the Trail. It's purpose is to illustrate and discuss climate today and that observed by Lewis and Clark.

For those of you who enjoyed the site bulletin and would like to print more on your own, please contact us for the digital file at 402-661-1826 or lecl_communications@nps.gov



FY16 Volunteer Report

Each year, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail benefits from the dedication of thousands of volunteers. Here are just a few facts and figures from the past year illustrating their grand contributions. Thank you for your service!

In the past year,
we counted



3,825

volunteers along
the trail

Combined, they
contributed



129,752

hours of service

That's the
equivalent of over



62

full-time staff
members

...which converts
to a labor value of



\$3.5 million

calculated at
\$23.56 per hour

This data is based on the reporting of the following 15 trail partners.

Thank
you!

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center (WA)
Fort Atkinson State Historical Park (NE)
Friends of the Columbia River Gorge (OR)
Healthy Rivers Partnership (Missouri River)
Knappton Cover Heritage Center (OR)
Missouri River Basin
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (NE)
Lewis and Clark State Historic Site (IL)
Lewis and Clark Trail
Heritage Foundation (trailwide)

Lewis and Clark Trust (trailwide)
Missouri River Relief (Missouri River)
Omaha Visitor Center (NE)
Rock Bridge State Park
(Katy Trail Section)
Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural
and Educational Center (ID)
Sacajawea State Park (WA)
Lewis and Clark State Park (IA)

Volunteers

Whenever I tell others here in Iowa that I volunteer for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, they almost always ask, “Oh, did you go work on parts of the trail or build something?” So when I explain I primarily write Facebook posts from my small home office, their faces wrinkle in confusion. “Really...?”

Lacing up my hiking boots, tossing a backpack in the car and heading West for a few weeks is something I would love to do several times a year. But, even though I’m 90% retired, it would be a challenge for me to find the time for on-site volunteer work. Instead, I was blessed to discover about a year ago that the Trail staff in Omaha needed someone to help develop content for their daily social media posts – a perfect match, it seemed, with my career in advertising and my love of 19th century American history and our country’s National Parks.

I’ll be the first to admit I do this partially for myself. I enjoy the research, the increased knowledge and the time spent writing. But I also do it because I hope our 14,000 Facebook followers enjoy reading and learning more about the many facets of the incredible Lewis and Clark story. For sure, this task is small, dwarfed in comparison with the work of thousands of other volunteers along the Trail’s 3,700 miles – from trail restoration to research, interpretation to internal operations. The point being – every role is important and contributes to the overall mission of the Trail.

Being a National Park VIP (Volunteers-in-Parks) is a hugely rewarding experience. There’s a place for you to help, a way for you to share your skills and talents, and an opportunity for you to make a positive impact. Contact Trail headquarters to find out how you can connect -- it’ll be a Win-Win-Win experience for you, for the staff and for everyone who enjoys and appreciates the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Kent Schlawin, Volunteer
Johnston, Iowa



Centennial Challenge Volunteer Coin



This year the National Park Service launched a special centennial award just for volunteers.

Any volunteer who dedicated 201.6 hours of service to a national park site during the Centennial 2016 calendar year was eligible for a **Centennial Volunteer Coin**.

We are proud to announce that Lewis and Clark presented **27** coins to volunteers across the Trail. That's over **5,400** hours of donated time!

Congratulations and thank you for your service!



(From Left) Jim Mead, Phyllis Friesz Meade, Frank Smith, and Ashley Jaeger, volunteers at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, Montana were recipients of the Centennial Volunteer Coin and certificate. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

Partnership Award

On June 16, 2016, tribal liaison Richard Basch of Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail presented **Sharon Stewart and the Friends of Sacajawea State Park** with a **National Park Service Midwest Region Partnership Award**.

Volunteer Sharon Stewart and the Friends of Sacajawea State Park were recognized for the many years of work and personal commitment to providing a quality visitor experience to park visitors. Stewart first volunteered at Sacajawea State park in 2000 as a campground host. Since then she has worked tirelessly in a variety of roles to support park operations and make the site a meaningful experience for the public.

