

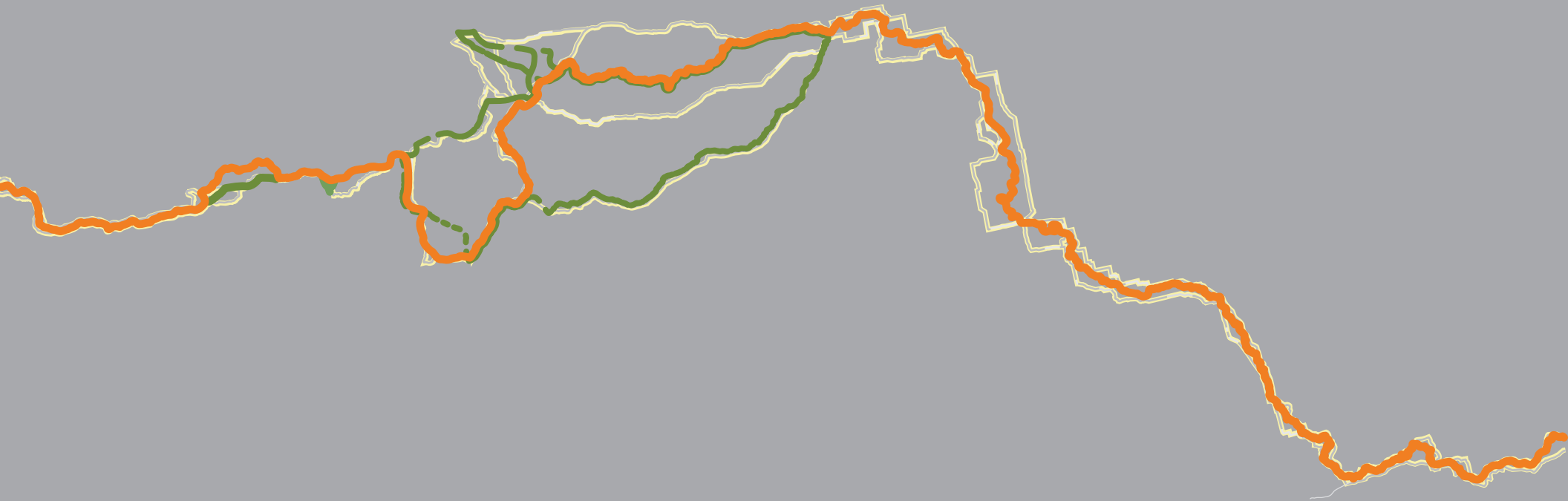


Lewis and Clark
National Historic Trail

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



*Students playing Double Ball at
First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, Montana.
© Becky Boyers*



The purpose of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is to commemorate the 1804 to 1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition through the identification; protection; interpretation; public use and enjoyment; and preservation of historic, cultural, and natural resources associated with the expedition and its place in U.S. and tribal history.

From the Superintendent

Looking Back



Superintendent Mark Weekley waves the starting flag to the American Solar Challenge. Omaha, Nebraska.
Photo by Mike Cameron, HDR.

Once again I am excited and pleased to be able to provide you a glimpse of our accomplishments and activities during the past year. Inside this 2018 Annual Report, you will find examples of some of the great work being done by our staff, in many cases in collaboration with dedicated partners.

One of the highpoints was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. I was reminded of the foresight of individuals like Jay “Ding” Darling and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall who believed that a national trails system would serve the American public for

generations to come. Their grand vision led to the designation of national scenic and historic trails and wild and scenic rivers. The gift they left behind was a network of trails and rivers where the American public can recreate, get in touch with their national heritage, and be part of something bigger.

During the past year we also saw Lewis’s dog, Seaman, travel the trail in the form of multiple stuffed animal pups, one of which even joined NASA astronauts on the International Space Station! We also had the opportunity to help honor Dr. Gary Moulton for his many contributions, and we launched the start of the American Solar Challenge from Omaha, Nebraska. We brought several multi-year projects to completion, and made significant progress on others.

The Trail is made up of a wide network of individuals in local, state, and federal governments, nonprofits, tribes, and private organizations. The staff and I are proud to be a part of this network, and proud of the work done by the National Park Service and the many volunteers and partners who share in this work. I thank you for keeping the Lewis and Clark story relevant, year after year, and I look forward to great things in the coming year.

Mark Weekley, Superintendent

The Lewis and Clark Pups Travel the Trail

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System, five special (plush toy) dogs, the Lewis and Clark Pups, traveled in the paw prints of their ancestor Seaman, dog of Meriwether Lewis.

The pups covered over 3,700 miles to complete their mission to commemorate and protect the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Each pup stopped at various visitor locations along the Trail and a blog post was submitted from each stop. Read about the adventures of Rocky, Harper, Dakota and Keelie on the Newfie News blog, www.nps.gov/lecl/newfie-news.htm.

Many thanks to all who participated in this campaign, it was a blast!



Harper enjoyed her visit to Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, the last dam on the Snake River before it merges with the Columbia River.



Harper hikes to the top of the cliffs at Buffalo Jump State Park. It is known for being the largest buffalo jump in North America. Ulm, Montana.



Harper learns about the effects of fire; flora and fauna; and history at Multnomah Falls, Oregon.

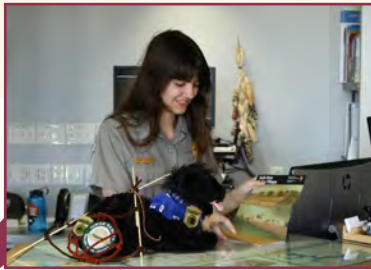


Keelie visited Tamástslikt Cultural Institute on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, outside Pendleton, Oregon. She was greeted by Director Roberta Conner and her horses, Hero and Squeazy.



Keelie sits with docent Norm Miller inside a real dugout canoe built by the 4th great grandson of Captain Clark, Churchill Clark. Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Livingston, Montana.

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Rocky helps Ranger Sierra greet visitors to Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in Stanton, North Dakota.



Rocky gets spoiled by young visitors to Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, Iowa.



Rocky learns from animatronic robot President Jefferson at the Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Iowa.



Dakota goes sightseeing around Boonville, Missouri with great friends from the River, Rails and Trails Museum and Visitor Center. Here he takes in the view at Lookout Point in Harley Park.

Seaman Jr. Travels to Space!



To celebrate the National Trails System 50th anniversary, the National Park Service and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sent a small, plush version of Seaman, the legendary dog that explored the frontier with Lewis and Clark, on a new mission aboard the International Space Station.

Seaman, a Newfoundland dog owned by Meriwether Lewis, was an important member of the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-06. On that journey, Seaman traveled thousands of miles and was known as the greatest traveler of his species at the time. On June 29, 2018, his replica launched into space aboard a resupply mission to the International Space Station for a new journey of millions of miles.

“Two hundred years ago, this dog provided valuable assistance to his human companions as they forged through the wilderness, exploring a new frontier,” said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith. “Now, Seaman’s story continues as he sets off on a new adventure to help guide us through the frontier of space.”

The toy dog spent the rest of 2018 orbiting the Earth. Aboard the International Space Station, Expedition 57 Flight Engineer Serena Auñón-Chancellor and Seaman Jr. discussed life and research on the orbital outpost during an in-flight educational event October 15, 2018 with students and officials at Gateway Arch National Park in St. Louis, Missouri.

