

Lewis & Clark Trail News

Bringing the Trail to Life

December 14, 2024



Closing out 2024

We are coming to the end of a very fast paced year. 2024 has seen tremendous growth in the outreach and mission of the Alliance – we changed our name to reflect our new focus on bringing together the broad spectrum of constituents that comprise the Trail, we launched new Trail promotion features including; Enhanced Websites, Trip Inspirations, Event Listings, targeted Social Media, Digital Magazines, a Mobile App, Google Grant Advertising, and a reinvigorated YouTube Channel



This year we brought our message to over 250,000 viewers and subscribers.

I hope you recognize and take pride in what your contributions have helped us accomplish and that you will continue to support the Alliance with your time, talent and treasure. We operate at the level we do because of your commitment to sharing the values and lessons of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

**Support the
Alliance**

Your generosity is highly appreciated at this time in supporting our shared cause and increasing our impact.

**Join the
Alliance**

Wishing all of you a very Happy Holiday season

Richard Hunt



New YouTube Content



Watch
[Where did Sakakawea die?](#)

We are happy to be able to bring new life to archival video footage that was recorded as part of the Tribal Legacy Project.

From 2003 through 2006, the National Park Service hosted a national touring exhibit called Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future that traveled to 22 states and set up at 95 venues to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition and its impact on American history.

Amy Mossett of the Mandan/Hidatsa Tribe recorded this segment which explores the death of Sakakawea



Watch
[Discovering Nothing](#)

The many attempts by navigators to find a Northwest Passage via its Pacific portal all failed; however, their discoveries spurred expansionist developments that would forever alter the landscape of North America. In *Discovering Nothing*, David L. Nicandri maps a cast of geographic visionaries and practical explorers as they promoted or sought a workable commercial route linking the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic.

Watch as David presents an overview of his new work to a Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance Zoom meeting.

For additional reading: lewis-clark.org



Watch
[Secrets of the Boat House](#)

The Lewis & Clark Boat House is the permanent home of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles replicas of the keelboat and pirogues used by Lewis and Clark.

Situated beside the Missouri River at Bishop's Landing in charming historic St. Charles, Missouri, the educational facility features exhibits relating to the Lewis and Clark expedition as well as the Missouri River ecosystem.

The Boat House is located on the lower level. It houses the full-scale replicas of the boats used by Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery.

Kansas City Promo
Video

Join Us for the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance Annual Gathering!

Save the dates—September 14–17, 2025—for an extraordinary journey through history, culture, and adventure in Kansas City, Missouri. Our host venue, the Kansas City Marriott Hotel on the vibrant Country Club Plaza, offers unmatched convenience and comfort. With access to the KC Streetcar and nearby world-class attractions like the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery, Kemper Museum of Modern Art, and the National World War I Museum, the setting is perfect for this unique event.



Engaging Speakers

Get ready to hear from distinguished experts on fascinating topics including the Missouri River, Tribal Nations of Kansas City, and Women of the Frontier. The full speaker lineup will be announced soon!

Featured Excursions

Day 1: Fort Osage National Historic Landmark

Travel back to 1808 as we visit Fort Osage, a pivotal outpost established under William Clark's direction. Explore the reconstructed fort, view a rare circa-1800 dugout canoe from the Big Blue River, and learn about the fort's critical role in early American history and relations with the Osage Nation.

Day 2: Lewis & Clark Chautauqua at Kaw Point

Experience living history at Kaw Point, where the Kansas and Missouri Rivers converge. Enjoy river excursions, Dutch oven cooking, tribal crafts, fiddlers, and engaging frontier games. Hear stories of the Corps of Discovery's time at Kaw Point in 1804, bringing history to life.



Marriott
Registration

Meeting Registration
Opens Early January
2025



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

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

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The Alliance is celebrating the holidays!

Bill Bronson (with Santa's helper Coda), Carol Bronson, and Georgia Kline put up the Circle of State Advisors Christmas Tree Ornaments in the national office.

The Circle of State Advisors, a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council Committee of all of the states that participated in the Bicentennial, put up a Christmas tree representing the various states in the U.S. Capital in the early 2000's, in anticipation of the upcoming Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



Because the Alliance is the official archive of the Commemoration, these

ornaments are now preserved in the Sherman Library and Archives and brought to life for these special events.

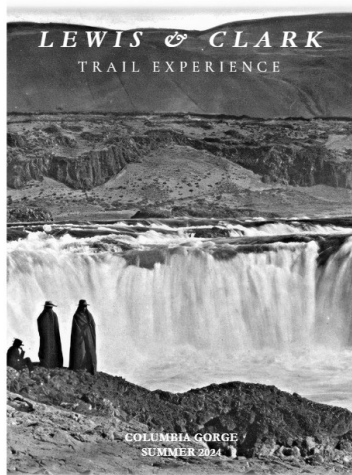
New Mobile APP for the Lewis and Clark Trail Experience



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

Get it on Google play
Download on the App Store

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device



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



Great Falls, Montana

On June 13, 1805, Capt. Meriwether Lewis encountered the Great Falls of the Missouri and knew that the left branch at Decision Point was the true Missouri River. Further exploration revealed that a total of five waterfalls in the area...

Stops: 9

Travel Distance: 28.89 miles

[VIEW INSPIRATION](#)

Looking for your next outing or 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



Winter Storytelling – Shirley Trahan

Date: January 11, 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Location: 6717 U.S. 12, Lolo, MT 59847, USA ([View on Map](#))

Shirley Trahan is the senior translator and language adviser for the Seliš-Qilispé Culture Committee. She is one of the few first-language Seliš speakers left on the Flathead Indian Reservation. In a recent article for Native News, a special project by the University of Montana School of Journalism, Trahan recalled her...

<https://travelersrest.org/events/winter-storytelling/>



Dams and Traffic Jams: Impacts on Water and Salmon

Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Columbia River Maritime Museum, Marine Drive, Astoria, OR, USA ([View on Map](#))

ADULT LECTURE - 2025 PAST TO PRESENT SERIES Ford Room in the Columbia River Maritime Museum Dams and Traffic Jams: Impacts on Water and Salmon Kelli Daffron & Graham Klag, with North Coast Watershed Association. Included with Museum Admission - MEMBERS are FREE! Seating for up to 80, first...

<https://www.crrmm.org/upcoming-events.html>



Land Stewardship Volunteer Work Day

Date: January 18, 2025

Location: Fontenelle Forest, Bellevue Boulevard North, Bellevue, NE, USA ([View on Map](#))

The volunteer Land Stewardship crew meets on select Saturday mornings to work on various projects. Anyone is welcome to join, even if it's just one time. Bring the family and get some hard work done with us! Projects, start time, and location will be announced via email blast 10 days...

<https://fontenelleforest.org/event/land-stewardship-volunteer-work-days-2025/2025-01-18/>

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.

Last Chance for Photo Calendars

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

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