

Lewis & Clark Trail News

Bringing the Trail to Life

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Greetings from Tucson!

I hope you find these updates both valuable and insightful as we work to keep you informed about the latest developments along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, as well as the ongoing efforts of the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance and our dedicated partner affiliates.

This week, I'm writing to you from sunny Tucson, AZ, where the Partnership for the National Trails System workshop is in full swing. The atmosphere here is brimming with support and enthusiasm from across the National Historic Trails community.

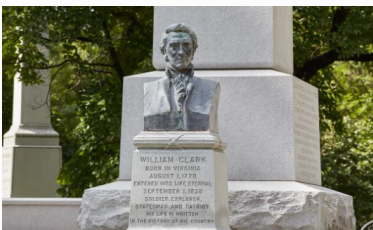
The Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance was honored to present at the workshop, showcasing some of our most innovative initiatives. These include "Augmented History for Youth", which brings the trail's stories to life through cutting-edge technology; terrain mapping, which offers a new lens to explore the trail's geography; the Lewis and Clark Trail Experience, which fosters deeper engagement and understanding; and our forward-thinking social media strategies.

We are proud to share our work and are equally inspired by the creativity and dedication of others in this incredible community. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to bring the trail's rich history to life for all to enjoy and learn from.





New YouTube Content



Watch
[William Clarks Grave](#)

Bellefontaine Cemetery contains the grave site of William Clark, who died in St. Louis on September 1, 1838.

Located in the northern part of the cemetery above Meadow Lane is a 35-foot tall granite obelisk on a pedestal.

Join Jerry Garrett, the master of St Louis history and watch as he explains how the Clark family plot became such an integral part of Bellefontaine Cemetery



Watch
Did the Civil War Start Here?

The St. Louis Old Courthouse was the site of the first two trials of the pivotal Dred Scott case in 1847 and 1850. It was also where [Virginia Minor](#)'s case for a woman's right to vote came to trial in the 1870s. You may tour this historic structure, and visit the restored courtrooms to learn more about our 19th century judicial system.

In 1847, Dred Scott, with his wife Harriet, sued for, and were granted, their freedom. After many appeals, the case was decided upon by the Supreme Court. The decision stated that slaves were property, and as such, had no right to sue. The Dred Scott Decision hastened the start of the Civil War.



Watch
Where is John Colter?

Journey to New Haven
Missouri in search of
the grave of John
Colter.

Eventually one of the Corps of Discovery's most famous veterans, John Colter joined the expedition early, became one of its most useful hands, left it early, and yet did not get home until nearly four years after it ended. His permanent role as an icon of Western American history came from his adventures as a fur trapper between the summer of 1806 and the spring of 1810.

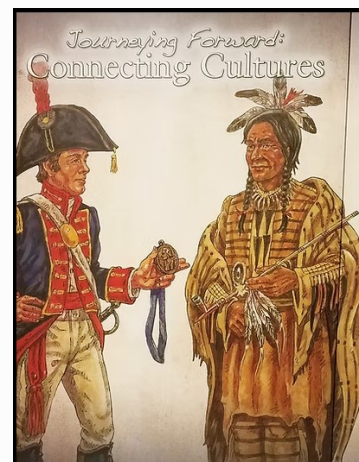
A Unique Opportunity

The Mead Museum, owned and operated by the Yankton County Historical Society (YCHS), provides an authentic historical experience of the Yankton, South Dakota area from pre-



Dakota Territory to the modern era.

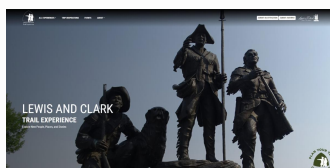
Early in 2024, an exciting addition to the Mead Museum *Journeying Forward: Connecting Cultures* exhibit was offered. An original Jefferson Peace Medal, handed out by Lewis & Clark, has been in a Yankton resident's private collection since 2014. The Mead Museum is being offered this peace medal as a long term permanent exhibition loan by the current medal owner. Added security, special exhibit case and exhibit modifications (costing \$10,217) for the exhibition is needed before the loan of the medal can be finalized. A fundraiser for this special project is currently underway by the Mead Museum with a projected finish date of April 2025.