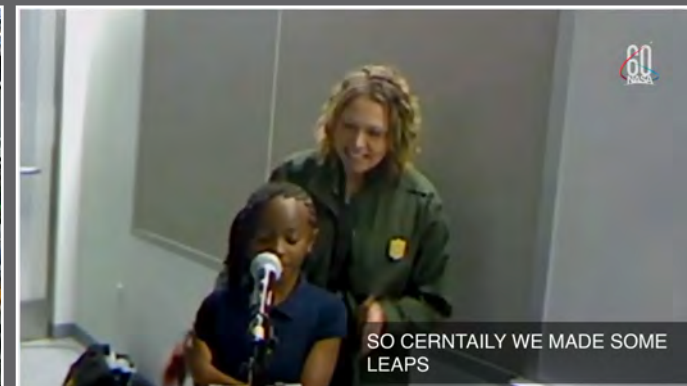
This collaboration provides a tangible connection between the explorers of the Louisiana Territory and the explorers of space. The themes of daring expedition, bravery, adaptability, exploration, diversity, technological advancement, and seeking new knowledge and understanding are common to both NASA and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.



Volunteer and Partnership Specialist Ashley Danielson greets Seaman Jr. and Astronaut Serena Auñón-Chancellor at the start of the live call from space.



Astronaut Serena Auñón-Chancellor, with Seaman Jr. in her hand, fields questions from East St. Louis, Illinois students.



A student from Katie Harper Wright Elementary, East St. Louis, Illinois asks a question during the live call to space. Education Supervisor Erin Hilligoss-Volkmann at Gateway Arch National Park assists.

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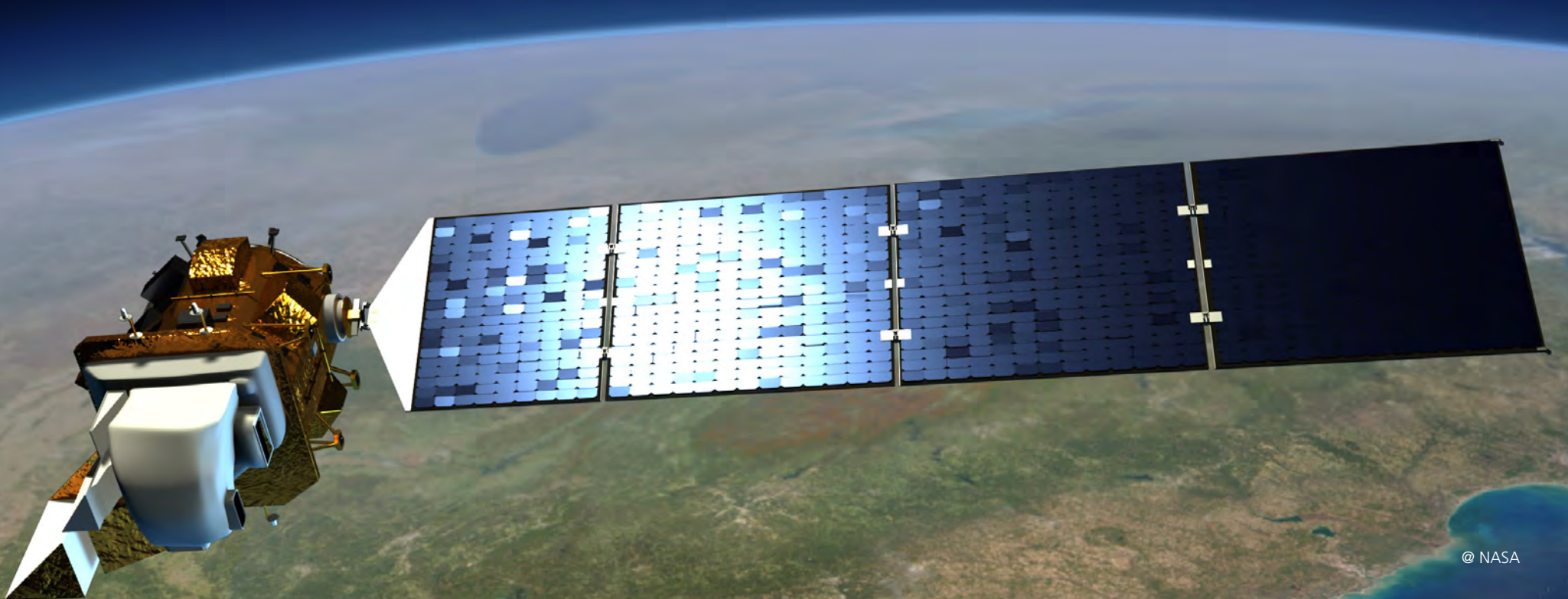
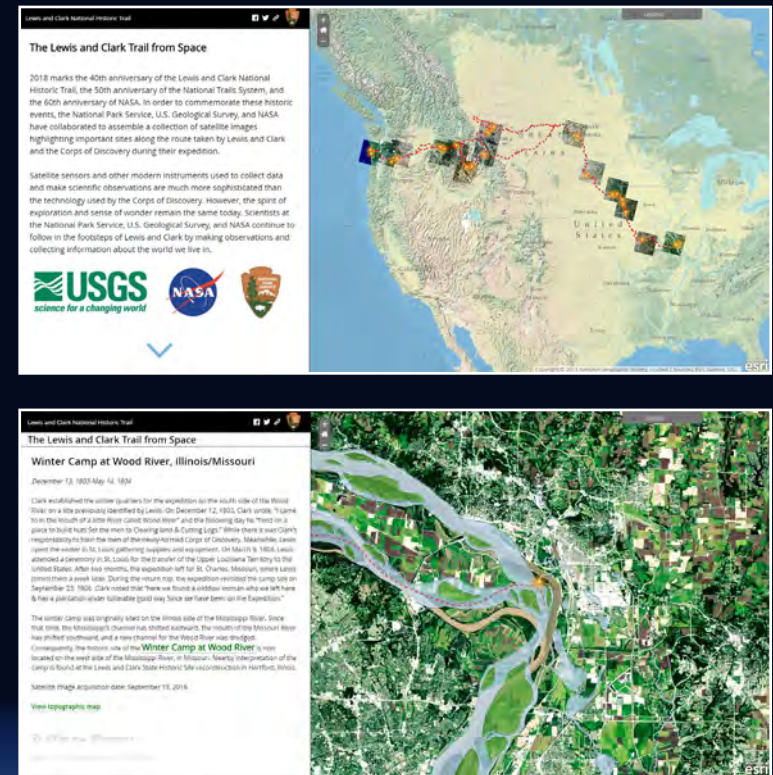
Lewis and Clark Trail Releases Story Map in Collaboration with NASA and USGS

Trail staff collaborated with NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to assemble a collection of satellite images tracing the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail for a unique story map entitled *The Lewis and Clark Trail from Space*. The story map highlights historic sites and significant points of interest along the Trail using Landsat 8 satellite imagery. The project draws parallels between the scientific observations made during the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the information about Earth's resources collected and utilized by NASA, USGS, and NPS scientists. The three agencies collaborated

on the project in commemoration of the National Trails System's 50th anniversary and NASA's 60th anniversary. The map was released on Monday, October 15, 2018 and shared with a global audience on social media. To access the story map, visit: go.nps.gov/LandsatStoryMap.

