

Rediscover THE EXPEDITION

UNDER THE COMMAND OF
CAPTAINS LEWIS AND CLARK
ACROSS THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN

MONTANA



TRAVELER'S GUIDE

THINGS TO SEE AND DO ALONG
THEIR WESTERN MONTANA ROUTE



LEWIS AND CLARK IN WESTERN MONTANA

Two hundred years after it began, the Lewis and Clark Expedition remains a testament to the American spirit. For three years the members of the expedition, including a slave, a Shoshone woman with an infant, and a Newfoundland dog, endured great hardships and explored country never seen before by citizens of the United States. This journey, as important in its time as our recent explorations of outerspace, has forever changed the face of Montana and the American West.

The time Lewis and Clark and their party spent in western Montana was perhaps the most critical to the success of their mission.

From a chance encounter with the Salish Indians near present-day Sula, to their struggles over the snow-packed Bitterroot Mountains, and their triumphant return to Travelers' Rest Camp near Lolo, the experiences of the expedition in our area read like a marvelous adventure story. Their journey captures the minds, the imaginations, and the strength of the American people.

A Short History

DATES & PLACES OF LEWIS AND CLARK IN WESTERN MONTANA

September 7, 1805

After a detour into present-day Idaho, the expedition re-entered what would become Montana near Lost Trail Pass south of Darby. There they met a band of Salish Indians.

September 6, 1805

Sighted the Bitterroot River, which they named Clarks River.

September 8, 1805

Lunched near present-day Corvallis; camped just south of Stevensville.

September 9, 1805

Following their Shoshone guide whom they called Old Toby, the captains selected a campsite near present-day Lolo, which they named "Travellers Rest." The party spent the next two days resting and preparing for their journey over the Bitterroot Mountains via Lolo Pass.

September 11, 1805

Left Travelers' Rest and began a westward journey, camping approximately two miles east of Lolo Hot Springs.

September 13, 1805

Passed over Lolo Pass, trudging through deep drifts of snow. The next day the captains ordered a colt killed and used for food, as game was increasingly scarce in the rugged mountains.

September 20, 1805

The party emerged from the snow and cold of the Bitterroot Mountains and met the Nez Perce Indians on the Weippe Prairie of Idaho. In late November the expedition reached their goal - the Pacific Ocean.

June 29, 1806

With Nez Perce guides, the party returned over Lolo Pass after their winter at Fort Clatsop in Oregon. They camped that night at Lolo Hot Springs.

June 30, 1806

Returning to Travelers' Rest, the Corps of Northwestern Discovery spent three days preparing for the remainder of their return journey.

July 3, 1806

The expedition left Travelers' Rest, dividing their small party to better explore the Yellowstone, Blackfoot, and Marias river drainages. Captain Lewis and his party camped just west of Missoula, Clark and his group on Blodgett Creek near Hamilton.

July 4, 1806

On the 30th anniversary of American independence from England, Captain Lewis passed through the Missoula valley along the Clark Fork River. Lewis followed the Cokalashishkit (Nez Perce for "the river to the road to the buffalo"), today called the Blackfoot River. Clark's party continued south through the Bitterroot valley, camping near the confluence of the West Fork and Bitterroot rivers.

July 6, 1806

On July 6, Clark crossed the Continental Divide through today's Gibbons Pass, eventually exploring the Yellowstone River.

July 7, 1806

Captain Lewis and his party crossed the Continental Divide at Lewis and Clark Pass.

August 12, 1806

The parties reunited near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers.

September 23, 1806

Lewis & Clark and their parties reached St. Louis.



BITTERROOT MOUNTAIN RANGE

The expedition traveled more miles in what is now Montana than in any other state during their journey.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial is marked nationally from 2003-2006, with the focus on Montana during 2005 and 2006. Millions of visitors are expected to follow in the footsteps of the famous explorers in an effort to walk where they walked, to see what they saw. Nowhere along the route traveled by the explorers is this experience quite the same as in Montana. Western Montana is rich in opportunities for anyone interested in Lewis and Clark.

This list is a resource for some of the most significant Lewis and Clark sites in the area. For more information, please use the contacts listed.