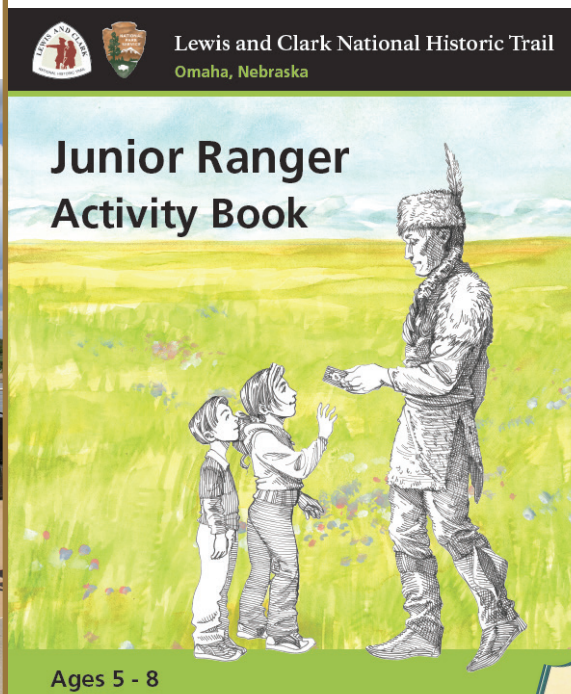
The Friends of Sacajawea State Park was founded as a nonprofit in 2013 to support the park and formalize the large community already volunteering with the park, and has weathered many challenges to continue park operations undisturbed. The volunteer-driven group has served thousands in the Tri-City Area, including many school children who received a fun and educational look at the history of the area. The Friends of Sacajawea State Park volunteers are always ready to give interpretive tours of the park.

Congratulations!

Volunteers



Ranger Kenny Points presented the Scout Ranger patch to **58** Boy Scouts upon their completion of a service trip down the Missouri River.



Two new **Junior Ranger Activity Books**, designed specifically for those visiting the Omaha Visitor Center, were unveiled in 2016.

Each activity book has age-specific activities that will guide kids of all ages to learn about the history, science, and American Indian traditions during the time of Lewis and Clark.

The 2016 **2nd Saturday Speaker Series** offered both youth and all-ages programs during the summer months.

Featured speakers:
Renae Hunt
Brad Tennant
Matthew Jones
Hasan Davis (right)



The Lewis and Clark NHT Visitor Center welcomed **3,141** visitors as one of the stops for Railroad Days, a community event to celebrate Omaha's railroad history.

This year's theme was ***All Set for the West: Railroads and National Parks.***

Ranger Ryan Kephart swears in triplets as Junior Rangers during this two-day event.

Omaha, Nebraska is home to Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail's Headquarters and Visitor Center. Rangers offer interpretive programming, special events, and outreach to the local area.



Total Visitation
40,541



School Programs
14



Railroad Days Visitation
3,141



River City Star Boat Tours
13



Speaker Series Attendance
190



Junior Ranger Badges Issued
1,650

Omaha Visitor Center

Feb. 4, 2016

Dear Miss Julie,

Thanks so much for the Lewis and Clark badge, and pin. I enjoyed learning about Lewis, Clark, and the rest of the crew. My favorite fact was that Lewis got shot in the butt. My class had a Wax Museum of Lewis and Clark. I was Sacagawea. Again thank you so much for my badge and the pin.