Landsat 8 is an American Earth observation satellite launched on February 11, 2013. It images the entire Earth every 16 days, collecting valuable data and imagery to be used in agriculture, education, business, science, and government.

It is the 8th satellite in the Landsat program. The data from Landsat spacecraft constitute the longest record of the Earth's continental surfaces as seen from space. It is a record unmatched in quality, detail, coverage, and value.



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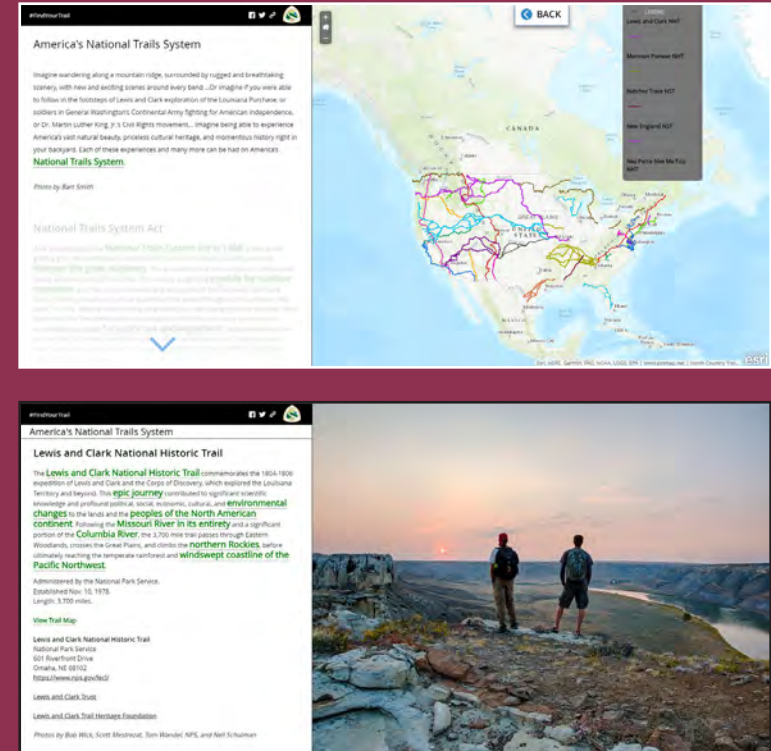
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
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Story Map Celebrates 50 Years of the National Trails System

To commemorate this historic occasion, Ryan M. Cooper, Geographer at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail developed a story map entitled *America's National Trails System*. The story map celebrates the National Trails System and highlights each of the 30 national scenic and historic trails. Map users may explore the series of interactive maps, learn about the nature and significance of each trail, watch inspirational videos on the National Trails System, and view stunning pictures from photographers Bob Wick and Bart Smith.

The story map debuted on National Trails Day on June 2, 2018 and has been shared on social media channels for the National Park Service and the Partnership for the National Trails System. It was included as part of the National Trails System 50th Anniversary display at the ESRI User Conference in San Diego from July 9-13, 2018. The story map was also chosen to appear in ESRI's Featured Story Maps Gallery.

To view the Story Map, visit:
go.nps.gov/NTSstorymap.



Summer Social Media Campaign

A multi-layered approach helped to spread the word to engage partners and visitors about the 50th Anniversary.

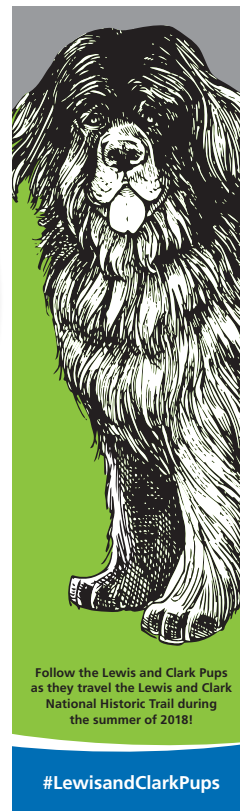
Partnership and Volunteer Specialist, Ashley Danielson, assembled a collection of social media content that was distributed to over 150 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The campaign kit included a newsletter with sample Facebook posts, a schedule, important dates, and digital resources. Partner sites received a concrete sticker “Selfie Spot” to promote the Trail, Seaman bookmarks and 50th anniversary poster and stickers.



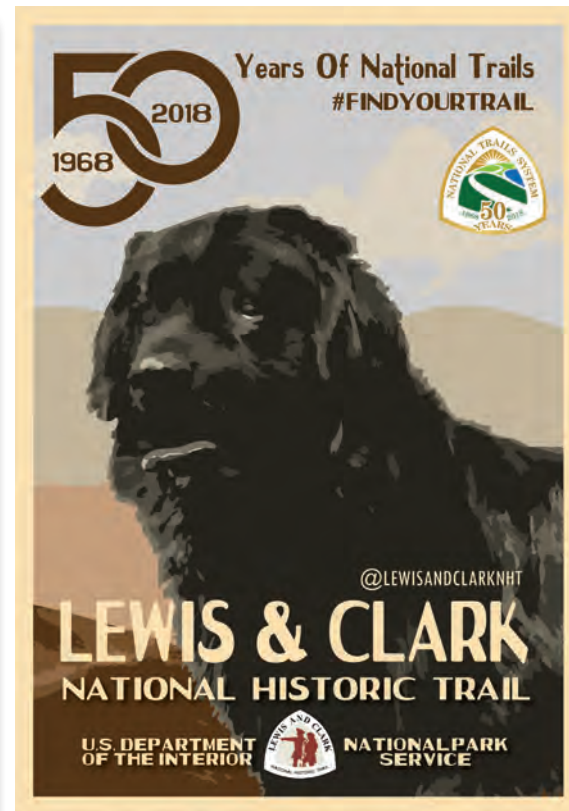
Selfie Spot



50th Sticker



Bookmark



50th Poster

Social Media Reach

We continued with a robust social media presence. Instagram is a new addition to our social media suite, allowing for a broader reach.

Did you know? The combined reach of Facebook pages of partners along the Trail is more than 600,000!



18,299
Page Likes
@lewisandclarknht



3,055
Followers
@LewisClarkTrail



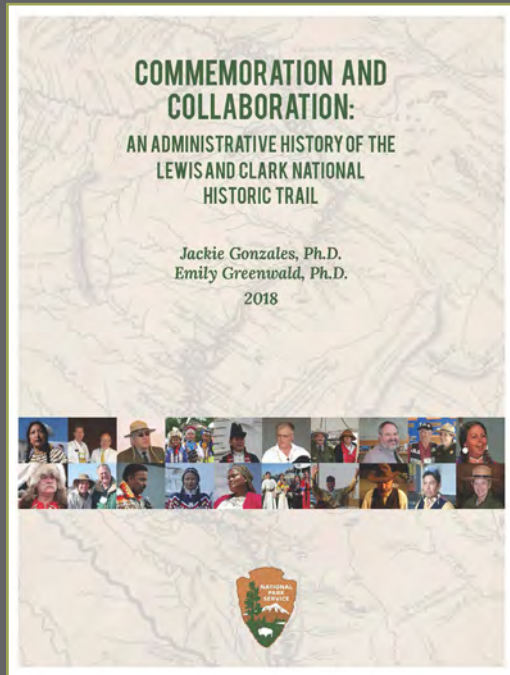
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Partners and Visitor Engagement

