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THE TRAIL COMPANION

A NEWSLETTER OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL



From the Superintendent

FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT EASTERN LEGACY STUDY



The staff at Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is working hard on many projects, including the evaluation of the wide array of comments received during the public comment period for the Comprehensive Management Plan.

Another important effort currently underway is the special resource study for the Eastern Legacy segments of the expedition (preparation and return phases) proposed to be included in the Trail. In 2008, an act was signed into law to undertake this study, however the funding was not provided until this year. Now that the study has been funded the planning team is required to complete this study in three years. Unlike the CMP, much of the work for this study will be done by National Park Service staff from our Midwest Regional Planning office.

One of the reasons this study is being conducted in this manner is to insure that Congress is provided a balanced and unbiased report. First and foremost the study will determine if the resource is of national significance. The study will also seek to determine if the resources are suitable and feasible additions to the National Park System as well as to answer such questions as:

- *Should the Lewis and Clark NHT be extended to include the Eastern Legacy or not?*
- *What are the advantages or disadvantages of extending the Lewis and Clark NHT to include the Eastern Legacy?*
- *How should the Eastern Legacy be managed?*

- *What are the methods for protecting and interpreting this portion of the trail?*
- *What is the route or routes of the Eastern Legacy that should be part of the Trail extension?*
- *What would it cost to administer the Eastern Legacy?*
- *What are the potential impacts of this action?*

Once the study is completed, Congress will determine what, if any, action it will take. Even if resources are found to be significant, suitable, and feasible, there may be other alternatives besides NPS management of the route or a formal designation. Ultimately, Congress may elect to take no action. The task at hand is to work with the public so that the National Park Service can provide Congress with the best information and recommendations possible.

Now that the special resource study is underway, I encourage you to visit the National Park Service planning site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/eastern-legacy>, to offer your comments.

Once the planning team has gathered preliminary input from the public, and made a determination if the Eastern Legacy segment is suitable and feasible to administer, alternatives will be developed. In turn, these alternatives will be made available for public comment and adjusted as appropriate. The next step is to carefully analyze the potential impacts of each alternative. Finally we will select a preferred alternative that will become part of the report to Congress. Throughout this process the public will have opportunities to provide suggestions and give comments. We sincerely encourage your input. Your ideas will be given thoughtful consideration. Please help us prepare a study that reflects your wishes for the Eastern Legacy of the Corps of Discovery.

Mark Weekley, Superintendent

Tracing the courses of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail stretches through 11 states. The Trail winds over mountains, along rivers, through plains and high deserts, and extends to the wave-lapped Pacific coast. In this diversity of landscapes, visitors to the Trail create their own journeys of discovery.

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- Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm
- Saturday - Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm

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Labor Day through Memorial Day

- Monday - Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm
- Saturday - Sunday, Closed

Promote Your Events

We want to help promote activities along the Trail such as celebrations, festivals and encampments.

If you would like to be included in our website Schedule of Events, send a detailed summary one month in advance to:
jill_hamilton-anderson@nps.gov
Subject line: Schedule of Events

Cover Photo

From left, Leah Conner, Brett Heusties and Frank Janzen discussing options and brainstorming during an Elders Greeting Card Event at Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts near Pendleton, Oregon.

Go to Page 9 for more photos and information.

Visit their website at:
www.crowshadow.org for more information and to subscribe to their e-mail newsletter and blog.

Partners in Focus Volunteers in Action



Pictured from left to right: Kate Mendell, Luke Thallas (Eagle Scout), Nate Thallas (Eagle Scout), Judi Thallas, and Bob Pawloski during the Venturing kick-off event in July 2010.

Venturing on the Lewis and Clark Trail

What is Venturing? It is a youth development and leadership program of the Boy Scouts of America for men and women ages 14 through 20 years of age. The purpose of Venturing is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become more responsible and caring adults. Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Venturing along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail could help recruit young, fresh, and enthusiastic individuals who could become the future leaders of the Trail.