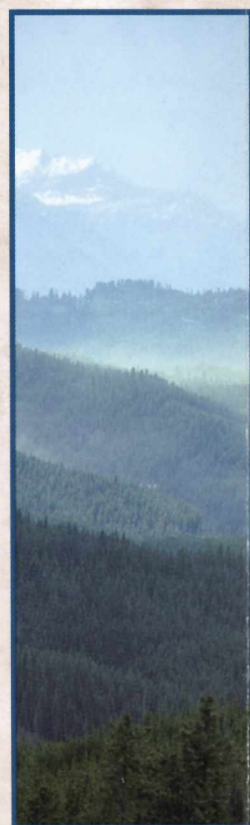
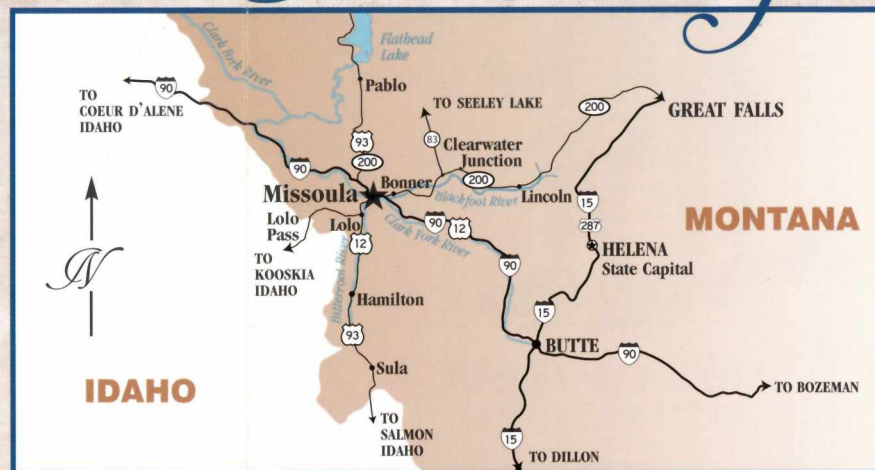
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Places to Go... Things to See...

BITTERROOT VALLEY:

- **LOST TRAIL PASS VISITOR CENTER**
Hwy 93 at the top of Lost Trail Pass
Interpretive signs & visitor info
Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce
406/363-2400 • bvchamber.com
- **ROSS' HOLE**
Hwy 93 near Sula
Interpretive signs
- **RAVALLI COUNTY MUSEUM**
205 Bedford, Hamilton
Lewis and Clark Discovery Room
406/363-3338
www.cybernet1.com/rcmuseum/
- **TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK/LOLO**
Off Hwy 93 at 6550 Mormon Creek Rd.
Site of historic Lewis & Clark campsite, Crossroads at the Creek bookstore
406/273-4253 • www.travelersrest.org
- **LOLO TRAIL CENTER**
Hwy 12, 25 miles west of Lolo
Museum and gift shop
- **LOLO HOT SPRINGS**
Hwy 12, 26 miles west of Lolo
Hot Springs, restaurant, lodging
- **LOLO PASS VISITOR CENTER**
Hwy 12 at the top of Lolo Pass
Interpretive signs & tourist info
Operated by the Lolo National Forest
- **PACKER MEADOWS**
Off Hwy 12 near Lolo Pass
Evidence of historic Lolo Trail
- **LOLO TRAIL AT HOWARD MEADOWS**
Hwy 12, 16 miles west of Lolo
Evidence of historic Lolo Trail



BITTERROOT MOUNTAINS



MISSOULA



PACKER MEADOWS



LOLO CREEK NEAR TRAVELERS' REST

MISSOULA/BONNER:

- **HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA**
Building 322
Historical exhibits
406/728-3476
- **MISSOULA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
200 West Broadway
Edward Paxson murals of Lewis and Clark
- **LEWIS AND CLARK OVERLOOK**
Caras Park, Missoula
Interpretive signs
- **GATEWAY KIOSK**
Off I-90 on Hwy 200
Bonner
Interpretive signs

LEWIS AND CLARK RELATED ACTIVITIES:

JUNE 12- SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

Thursdays only • 7 pm
Travelers' Rest State Park/Lolo
Thursday Theories at Travelers' Rest State Park
406/273-4253

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 • AUGUST 2, 8, 9, 16, 2003

7:30 pm
Call for various site locations
Campfire Talks on the Lolo Trail (free & fun outdoor family talks on the Lewis & Clark adventures)
406/329-3936

JULY 23 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

Art Museum of Missoula • 335 N. Pattee/Missoula
Sketchbook Watercolors from the Lewis & Clark Trail by Kenneth Holder
406/728-0447

JULY 25- SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

Monday-Saturday 10 am - 9 pm • Sunday 11 am - 6 pm
Southgate Mall • 2901 Brooks/Missoula
Discovering the Rivers of Lewis and Clark Exhibition
406/721-5140

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2003

7 pm
Travelers' Rest State Park/Lolo
Uncover History (three nights of fun speakers)
406/273-4253

SITES OUTSIDE THE AREA • MILES FROM MISSOULA (APPROXIMATE)

- Clearwater Junction Kiosk • Clearwater Junction, MT • 53 mi.
- People's Center Indian Museum and Gift Shop, Pablo, MT • 58 miles
- Gateway Kiosk, Hooper Park, Lincoln, MT • 80 miles
- Sacajawea Center, Salmon, Idaho • 142 miles
- Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, MT • 169 mi.
- Clark's Lookout State Park, near Dillon, MT • 171 miles



Travelers' Rest
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