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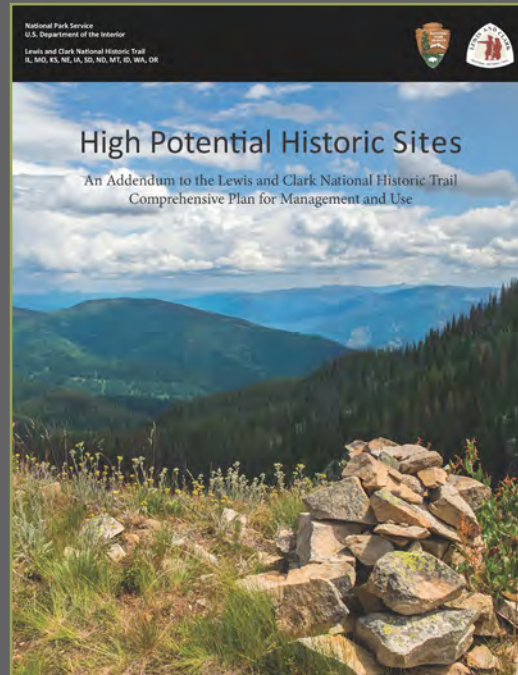


Administrative History



Commemoration and Collaboration: An Administrative History of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, written by Jackie Gonzales and Emily Greenwald, has been published. The document focuses on the development of the national trail concept, congressional legislation, and National Park Service administration. It will equip our management team with greater contextual insights into current issues as we continue to administer the Trail, assist our partners, and serve the public. Electronic copies are available upon request at dan_jackson@nps.gov or 402-661-1942.

High Potential Historic Sites

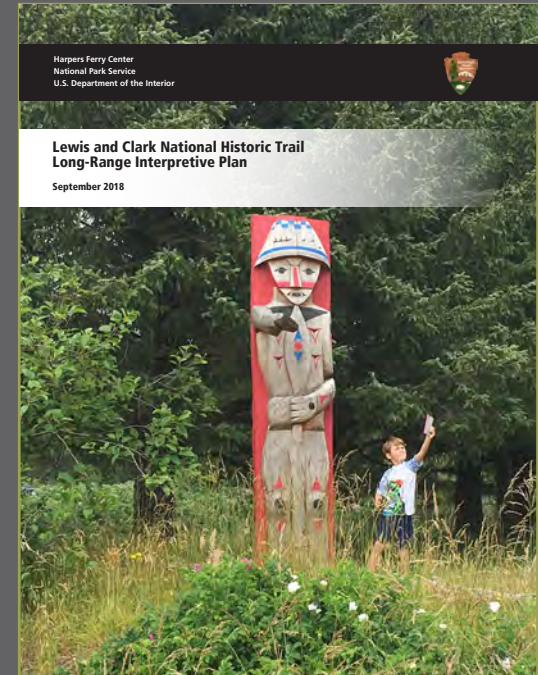


The list of High Potential Historic Sites was published as an addendum to the Trail's Comprehensive Management Plan. Those interested in learning more can link to detailed information about each of the 78 sites on our website at:

www.nps.gov/lecl/learn/historyculture/places.htm

The High Potential Historic Sites can also be explored via a story map at: <https://go.usa.gov/xPM5j>

Long Range Interpretive Plan



The Trail's first Long Range Interpretive Plan was published and will be widely released in digital format in early 2019. This document is the result of a two-year planning process and input from Trail partners and stakeholders. It will provide guidance for staff, partners, and volunteers in developing and collaborating on future interpretive programs and services.

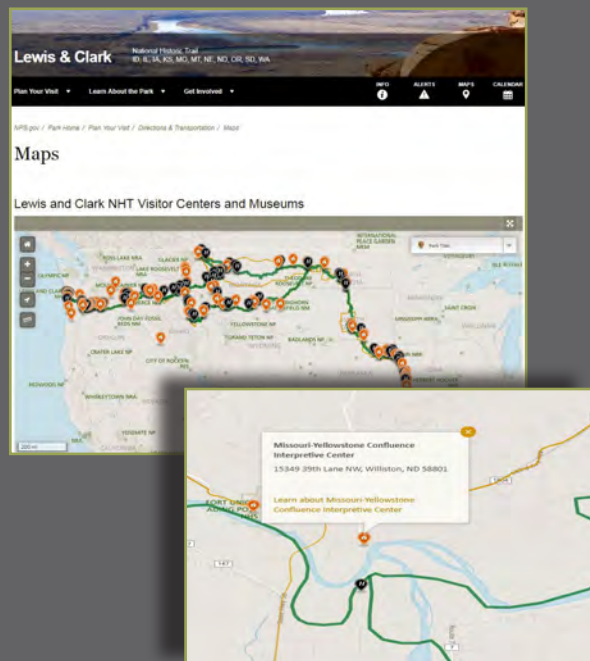
This plan will be our interpretive guiding document for the next 10 years.

Geotourism Program



In partnership with Solimar International, staff continued to develop a geotourism program for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. As a sustainable tourism initiative, it is designed to facilitate public use and enjoyment of the Trail while enhancing local economies by helping destinations tell their stories. Key steps accomplished in 2018 included formation of the Geotourism Stewardship Coalition. This group will provide local and regional perspectives on the project and includes representatives with a broad range of expertise including tribal, history, tourism, government, and small businesses. A Strategic Plan to guide the project for the next several years was drafted based on over 30 community meetings. In the coming year, we are looking forward to launching a completely redesigned website and platform which the traveling public will be able to use to experience all the Trail has to offer.

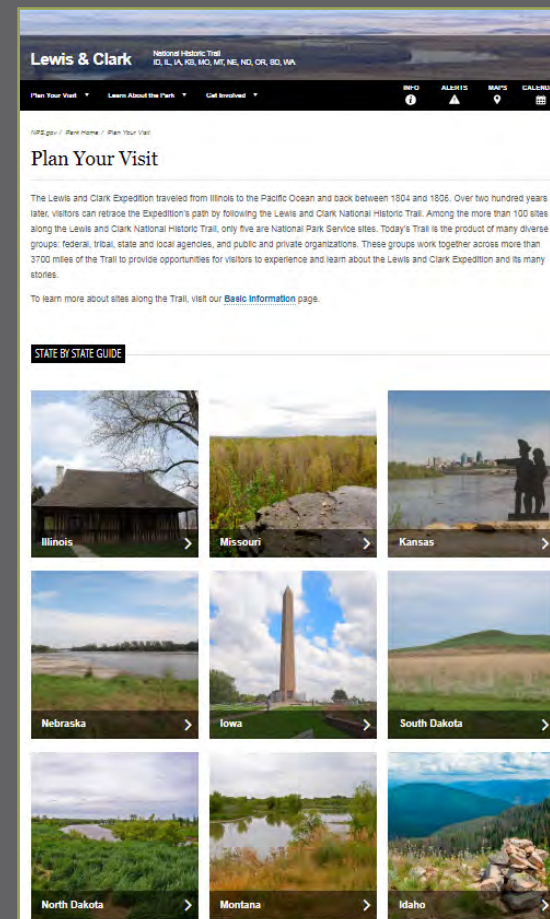
NPMap: New Interactive Map



Staff launched a multi-year project to enhance the Trail's website, including designing and building a web map for visitors using the NPMap suite of web tools. The interactive map allows visitors to explore the locations of over 150 visitor centers and museums along the trail as well as 78 High Potential Historic Sites. Users also have a variety of basemaps to choose from to display in the background, including street maps, topographic maps, and aerial imagery.