What can we do to get involved? Local community organizations such as professional organizations, visitor centers and national parks establish specific Venturing crews by matching their people and program resources to the interest of youth in the community. There can be all types of venturing crews; from kayaking,

young ambassadors, hiking, trail cleaning, history crews, and many more. The result provides exciting and meaningful activities that help young adults pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Earlier this year, representatives from the Mouth of the Platte Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (MOP) and the Middle Missouri River Lewis and Clark Network (MidMO) met with the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of the meeting was to lay the groundwork for a Venturing program in the Council Bluffs, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska metropolitan area. As a result of those meetings, the Mouth of the Platte Chapter and the Mid-America Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU provides for mutual efforts to promote activities along the Lewis and Clark Trail that involve the Boy Scouts, and specifically the Venturing program.

MOP provides adult leaders to mentor Venturing young adults on developing leadership skills and serving on the Lewis and Clark Trail. MidMO provides the resources to support this effort and helps implement similar programs in other communities along the middle Missouri River area.

If this sounds like a model that you would like to replicate in your community, contact Bob Pawloski and Judy Thallas by writing them at MOP, P O Box 3344, Omaha, NE 68102-0344. Those outside the Council Bluffs-Omaha area may contact Nichole McHenry at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102 or nichole_mchinery@nps.gov. You can also contact your local Boy Scout of America Council, or visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx. This could be the start of something new and exciting along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The Trailhead

by Neal Bedlan
Outdoor Recreation Planner

In 1804, William Clark took time and explored the area near Cahokia Mounds prior to the start of the Corps of Discovery Expedition. Today a coalition of organizations would like residents and visitors of the St. Louis area to also take time out of their busy schedules and explore the Mounds Heritage Trail.

Trailnet is leading the way for the group of partners to make the Mounds Heritage Trail a reality. Trailnet is a St. Louis based non-profit organization with a 20-year history of promoting active living and is the project leader for the Mounds Heritage Trail Project as part of the Confluence Partnership. The Mounds Heritage Trail project is focused on creating a corridor to increase opportunities for enjoyment of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail for millions of tourists to the area.

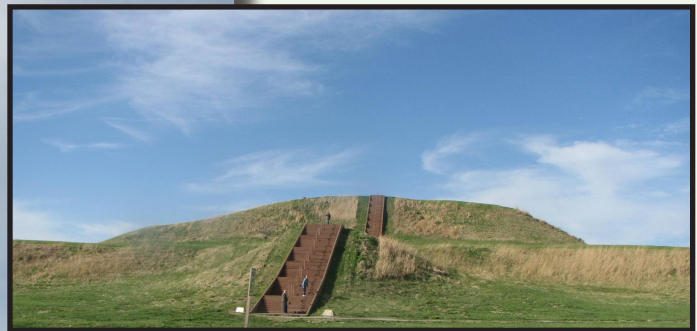
The Mounds Heritage Trail will connect many different sites in the bi-state St. Louis region, including the Gateway Arch/Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and Cahokia Mounds, the largest prehistoric Indian site north of Mexico and a World Heritage Site. The corridor will help the public have a better understanding of the numerous historical, natural, cultural, sacred and recreational resources in the area. The trail will be motorist and bicycle-friendly that interweaves the vibrant history of the American Indian Nations, Lewis and Clark's journey and the Great Rivers-the Mississippi and Missouri.

Trailnet is collaborating with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to develop a Mounds Heritage Trail Master Plan and produce an interpretive trail brochure to highlight the resources of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in the area.

To date the Mounds Heritage Trail has been endorsed by 12 other agencies and organizations. The Mounds Heritage Trail is just one of many projects endorsed by the Confluence Partnership which combines partnering agencies and organizations with stakeholders. The implementation and development of the Mounds Heritage Trail will occur over time and will be dependent on funding and sponsors willing to move forward on various segments along the route.