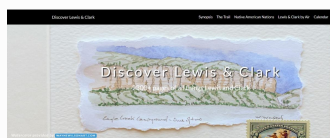
For interest in financial support of this project, contact Crystal Mensch, Executive Director at director@meadbuilding.org, (605) 665-3898, or [Peace Medal Donation](#)

Our Network of Online Resources

The Lewis and Clark Trail Experience links authentic communities and cultures—including tribes whose connections span thousands of years—to historic, vibrant and living landscapes. Be amazed at our travel website



The Lewis and Clark story ties together famous people, natural history, military expeditions, Native American history, and more. Explore the 2300+ pages of all things Lewis and Clark on our educational website



Our national alliance connects Lewis & Clark resources across the country, inspiring lasting public engagement and promoting a more knowledgeable, healthier society. Explore more at our Alliance website



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Partner Spotlight

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT offers a deep dive into the Corps of Discovery's journey and the history



of westward expansion emphasizing its 32 day portage around Great Falls waterfalls.

Visitors can explore a 25,000 square-foot facility with interactive exhibits, an amphitheater and trails. Highlights include a 6,000 square foot exhibit hall detailing the expeditions challenges and Native American encounters and daily interpretive talks by knowledgeable staff.

The center's trails, ranging from easy to moderate difficulty offer stunning views of the Missouri River and its diverse ecology. The newest feature to enjoy is our augmented history app partnering with Agents of Discovery and the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance to bring augmented reality interpretation to the center's exterior trails.

[Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center](#)

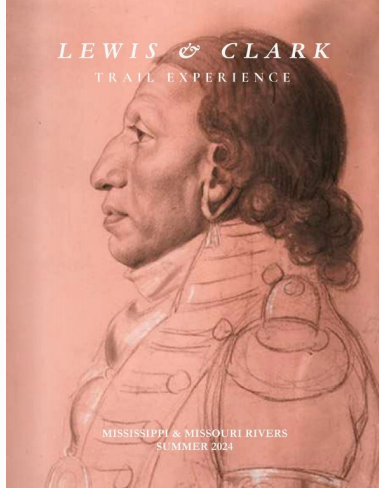
New Mobile APP for the Lewis and Clark Trail Experience

Experience the **Lewis & Clark Trail**
With Our **New APP**

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Google play

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App Store

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device



Check out our [Digital Travel Magazines](#). This month we feature our Mississippi and Missouri Rivers edition. This plus 10 additional magazines are full of interesting articles, travel tips, and links to fascinating places to visit.



LOLO VIA US HIGHWAY 12

Due to steep hills and canyons, the Lewis and Clark Expedition was not able to follow the present route of US Highway 12 between Kamiah, Idaho and Lolo, Montana. Their route instead followed the ridgelines roughly 2000 feet above the...

Stops: 10

Travel Distance: 185.11 miles

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Looking for your next roadtrip? Our curated itineraries provide routes and suggestions from veteran LCTA travelers.

Check out the [current trips](#) and let us know what we should add next.

New L&C Events

EVENTS CALENDAR



ARRIVAL WEEKEND CAMP RIVER DUBOIS

DATES: DECEMBER 14, 2024 - DECEMBER 15, 2024

LOCATION: LEWIS AND CLARK (CAMP RIVER DUBOIS) STATE HISTORIC SITE, LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL, HARTFORD, IL, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

On December 12, 1803, the Lewis & Clark Expedition arrived at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and fixed on a place to build Camp River Dubois. Arrival Weekend [December 14 & 15] marks this arrival with reenactors, demonstrators, and more! The event will feature exhibitors of vintage...

[Event Details](#)



CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF FORT OSAGE

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2024

TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: FORT OSAGE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, OSAGE STREET, SIBLEY, MO, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

[Event Details](#)



SOLSTICE SUNSET VIEWING AT WICKLIFFE MOUNDS

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

LOCATION: WICKLIFFE MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE, GREEN STREET, WICKLIFFE, KY, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

Winter Solstice occurs December 21, at 3:21 am. Join us on Friday evening, December 20th, to view the beautiful scenes of the sunset over the mounds before the solstice. Park Interpreters will be on hand to talk about the mounds construction and history. Museum open 10 am to 4 pm....

[Event Details](#)

We have a new Calendar of Events with expanded content and features. LCTA and Interpretive Partners are contributing interesting opportunities to learn and have fun along the Trail.

2025 Photo Calendars

Get your 2025 calendar featuring images from the LCTA photo contest before they are all gone.

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