Visit <https://www.nps.gov/lecl/planyourvisit/maps.htm> to explore the new NPMap.New:

Website State Pages



As part of the website enhancement project, state pages were created. Website visitors can navigate to the *Plan Your Visit* tab, then click on a state to find places to visit, points-of-interest, and historical facts. This is an on-going project and information is being added weekly.

“Attending this conference was so much more than learning traditional games; we learned intimate details about multiple cultures as well as got a deep understanding of the values and skills that can inspire us in every aspect of our lives.”

-Participant Jamie Faselt, Glacier National Park



Playing the games, participants were exposed to opportunities to improve teamwork, communication, sportsmanship, intuition, agility, endurance, speed, and strength.

Honoring Tribal Legacies Residential Workshop

Honoring Tribal Legacies held its second residential workshop in Yellowstone National Park during the week of April 9, 2018. Twenty five participants were selected to receive certification from the International Traditional Games Society.

This event brought interpreters and educators together from the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, three Montana State Parks, AmeriCorps, Forest Service, University of Oregon, Helena Indian Alliance, Yellowstone Gateway Museum, and Yellowstone Forever.

At the workshop, participants received a Level I Certification from the International Traditional Games Society. Having received this certification, participants are trained on indigenous games. The course entailed learning the core values of traditional American Indian cultures, respectfully harvesting natural materials to make games, and learning the games. Finally, participants received instruction on how best to teach the games to others.

Participants gained the knowledge and expertise to deliver interpretive programming at their sites and schools as well.

This training was offered at no cost to participants thanks to the generous support of the Lewis and Clark Trust, Yellowstone Forever, and Western National Parks Association. Lewis and Clark Trust provided financial assistance for all 25 participant's certifications. Yellowstone Forever provided lunches and transportation, and Western National Parks Association provided snacks, refreshments, and a cookout.

Participants reported having a very meaningful experience that helped hone their professional skills.





All images courtesy of Mike Cameron, HDR. Omaha, Nebraska.

The American Solar Challenge Launch

Omaha Visitor Center

In July, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters played host to the launch of the 2018 American Solar Challenge (ASC), a competition to design, build, and drive solar powered cars in a cross-country challenge. Thirteen teams from around the globe started on a 1,700-mile journey following along the Oregon National Historic Trail to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act and the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

The first day of a two-day event included a team display of each of the solar cars alongside dozens of partners highlighting the legacy of passages across the North American continent. Sustainable energy initiatives, historic re-enactors, Omaha Public Power District, and many other partners joined the National Park Service in the activities of the day. The Midwest Regional Office of the NPS played host to the solar teams during their final logistics meetings, as hundreds of racers learned the necessary details for their own expedition.

The next morning, the ASC staff set up the start line for the cross continental trek in front of the doors to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters. Flags, a checkered starting line, orderly lines for starting positions, and a large countdown clock transformed our simple driveway into something inspiring. ASC & NPS officials gave their final remarks, wishing the best to the teams, and Theodore Roosevelt even spoke. Gail Lueck, Event and Operations Director of the American Solar Challenge, lined each car up at the starting line, Ranger Ryan Kephart gave the final countdown, and each car was released in exactly one-minute intervals. Each car was ceremoniously waved off by one of many partners critical to the Solar Challenge success. Carole Wendler, Chief of Interpretation for the Oregon National Historic Trail, Mark Weekley, Superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States, portrayed by Adam Lindquist, and Leo Acosta, the chief NPS

organizer of the 2016 ASC event reprised his role and waved a checkered flag to begin the launch.

Lewis and Clark NHT was proud to serve as the starting point for another great adventure in American history. Much like the Corps of Discovery, the American Solar Challenge team was a group of individuals organized into a collective whole greater than the sum of its parts. They too would cross a continent following in the footsteps of those who had come before. Communities of people living along the route would play host to their journey, offering food, company, and advice that proved critical to their success. And, much as the Corps before them, none of those team members would ever be the same by journey's end.

If you are interested in learning more about the American Solar Challenge, visit: www.americansolarchallenge.org.



Summer Programming



Ranger Ryan Kephart gives a program as Meriwether Lewis.



Ranger Bobby Novak gives a program using a large scale floor map of the Trail.

This summer, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LECL) Headquarters and Visitor Center implemented a regular schedule of ranger-led interpretive programs. The programs were offered every day at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30, 2018.

Several different types of interpretive programs were offered as part of the new schedule. The programs ranged from setting up an interactive map of the Lewis and Clark Trail to a first person living history

portrayal of Meriwether Lewis. Other program topics included knot tying, early nineteenth century medicine and surgery, and food eaten on the expedition.

By offering a regular schedule of summer interpretive programs, the visitor center increased its number of visitor contacts at public programs. As such, these programs help to create a new generation of Trail stewards and foster interest in a remarkable story.

Steve Tamayo



Steve Tamayo and his grandson talk to visitors about traditional tools and methods.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters and Visitor Center was lucky enough to host Steve Tamayo on three separate weekends. Steve Tamayo draws upon his experiences as a member of the Sicangu Lakota tribe to educate others about Plains American Indian art, clothing, music and dance, games, and other aspects of plains culture.

Steve offered a variety of activities and demonstrations to visitors. At his first visit, Steve and a few of his family members gave a demonstration



Mr. Tamayo's family took part in demonstrating traditional dancing.

of Lakota drumming, singing, and dancing. Visitors also had the opportunity to visit Steve's tipi, which he erected for the occasion. Upon his second visit, Steve again brought his tipi, and educated visitors about the important Plains Indian hand game. During his final visit, Steve set up an arts and crafts station inside the visitor center. Through his visits, Steve Tamayo educated, entertained, and generally made American Indian culture more accessible to the American public.



Omaha Visitor Center

Ranger Ryan Kephart engages with young visitors at the 27th Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow held at the historic Fort Omaha Campus of Metropolitan Community College.



38,602
VISITORS

75 ONSITE INTERPRETIVE
PROGRAMS GIVEN TO

2,003
VISITORS



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JUNIOR RANGER
BADGES AWARDED



13 COMMUNITY EVENTS

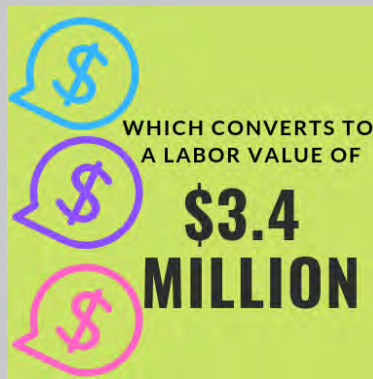
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VISITOR CONTACTS



2018 Volunteer Report

Volunteers have always been an essential part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. In fiscal year 2018 alone, over 1,800 volunteers reported almost 140,000 hours of service. That amounts to a labor value of almost \$3.4 million. Without their dedication, many sites would have to limit their hours and number of programs offered. Volunteers serve in many capacities; they are docents, educators, living historians, researchers, writers, maintenance workers, and so much more. We thank you for your service!



Volunteer 50th Anniversary Challenge



Trail volunteers received special recognition items for their service. They were presented with a challenge coin and a 2018 volunteer lapel pin.

We are also honored to feature those individuals who gave 50 hours or more of their time during this anniversary year. Listed on the next page are those volunteers who contributed 50 hours or more between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. You accepted the challenge and you delivered! We thank you for your time and for your service.