The Mounds Heritage Trail is a perfect example how the public can actively experience the Lewis and Clark National Historic trail through recreation.

For more information on the Mounds Heritage Trail project visit:
www.confluencegreenway.org.



Above and top right: Monks Mound at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site near Collinsville, Illinois. Bottom right: bicyclists enjoy the scenery of the St. Louis, Missouri skyline and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial's Gateway Arch.

Trails

by *Ryan M. Cooper*
Geographer/GIS Specialist

This summer the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail hosted two guest scientists from GeoCorps America, a program of the Geological Society of America in partnership with the National Park Service.

Nathan Rossman has returned to the Trail as a participant in the program for the second consecutive year, after having completed his Master of Science degree in Geology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was joined this year by Tim Freed, a recent Bachelor of Science graduate in Geology from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

The two guest scientists studied the Missouri River with a focus on fluvial geomorphology, the study of river landforms and processes.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail includes the entire length of the Missouri River from its headwaters at Three Forks, Montana, to its confluence with the Mississippi River near St. Louis, Missouri. The Missouri River has had a dynamic natural history of meandering and changing course. However it has been subjected to substantial human modification, beginning in the early 1800s with the removal of snags and other debris. During the early to mid 20th century, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers carried out extensive alteration of the river through dredging, channelization, bank stabilization, and the construction of flood control reservoirs.

Rossman and Freed’s work is helping to unravel this complicated history

through field data collection and analysis of river sediment samples in conjunction with an examination of historic maps and aerial photography. Their goal is to help reconstruct the fluvial history of the Missouri River and to determine whether or not changes in the river morphology have had an impact on Trail cultural and archeological sites. In June, Rossman and Freed conducted fieldwork and map analysis at Gifford Farm and Fontenelle Forest, near the location of Lewis and Clark’s Camp White Catfish.

The information resulting from this fluvial geomorphology project will be essential for helping protect cultural and natural resources along the Missouri River portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.



Nathan Rossman collecting sediment samples on the Missouri River flood plain. NPS Photo.



Tim Freed using soil auger to collect sediment samples. NPS Photo.

Do You Have a Passport Stamp?



“Excuse me, do you have a passport stamp?” You may not work for customs in a foreign country, but chances are if your site is in on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, you have been asked this question. And if you haven’t been, you will be!



The National Park Passport books are a growing trend, and more and more visitors are seeking cancellations for their books. Your site can become a part of this experience by having its own, personalized cancellation stamp. The stamp will say “Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail,” and have your location and the current date on it.

If you’re interested in obtaining a stamp, please contact the Lewis and Clark NHT Lead Ranger at 402-661-1834 or via email at lecl_information@nps.gov.

Junior Rangers Share Their Stories

by Byrony Forbes, Park Guide

"When my dad and my uncles were little boys my grandpa took them deer hunting. They shot a cute little deer and made lunchmeat out of it. They were sad for the deer, but they really enjoyed their sandwiches."

What you just read is a story written by a youth who is now an official Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Junior Ranger. Becoming a Junior Ranger helps applicants gain knowledge of the beautiful landscapes and diverse stories of the Lewis and Clark Trail. But more importantly, it gives participants the opportunity to share the stories of their past, of their families, and traditions.

They also get the chance to share about what they would do as a ranger working in a national park. One young woman said that, as a ranger, she would protect the parks by “stopping all the flower takers.”

As winter sets in and more time is spent indoors, the online Junior Ranger program is a great way for individuals or school groups to stay connected to the National Park Service. Anyone between the ages of 7-111 (exceptions may be made for some 112 year olds too) can go online, print out the form, and use the Lewis and Clark NHT website to find the answers to the questions. After mailing in the form, they become a certified Junior Ranger when

they receive an official patch, a newsletter, Junior Ranger pledge, and a welcome letter.