Sincerely,
Kennedy

Thank You Ranger Julie & The Other Rangers

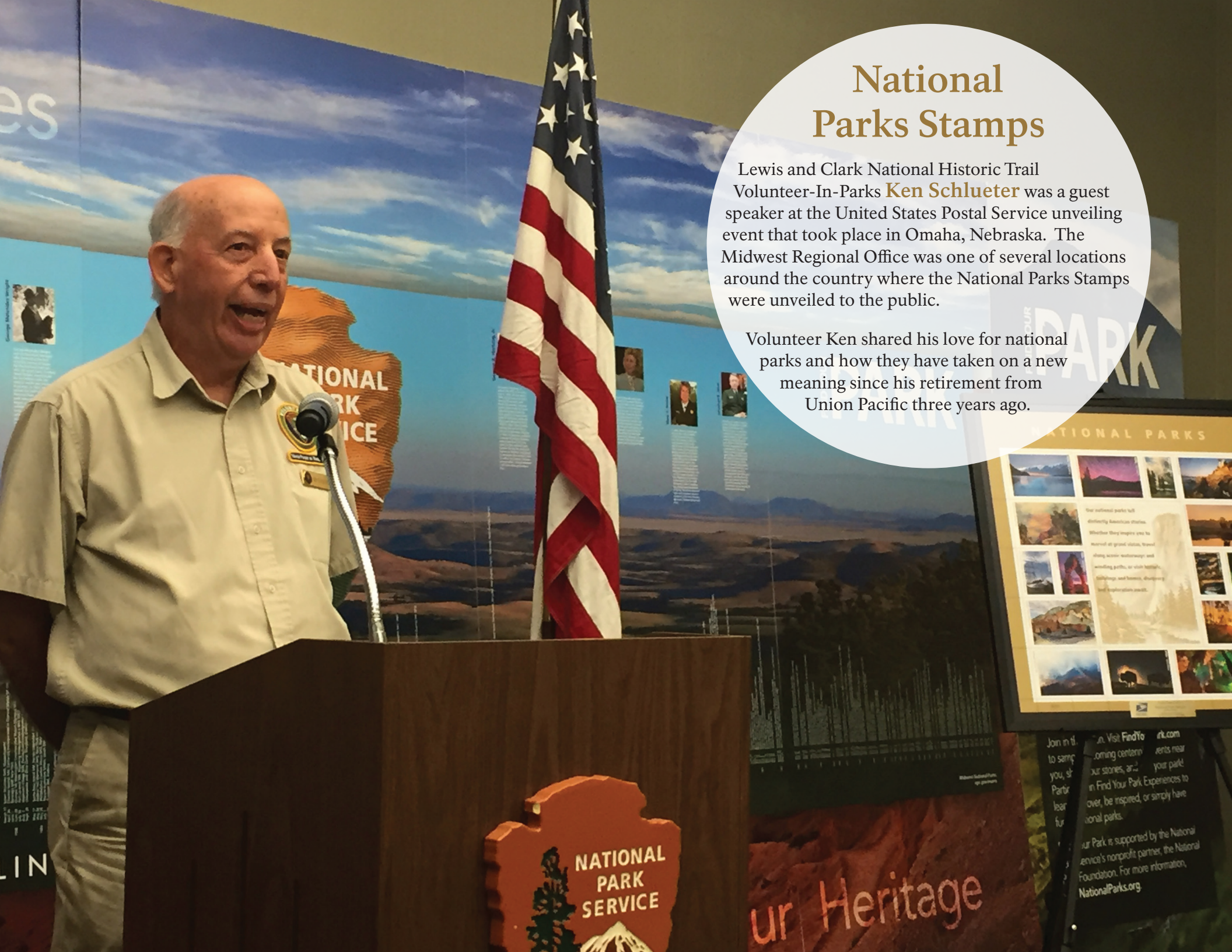
I Liked when You Taught us about Animal Furs!

Thank You For Leading us around The Lewis & Clark Headquarters & Teaching us about Lewis, Clark, Sacagawea, and The Missouri River.

National Parks Stamps

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Volunteer-In-Parks **Ken Schlueter** was a guest speaker at the United States Postal Service unveiling event that took place in Omaha, Nebraska. The Midwest Regional Office was one of several locations around the country where the National Parks Stamps were unveiled to the public.

Volunteer Ken shared his love for national parks and how they have taken on a new meaning since his retirement from Union Pacific three years ago.



NPS CENTENNIAL GOAL
CONNECT with *and* **CREATE** the
NEXT GENERATION of *park visitors,*
supporters, and advocates.



National Park Service Centennial Arrowhead Badge.

Centennial



The National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday on August 25, 2016 with special events and programs throughout the year. It was no exception at Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.



Lewis and Clark Videos

As part of the National Park Service Centennial, we joined in the fun of creating meaningful Find Your Park videos to help spread the word and encourage people everywhere to define “park” in their own way.

The first video focuses on the spectacular and awe-inspiring landscapes along the trail and features the song “The Hunt” by River Whyless.



https://youtu.be/Y-_f35nPar8

The second video highlights the many ways visitors can find adventure along the trail. The video features the song “Lost” by The Fruit Flies.



<https://youtu.be/8hh0zNacF5g>

FIND YOUR PARK

Volunteer Ambassador



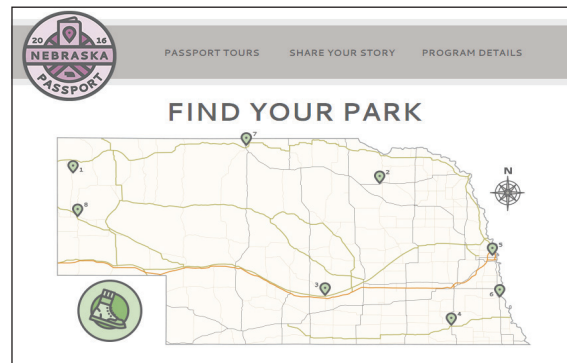
Charlotte Murtishaw

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters was selected to host a Student Conservation Association Centennial Volunteer Ambassador to support volunteer activities and community engagement.

Charlotte Murtishaw, a recent graduate of Barnard College spent a year with us helping to expand the volunteer base in Omaha and beyond.