Volunteer



Jeanne Gordon and Marie Parks teach about period music at Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, WA. Photo by Randy Kirkbride.



Long-term volunteer Dave Lefevre finishes foundation for new flag pole at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, MT. Photo by Bureau of Land Management.



Glen Allison as Captain Lewis at Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, WA. Photo by Randy Kirkbride.



Stewardship volunteers remove invasive plants along Gorge #400 Trail near Ainsworth State Park. Photo by Brandon Davis.



Stewardship volunteer removes Himalayan blackberry on the Cascade Locks PCT. Photo by Brandon Davis.

50+ Volunteer Hours Recognition

Lewis and Clark State Park (IA)

Charlie Meadows
Lisa Meadows
John Wilcox
Doug Chafa
Isabel Chafa
Nate Butler
Mike Butler
Ryan Hupfeld
Butch Bouvier
Lyse Yanke

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center

Audrey Crader
Dave Neitling
Dollie Rasmussen
Jeanene Stentz
Joanne Brewer
John Laugfeldt
Linda Davis
Loren Wagner
Lynn Rasmussen
Mary Stocks
Rosemary Ross
Sandy Bisset

Lochsa Powell District, Nez Perce- Clearwater NFs

Kevin Asker
Geoff Billin
Susan Billin
Richard Monaghan
Chuck Raddon
Clayton Struck
Priscilla Struck
Kris Townsend

Hitchcock Nature Center

Connie Osler
Janice Salz
Heidi Swanson
Dorie Stone
West Nelson
Ralph Wright,
Elliot Bedows
Jenny Janes
Clem Klaphake
Abbe Richardson
Bob Wells
Jim Hendricks
Joni Hendricks
Pat Prine
Patricia Slatin

Lewis and Clark NHT Interpretive Center

Arlene Blessing
Alex Bostic
Judy Byrne
Kay Craig
Carole Feeley
Phyllis Friesz-Meade
Fred Gabel
Darlene Gardner
Katie Geisler
Doris Gogan
Robert Haensel
Brenda Hansen
Wanda Harris
Billie Howard
Patti Huhn
Ashley Jaeger
Ida Johnson
Chad Keller
Kristen Krauss
Dixie Leys
Gudrun Linden
Al Lindseth
Gary Lowry

Jim Meade
Jean Muir
Larry Otis
Doris Pascal
Don Petersen
Donna Petersen
Don Peterson
Kay Quast
Jim Ray
Pat Rodriguez
Claire Roehm
Mark Ruzyla
Bill Schueller
Buddy Schueller (volunteer
Newfoundland dog)
Chuck Smith
Frank Smith
Ken Speidel
Kathy Stuart
Russ Waring
Ray Watson
Sue Watson
Tish Welling
Jerry Yoder

Missouri River Relief

Patty Farrar
David Elsberry
Kevin Tosie
Elke Boyd
Doris Guillory

Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center

Carmen Major
Wyman (Andy) Anderson
Glenn Barnett
Jerald Goehring
Dan Whitlock

Yellowstone Gateway Museum

Suzanne Brown
Merrilee Bryan
Ruth Dargis
Steve Fox
Nancy Gentzel
Bruce Graham
Sara Greenberg
Jessica Guldan
Cynthia Holweger
Allison Parish
Roddy Stanton
Ellen Zazzarino
Jay Kiefer
Rebecca Mitchf
Norm Miller

Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center

Bill Hayes

Knappton Cove Heritage Center

Heather Henry
Tom Bell
Jon Ducharme
Laura Lettenich
Nancy Anderson
Astoria Job Corps
Clatsop Community
College Historic
Preservation students
Naselle Youth Camp

Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Dennis May
Joel Shechter
David Kay
Judy Kay
Gayle Keller

Bonneville Lock & Dam

Steve Andersen and
Becky Hudak
David and Paula
Blankenship
Ralph and Barbara Bohn
Maia Draper-Reich
Ron and Melinda Hall
Ron and Jean Hile
John and Sandy Hillmer
Martin and Janet Jones
Bryan Lane and Judy Knappe
Jon LaHaye
Wendy Lambert
John and Alinda Lord
Terri Metzger and
Pat Winokur
Araya Muñoz
Charlie Nickerson and
Mary Joe Walker
Chris and Debbie O'Rourke
Paul and Terry Puttkammer
Dave and Sheryl Rambeau
Wanda Scharfe
Judy Thomas

Friends of Sacajawea State Park

Pam Dunfee
Ross Dunfee
Pat Linn
Winston Taggart
Carl Shephard
Winnie Shepard
Carol Stape
Chris Stape
Lori CObb
John Lucas
Don Mohr
Jeanne Gordon
Pat Peterson
Victoria Russell
Arleen Shade

Nancy Stalnaker
Sharon Stewart
Bob Tyrrell
Margaret Wilde

Pompeys Pillar National Monument

Gen Becker
Grace Enzenbacher
Ron Enzenbacher
Judy Hugelen
Eileen Jensen
Joyce Jensen
Steve Kramer
Dan Krum
Mike Lamphier
Dave Lefevre
Linda Lefevre
Cheryl Mankle
Richard Mankle
Patricia Otstot
Roger Otstot
Becky Radford
Clarence Robinson
Steve Rosh
Sheryl Stout
Carl Vender
Roberta Vender

Fort Peck Project

Duane Johnson
Dorie Muttart
Judson Munsell
Joann Munsell

Jefferson River Canoe Trail Chapter

Tom Elpel

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters

Kent Schlawin
Ken Schlueter
Audrey Sisel
Brittney Betts

Lewis and Clark Trust

Jeff Troupe
Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs
Karen Seaberg
Richard Prestholdt
Ruth Melchiorre
James Mallory
Paula Mallory
Larry Kluesner
Chris Howell
Walter Duke, Jr.
Hasan Davis
Peyton Clark

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Chapters

Missouri Kansas Riverbend Chapter

Jimmy Mohler
Yvonne Kean
Dan Sturdevant

Illinois Chapter

Lou Ritten
Rob Barg
Laura Labidie
Herb Gordon
Sandy Matthews

Portage Route Chapter

Lee Ebeling
Norm Anderson
Walt Walker
John Toenyes
Deb Bodkins
Kathryn Lewis
Phil Scriver
Gary Wallace
Harry Mitchell
Don Peterson

Badger Chapter

Charlie Bebow
Dick Campbell
Jim and Ray Gramentine
Richard Hall-Reppen
Marcia and Bill Holman
Mary Jo and Tim Meyer
Chuck and Syd Morine
Mary Strauss
Cathy and Donald Wagner

Carolina Chapter

Carol Arnold
Russ Eagle
Jim Hindrix
Guy Benson
Trent and Clara Strickland

Oregon Chapter

Larry McClure
Ellie McClure
Mark Johnson
Glen Kirkpatrick
Ted Kaye
Thelma Haggenmiller
Lyn Trainer
Barb Kubik
Rennie Kubik
Tom Wilson
Carol Powers
Jan Lindstrom

Dick Basch
Karin Olson
Lois Roby
Rob Heacock
Roger Wendlick
Susie Stevens-Briody
John Fisher
Paula Beck
Jim Sayce
Steve Ludeman
Jean Ludeman
Alex Burpee
Jerry Aalfs
Dave Ellingson
Doug Deur
Steven McClure
John Montague
John Orthman
Ezra Severin
Manda Severin