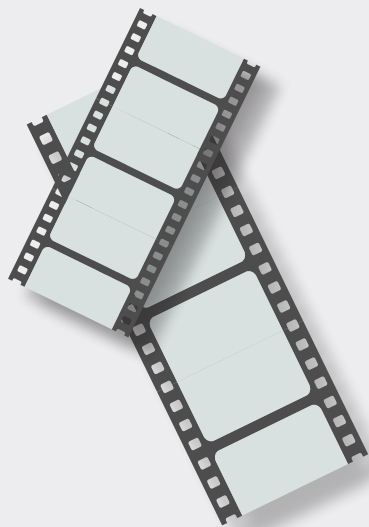
Visiting all 3,700 miles of the Trail is a challenge, but going online to read about the stories of the people and places of the Corps of Discovery gives an opportunity to discover an exciting adventure. By going to the website listed below, future online Junior Rangers can complete the Lewis and Clark NHT program, as well as find links to other programs.

The website for the Lewis and Clark NHT Junior Ranger program is:

<http://www.nps.gov/lecl/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm>

Good luck and happy cyber trails to all future Junior Rangers!





We Need Your Footage

We have just begun the process of creating a 15-17 minute video that will highlight the many great and vast resources found on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. We are in search of good quality video and images of places and people along the Trail. We'd like to feature your landscapes, events, volunteers-in-action, youth or education programs, recreation, scientists, you get the idea. Our production schedule for

this video is short. Time is of the essence. If you have footage to share, we prefer footage that is copyright free, but we can also seek permission to use what you have.

If you have footage or high resolution images to share, or if you know of someone who does, please contact Carol McBryant at carol_mcbryant@nps.gov or 402-661-1818.



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Partner Support Program

Capitalizing on the expertise of a multidisciplinary work team, including the disciplines of outdoor recreation, geography, environmental protection, natural and cultural resources, volunteer management, education and interpretation, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail proudly announces the development of the Partner Support Program (PSP). This new program is designed to offer technical assistance and funding, when available, in a fair and equitable basis to partners along the Trail.

A competitive process will help to further the work of both the Trail and partners through a broad spectrum of support such as consultation, facilitation, technical assistance, funding, training, liaisonship and network development.

A call will be announced early in 2011 that will allow partners to apply for both technical assistance and funding, if available. We encourage you to begin thinking about potential projects in which the Trail can work collaboratively with

you, and where you may need technical expertise or funding to meet your goals. Think broadly, think creatively. It is our goal to work together to protect resources, communicate the stories, and enhance the visitor experience; leaving a legacy for future generations.

The PSP email address is:
LECL_PartnerSupport@nps.gov.
The formal application process will happen in early 2011. Watch for more details to come.



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

Visioning and Partnering for the Future

Comprehensive Management Plan Update

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail would like to offer our sincere thanks to all of you who made the 13 public scoping meetings a success. We visited and spoke to the public in all 11 Trail states. Your insight will be essential in the next steps of planning.

Currently, all comments that were submitted either by mail or through the planning website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lecl>, are being analyzed and prepared

for the next steps, which will include developing alternatives.

Early this fiscal year, we received news that the budget for this planning process has been significantly cut at the national level. Though shocking at first, we are now looking at new ways to complete the plan under the original timelines. We will continue to communicate with the public utilizing long distance technologies that are less cost prohibitive.

We will continue to look to you, the public and partners, to aid us in creating a plan that will help guide us in how we preserve, interpret, and use the Trail's resources while working within the framework of law and policy.

We look forward to your continued support and input for the Comprehensive Management Plan.

Vision Becomes Reality for Three Affiliated Tribes

by Karla Sigala, *Interpretive Specialist*

"We are still here" is the message that the Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations want to tell the world. This summer, that message came from a group of Native cultural interpretive guides hired and trained to tell the stories of their ancestors.

The TAT Tribal Tourism office applied for, and was granted, money through the NPS Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Challenge Cost Share Program to offer interpretive training to summer staff in order to share their history, traditions, and stories to the visitors that come to the reservation each year.

