

Missouri River and Lolo Trail Combo Trip Itinerary

Pre-Trip-Meet in Fort Benton, MT. Located 45 miles NE from Great Falls, MT on Highway 87. Pre-trip meeting, location TBA. Recommended lodging lists available. Plan any flight arrivals into Great Falls for no later than 1pm. Plan a visit to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center on this day or the day after your river trip.

Day-1 Meet for departure from your lodging location in Fort Benton 8:30am. We provide transportation to the put-in and put on the river about 10am and paddle 13 miles to Eagle Creek (L&C camp of May 31, 1805) with lunch on the river at Big Sandy creek with a ½ mile walk to Tepee rings. Settle into camp, go for a hike, have dinner and talk around the fire. There are many hiking opportunities at Eagle Creek. Eye-of-the-Needle sandstone rock formation or a slot canyon carved into the sandstone, Native American petroglyphs, and USGS marker Lewis & Clark campsite.

Day-2 Breakfast, pack canoes, paddle 10 miles to Hole-In-The-Wall rock formation for a hike and lunch, paddle 11 miles passing steamboat rock, and other majestic sandstone rock formations, the L&C camp of May 30, 1805, and landing at Slaughter River camp (L&C camp of May 29, 1805 & June 29, 1806) settle in, activities, reading, dinner etc.

Day-3 Breakfast, pack canoes, paddle 12 miles to Judith Landing here the river canyon changes from vertical sandstone rock to wider and deeper bluffs, commonly referred to as "The Breaks," have lunch, pack-up and return to Fort Benton by approx. 4pm.

Day-4 Free day. Travel from Fort Benton to Lochsa Lodge

Day-5 Meet for departure from Lochsa Lodge by 8:30-9:00am. We provide transport to the Wendover Ridge Trailhead. (Wendover description-8 miles, 3000 ft elevation gain, first 2 miles are switchbacks, the rest follows the ridgeline with no switchbacks) OR the moderate alternative driving and hiking with stops at Lolo Pass/Packer Meadows, Glade Creek camp, Colt Killed Creek confluence and fish hatchery, 13-Mile camp, and the upper section of Wendover. Both meet up at Snowbank camp for dinner and camping.

Day-6 Breakfast, pack up, drive, hike & walk the Lolo Trail with interpretive stops at Bear's Oil & Roots Camp, Lonesome Cove Camp, Indian Post Office, Sinque Hole Camp, Indian Grave, Smoking Place, Greensward Camp with lunch on the trail, camping at Lewis & Clark's Dry Camp.

Day-7 Breakfast, pack up and hike to Spirit Revival Ridge for a view to the Wieppe Prairie of the Clearwater drainage into the Columbia River Basin. Lunch on the trail and descent from the Lolo Trail down the Sherman Creek Trail or alternative van transportation back to the Lochsa Lodge.



*Missouri and Lolo Trail trips can be done separately and the Lolo Trail trip can be shortened to a 1 or 2 day trip.

*Exact itineraries can be customized to your needs, given availability. Custom trips can be designed to fit your group or family's needs, i.e. transportation, special provisions or dates, just let us know what your ideal trip would be! (May require minimum number of participants)

--Good Physical condition is important and the willingness to accept whatever the trail may bring but no technical skills are needed The Missouri River has a gentle meandering current with no rapids. The Lolo Trail trips can be modified to fit your limits.



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