Sgt. Floyd Tri- State Chapter

Bev Hinds
Lynn Davis
Sherry Hopkins
Dwight Peters
Dean Slader
Howard Dochtler
Brad Holder
Charlie Baler
Randy Rumelhart
Mike Berger
Dennis Leonard
Dave Maron

California Chapter

Bob Case
Arend Flick
Barbara Gaitley
Phillip Gordon
Virginia Hammerness
John Hess

Mark Jordan
Ken Jutzi
Keith Kvenvolden
Philippa Newfield
David Smith

Ohio River Chapter

Chuck and Alice Crase
Jerry and Janice Wilson
Richard and Sandy Hennings
Skip Jackson
Mike and Lorraine Loesch
Paige Cruz
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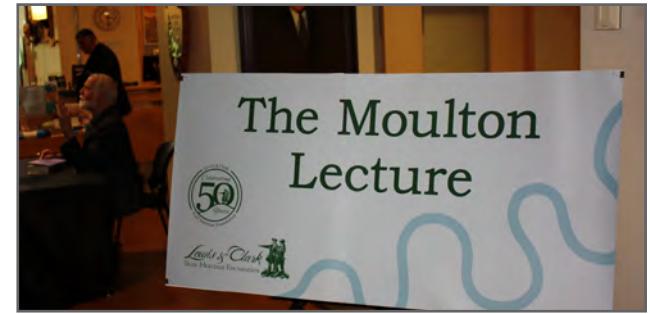
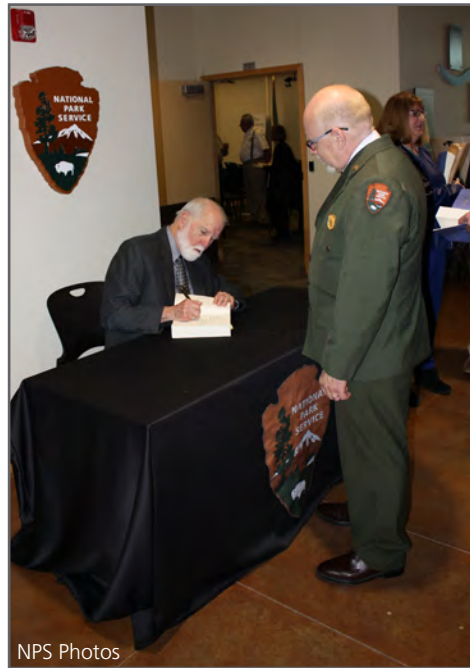
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The Moulton Lecture

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters was host to the inaugural Gary E. Moulton Lecture Series, presented by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The featured speaker for this inaugural lecture was Dr. Jay H. Buckley. Attendees traveled from across the country and were welcomed by Mark Weekley, Trail Superintendent.

Dr. Gary Moulton was on hand to sign his new book, *The Lewis and Clark Expedition Day by Day*, which was available for purchase from Riverfront Books, operated by Western National Parks Association, who also provided refreshments for the event.



Missouri Breaks Triathlon

Missouri Breaks Triathlon was held on July 7, 2018 at the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Fort Benton, Montana. The triathlon consisted of a canoe race from the historic town of Fort Benton, Montana along the Wild and Scenic Missouri River (following the path of Lewis and Clark) leading into a foot race at Wood Bottom

(Decision Point), overlooking where Lewis and Clark viewed the Marias River, and culminating in a bike race from Wood Bottom back to Fort Benton. The Friends of the Upper Missouri River Breaks, the Bureau of Land Management, as well as the surrounding communities were heavily involved in planning efforts.

This was the first of its kind and was held in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers and the National Trails System. The goal is for this to become an annual event. Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail staff worked with the monument to secure a park stewards grant for safety equipment for volunteers working the event.



Fire Season

The 2018 fire season was particularly long and harsh for the Trail corridor, impacting areas from South Dakota to Oregon, either through direct contact or visual impairment due to smoke and/or road closures. One such incident was the Rabbit Foot Fire on the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho.

Ignited by lightning on August 2, the fire had its origins approximately 30 miles southwest of the Trail's historic and auto tour routes. By August 11, it had rapidly spread, causing the need for transitioning from a Type 2 team (total incident personnel of 500) to a Type 1 team (total incident personnel exceed 1,000) on August 12.

During this time, residents in the area were forced to evacuate, and local ranching and mining operations in the vicinity were placed on hold. Public and firefighter safety were major concerns. Rugged terrain, thunderstorm activity, and hazard trees significantly increased the risks to firefighters. Protection of private and public lands; and mule deer, elk, and sage-grouse habitat protection were issues, as well.

Apprehension that the fire would spread to the south and southwest initiated a unique strategy by the Type 1 command. Utilization was made of a previously burned area from the Vanhorn Fire of 2007, as well as a combination

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of direct and indirect fire line in order to establish an anchor point. Portions of the fire's perimeter to the west, north, and east flanks also had indirect lines in place to trap the fire's advancement toward that direction.

This strategy proved successful. The incident was transitioned back to a Type 2 team on August 26. As of November 30, the fire had 100 percent containment with 20 percent perimeter containment. It had burned over 36,000 acres.