The training was truly a collaborative effort. Presenters and instructors included Delvin Driver, Fort Berthold Community College; Loren Yellow Bird, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site; and Karla Sigala, Lewis

and Clark National Historic Trail. The effort was led by Karen Paetz Sitting Crow, Tourism Development and Curriculum Specialist for the Three Affiliated Tribes. It was her vision that brought everyone together; students and

elders, speakers, instructors and staff, to build a group of interpretive guides that could spend the summer learning, gardening, repairing the earth lodges, drumming, and beading in order to share their rich cultural traditions and histories.



Interpretive guides and instructors at the Earth Lodge Village on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in New Town, North Dakota.



Trail Talk

A Forum for Interpreters, Educators, and Volunteer Managers on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail



Have you ever wanted to connect with other interpreters along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail? Do you have a volunteer program success story to share? Are there any funding sources out there that you haven't heard about?

Would you like to hear how others work with schools and teachers? Do you need help with seasonal training? Is your bookstore in need of new products?

If you answered yes to any one of these questions, then this forum is for you. Trail Talk will be dedicated to discussing

issues related to interpretation, education and volunteer services. It will serve to build a network of interpreters, informal educators, and volunteer managers across the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Join Jill Hamilton-Anderson, Education Specialist; Karla Sigala, Interpretive Specialist; and Nichole McHenry, Volunteer Program Manager for monthly conference calls to link the many dedicated visitor services personnel across the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Third Tuesday of the Month

December 21
January - none
February 16
March 16
3-4 p.m. CST

Call-in phone number:
1-877-784-6085
Passcode
3388423

For Trail Talk Minutes and Agenda:
<http://www.nps.gov/lecl/parknews/trail-talk.htm>

Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts

Celebrating Diversity Through Art



From left, Jill Hamilton-Anderson, Flynn Espe, Feather Heusties, Patrice Hall-Walters, Frank Janzen, and Nichole McHenry during a familiarization visit to the Institute.



Award-winning artist Phillip John Charette signing a series of monotype prints created at Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts.



Master printmaker Frank Janzen and Artist-in-Residence Vanessa Enos collaborating on a lithograph.

There is a place we visited on a recent trip to the west-end of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail that epitomizes the Trail as an intricate beadwork of the finest and most unique jewels interwoven by hardworking, careful and creative artisans who each have a story of how their place is an important part of this tapestry. By sharing the stories of places like Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts with the collective Trail, we hope that it will inspire and motivate collaboration among Trail professionals. Listen to Crow's Shadow's story and perhaps you will discover how this jewel along the Trail can be woven into your story.

*Jill Hamilton-Anderson
Education Specialist*

Located in the heart of Indian country, situated at the base of Eastern Oregon's scenic Blue Mountain foothills, there is a place that, while unknown to many, has drawn together some of the most celebrated talents in Native American, and non-native, art for the last 18 years.

Founded in 1992 by renowned painter James Lavadour, Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts is a nonprofit organization that provides educational, social and economic opportunities for Native Americans through artistic development.

Lavadour and others, recognizing the deep-rooted traditions of artistry on the Umatilla Indian Reservation (just east of Pendleton, Oregon), sought to create a place that would help connect other talented artists to their community and the world beyond.

Housed in a renovated schoolhouse on an historic Catholic mission campus, the institute's impressive facilities include a spacious gallery, classroom space and, since 2001, the state-of-the-art Crow's Shadow Press printmaking studio—the only professional printmaking operation on a reservation in the Pacific Northwest (if not the entire United States).

Crow's Shadow invites both emerging and established artists to participate in two-week residencies, whereby they work alongside collaborative master printmaker Frank Janzen, a 1996 graduate of the University of New Mexico's Tamarind Institute. Employing a wide range of lithographic and other technical processes, Janzen works to translate the creative vision of the artist into a body of original hand-pulled prints, which the institute publishes, markets and sells on the artists' behalf.