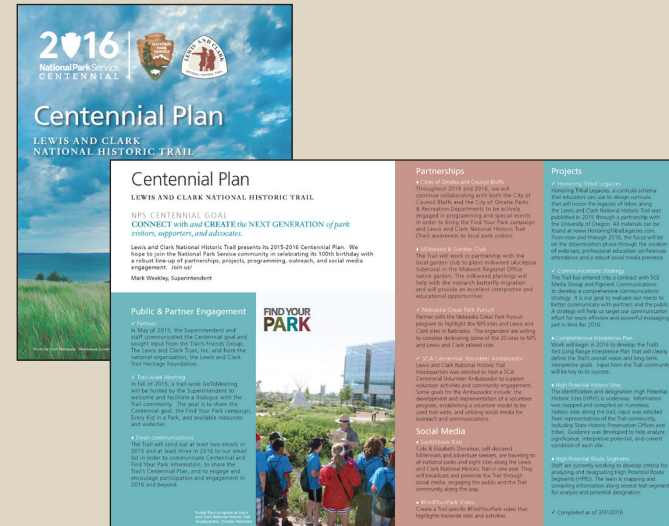
Nebraska Passport

The **Nebraska Passport Program** strives to get Nebraskans and visitors out to 80 different sites around the state every year. In 2016 they wanted to help celebrate the NPS Centennial by including the five NPS sites in Nebraska in the “Find Your Park Tour.” LCNHT was the most visited spot on that tour with **1,043** visits to our location.



Centennial Plan

In preparation for the NPS Centennial, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail developed a Centennial Plan that outlined activities and projects that would be carried out throughout the year. It was our guiding document for the year.



View the Centennial Plan: <https://www.nps.gov/lecl/learn/management/index.htm>.

Great Park Pursuit

The **Great Park Pursuit** promotes an active lifestyle by getting visitors involved in outdoor recreation in Nebraska. They also wanted to help celebrate the Centennial at NPS sites around the state. The Trails marker was in the native garden next to the visitor center.



Centennial

Click to Listen to Richard Basch and Neal Bedlan
<http://ow.ly/1SJY3075Fqg>



Tribal Liaison, Richard Basch (left), tells Chief of Interpretation, Neal Bedlan, about the impact his daughter had on the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration in 2006.



Butch Bouvier, interviewed by best friend Russell Fields.



Steve Russell, interviewed by Rachel Daniels



Mother and daughter. Karla Sigala and Sofia Acosta.

StoryCorps

In celebration of the National Park Service Centennial, **StoryCorps** visited Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters as part of an effort to conduct oral history recordings throughout the Midwest parks. This was an opportunity for Trail staff and stakeholders to share their stories to be preserved for future generations.

StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world.

All StoryCorps interviews are archived in perpetuity at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

2017

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead in the new year, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail will be focusing on a few key projects that will help further the Trail's mission.

GEOTOURISM

Working in partnership with Solimar International, we will strive to enhance tourism along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Capitalizing on local expertise, unique and authentic experiences will be gathered and disseminated to promote the Trail. The focus will be the environment, culture, heritage, and well-being of its residents.

LONG-RANGE INTERPRETIVE PLAN

We will enter into an interpretive planning process to develop a unified approach for interpretation for the benefit of partners and stakeholders.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

A Strategic Communication Plan was developed in 2016. In 2017, a working group of partners will be established to start the implementation of the plan. The overall goal is to coordinate an effort with partners and stakeholders to increase awareness of the Trail.

AN ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Lewis and Clark will be working with a contractor to create a documented history of Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail's administrative progress.

HONORING TRIBAL LEGACIES

We will continue further dissemination of Honoring Tribal Legacies. Its purpose is to encourage educators at all levels and in every environment to benefit from the collective wisdom that can be gained from a shared history that simultaneously embraces the past, present, and future and honors tribes.

DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH POTENTIAL ROUTE SEGMENTS

The National Trails System Act calls for Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to designate High Potential Route Segments. These are segments of the trail that would “afford high quality recreation experience” and “greater-than-average scenic value” or an “opportunity to vicariously share the experience.” Segments are focused on visitor experience.



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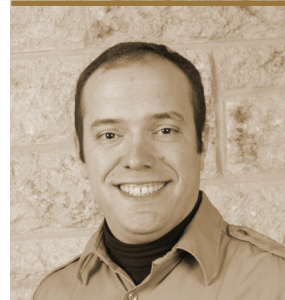
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Chief of Interpretation Neal Bedlan is welcomed to work by Teddy Roosevelt.



Junior Ranger Aida Frey makes a stop the Omaha Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Visitor Center.



Rangers Ryan and Abraham meet Seaman.



Hasan Davis takes a moment to chat with some young visitors during the summer Speaker Series.



Trail staff give a presentation at the Annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meeting in Harpers Ferry, WV.



Outdoor Recreation Planner Kristine Struck is greeted by Teddy Roosevelt on August 25, 2016.



Junior Ranger Reilly explores the exhibits.



A young visitor during Earth Day Omaha learns about the tools Lewis and Clark used on their journey.



Happy New Year!

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