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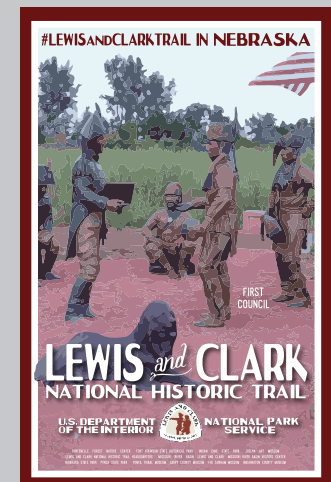
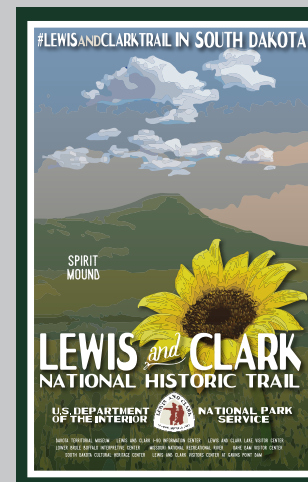
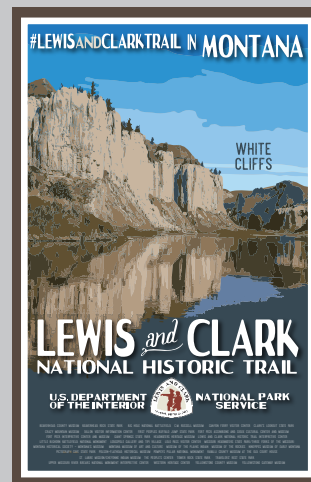
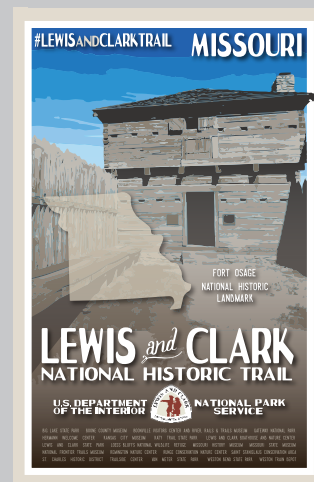
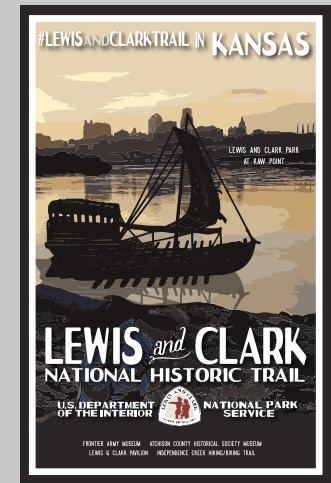
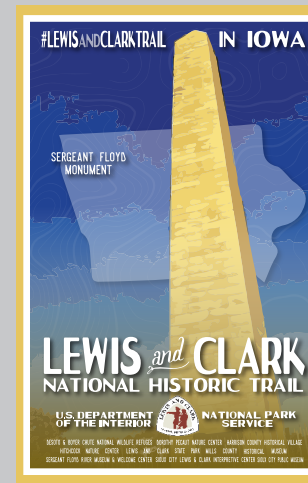
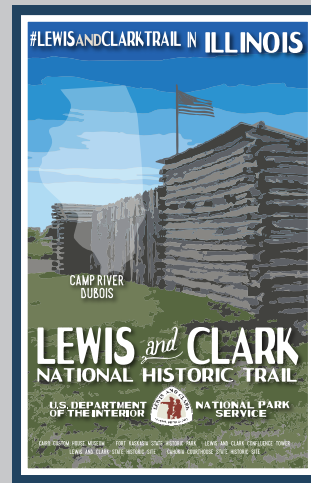
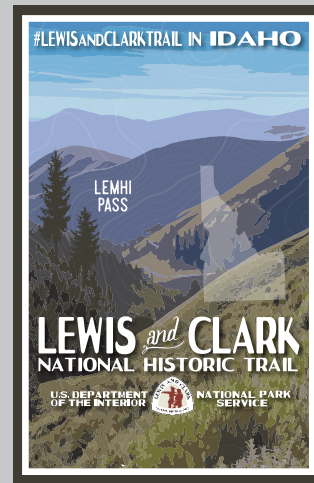
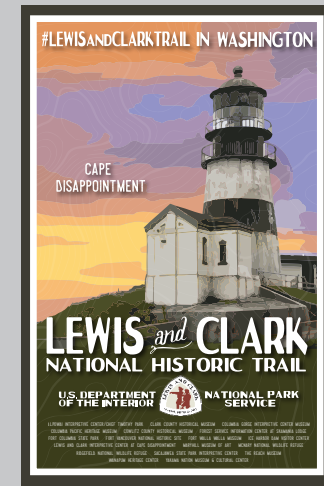
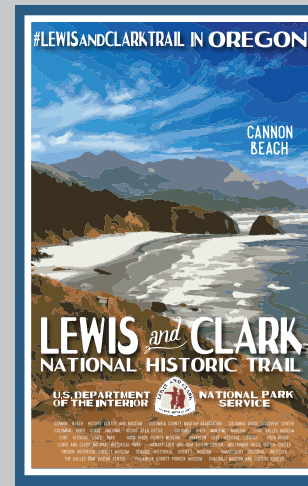
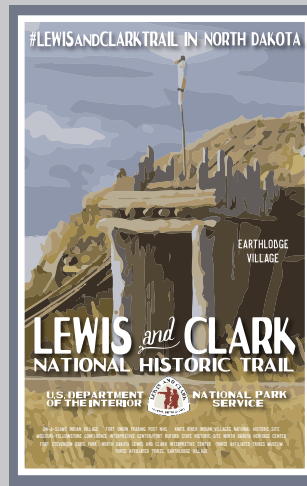
Rabbit Foot fire images on the Salmon-challis National Forest in Idaho.
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State Posters

Throughout the summer of 2018, an 11-week “Summer Spectacular” social media campaign highlighted the many vacation and travel opportunities found in each of the states along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

In support of this effort, Midwest Regional Office Visual Information Specialist, Matt Turner, created a series of posters designed in the WPA-style of national park artwork. Each poster features one of the many prominent sites in each state, and connects today’s travelers to the many experiences and opportunities along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The highly positive response we received from people all across the country ensures the posters will continue to be used in the future, as promotional items and in social media campaigns.



Happy Trails



After 15 years of service to the National Park Service and the American people, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Tribal Liaison, Richard “Dick” Basch, retired. His contributions to the Trail, the National Park Service, and the communities we serve are many and varied. After an already successful career as a teacher and school administrator, Dick was hired at Lewis and Clark NHT in 2003.

During his tenure, Dick played a vital role in the successful implementation of the Lewis and Clark NHT Bicentennial commemorations, particularly the Tent of Many Voices. Stemming from that success, Dick continued to build on meaningful relationships with people, organizations, and governments all along the trail. Among his many other accomplishments were projects

for education, cultural preservation, resource protection, relationship-building, and ensuring culturally appropriate commemoration practices.

“Dick Basch, in his role as the Trail’s American Indian Liaison for over 15 years, managed to serve as a very capable bridge between tribal culture, traditions, and the federal bureaucracy,” said Mark Weekley, Trail Superintendent. “To his credit, Dick always acted with integrity and sincerity while maintaining a great sense of humor.”

Now, in retirement, Dick is far from finished with his commitment to service, and has already begun volunteering for the Trail. Thank you so much, Dick, for your hard work, commitment, and many years of service.





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Midwest Region Budget Analyst Eric Quadhammer loves Lewis and Clark!



Volunteer Audrey Sisel is a life saver.



Staff holiday photo op.



Staff after climbing the Astoria Column.



Superintendent Weekley takes a selfie at Knappton Cove Heritage Center.



Staff chat with Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Superintendent Jon Burpee at Ecola State Park.



Rangers Abraham and Ryan take a selfie with a grizzly bear paw cast.



Volunteer Ken Schlueter, without you we'd be in a crunch!



Superintendent Mark Weekley trades with the salt makers.



Conducting a Facebook Live from First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park with AmeriCorps member Becky Boyers.



Staff members Neal Bedlan, Tom Smith, and Ryan Cooper at the Astoria Column.



Ashley, so happy for her first visit to Cape Disappointment State Park, Washington.



Neal and Ashley aboard the keelboat at Lewis and Clark State Park, Onawa, IA.



Ranger Ryan at a middle school career fair in Omaha, NE.



A stroll in the rain along the Seaside Promenade, looking for the Salt Works.



Volunteer Kent Schlavin is o-fish-ally awesome.



Staff board the Clatsop Dragonfly, at Ne Cus' Park during a LCTHF Annual Meeting field trip.



The Meriwethers perform in Omaha at the Lewis and Clark NHT Visitor Center & Headquarters.



Duane Buchi with new weapons exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, MT.



A potluck to celebrate our wonderful volunteers.



Interpretation team at Decision Point, Montana.



Volunteer and Partnership Specialist Ashley Danielson joins the fun at Missouri River Days near Columbia, MO.



Assessing the condition of interpretive wayside exhibits in Pierre/Fort Pierre, South Dakota.



Tim Dwyer, Friends of the Missouri River Breaks; Neal Bedlan, Lewis and Clark NHT; and Josh Chase, Missouri River Breaks National Monument, study a map of the monument.



A MidMo meeting held at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail headquarters.



Traditional dancers giving public demonstrations at headquarters.



Jon McAndrews, manager of Lewis and Clark State Park and Neal Bedlan discussing the keelboat. Onawa, IA.



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