With a growing roster of well-known native artists—the likes of which include Truman Lowe, Kay WalkingStick, Edgar Heap of Birds, Rick Bartow, Marie Watt and others—the work of Crow's Shadow has attracted the attention of contemporary art collectors internationally. Crow's Shadow has also hosted special projects with such non-native powerhouses as Dale Chihuly, Tim Rollins, Lynda Benglis and Adnan Charara.

As part of its ongoing community outreach, Crow's Shadow also offers public workshops throughout the year, both in printmaking and traditional Native American arts of the Columbia River plateau region. Crow's Shadow provides a venue for community members and other interested participants to learn the cultural practices of beading, weaving and regalia making from regional masters of those arts.

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Welcome



Rachel Lantz

The staff at Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest employee, Rachel Lantz.

Rachel is working as a Cartographic Technician focusing on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Integrated Resources Stewardship program area. She is a participant in the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and is working on her Bachelor of Science degree in Geography at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Rachel's interest in Geography was sparked by the late Geography Professor (and Lewis and Clark enthusiast) Charles Gildersleeve during her sophomore year.

After enrolling in his Human Geography course, Rachel found her true calling in life. Her interests in Geography include Cultural Geography, Physical Geography, and Geographic Information Systems.

Rachel will be completing an independent study for the Department of Geography and Geology this fall while working on mapping the cultural, natural, and recreational resources for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Welcome Rachel!

Little Known Fact #3

about the Lewis and Clark Expedition by Dr. H. Carl Camp



There is a durable popular notion that the Lewis and Clark Expedition was originally fielded for the purpose of exploring the Louisiana Purchase. Well

Yes and No. Actually, it was set in motion by President Thomas Jefferson months before the United States even knew France was willing to sell the vast western wilderness known as Louisiana and before the 15 million dollar deal was struck by America's negotiators in Paris at the end of April 1803.

In a secret message to Congress on January 18, 1803, Jefferson sought congressional authorization of an

expedition into the trans-Mississippi area "for the purpose of extending the external commerce of the U.S." As originally conceived, the venture was to consist of 10 to 12 military volunteers and a commanding officer. The initial emphasis on confidentiality reflected concern for the fact the expedition would be operating in foreign-controlled territory (which was true at the time). Congress approved the president's request and appropriated \$2,500 to fund the secretive operation.

After Meriwether Lewis, the president's personal secretary, was appointed commanding officer of the expedition, he spent the next five or so months making preparations to take his command into the field. He acquired weapons and related accoutrements and collected a small mountain of supplies and equipment, including a wide range of Indian gifts and trade goods to smooth his way westward. It was during that time, at the behest of President Jefferson, Lewis also received

tutorials in botany, biology, medicine and celestial navigation from some of the nation's leading natural scientists in Philadelphia.

On July 4, 1803, a day before Lewis pushed off from Washington, D.C. for Pittsburgh where he was to take possession of his flagship, a specially designed 55-foot keelboat, President Jefferson received official confirmation of the signing of the Louisiana Purchase treaty between France and the U.S. That stunning development changed the whole complexion of the expedition, effectively shifting it from a military reconnaissance into a foreign-controlled region to that of an exploration of American-owned territory (at least to the Continental Divide).

Only at that point was the Lewis and Clark Expedition committed to exploring key portions of the Louisiana Purchase and beyond.

Visitor Center Spotlight



The Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska provides unique experiences and an exciting perspective of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Its focus is the more than 300 scientific discoveries including flora (178 plants) and fauna (123 animals) recorded at President Jefferson's request.

The three story, 12,000 square foot visitor center which opened in 2004 sits on a 76 acre bluff overlooking the Missouri River.

Visitors can experience a replica keelboat, several miles of hiking trails, a full size earth lodge, and numerous explorative exhibits that will challenge your senses. For more information:

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