

Lewis & Clark Commemorative Hike along historic Lolo Trail

Sept 15-19

Trek across the Bitterroots in the foot steps that Lewis and Clark blazed 200 years ago. This unique Lewis and Clark Adventure will retrace the original route over the Lolo Trail on the exact dates as the Lewis & Clark expedition.

Sept 14th – Arrive Missoula or Lochsa Lodge. Pre-trip meeting TBA – please confirm

Lodging & Dinner not included in trip price. Lochsa Lodge cabins are limited call 208-942-3405 (cabin sizes/prices vary) Let us know if need to make alternate plans for this day.

L&C Journal "The country as usual except the Glades which is open boggy, water Clare and Sandey" *William Clark, September 13, 1805* - Glade Creek Camp "we cross Glad Creek above its mouth at a place where the Flathead Indians have made a weir to catch salmon and have but lately left the place. I could see no fish, and the grass entirely eaten out by the horses, we proceed on two miles and encamped opposite a small island at the mouth of a small branch on the right side of the river, which is at this place 80 yards wide, swift and stony." *William Clark, September 14th 1805* - Colt Killed Creek Camp near present day Powell Ranger Station, ¼ mile from the Lochsa Lodge.

Sept 15th – Hike Wendover Ridge to Snowbank Camp –



Then... "We assended a high Mountain Some places So Steep and rocky that Some of our horses fell backwards and roled 20 or 30 feet among the rocks, but did not kill them." *John Ordway, September 15, 1805* "with the greatest excertion we Could only make 12 miles up this mountain and encamped on the top of the mountain near a Bank of old Snow about 3 feet deep lying on the Northern Side of the mountain...we melted the Snow to drink, and Cook our horse flesh to eat." *William Clark, September 15, 1805 - Snowbank Camp*

Now... 8 miles and 3000 ft elevation gain. Begins at the Lochsa River and follows the backbone of Wendover Ridge with little or no switchbacks, mostly maintained trail, steady Uphill.

Sept 16th – Snowbank camp to Indian Post Office -

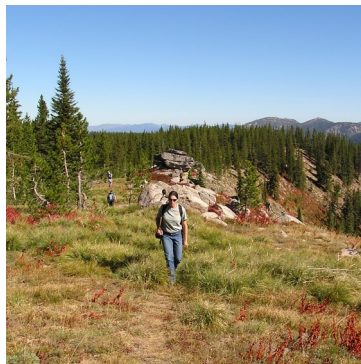


Then... "The knobs, steep hillsides, and fallen timber continue today and a thickly timbered country of eight different kinds of pine, which are so covered with snow that in passing through them we are continually covered with snow. I have been wet and as cold in every part as I ever was in my life..." *William Clark, September 16, 1805*

Now... 13 miles of varied terrain, thick woods, rocky steep climbs and descents, ending at Indian Post Office, the highest point in elevation on the trip. This section parallels the old Forest Service

Road 500, but we follow the lay of the land more than the road.

Sept 17th – Lonesome cove camp to Howard Camp-Sinque Hole Camp-Smoking Place-



Then... Snowfall impedes their progress...“The Snow melted so that the water stood in the trail over our moccasins in some places. Very slippery and bad traveling for our horses. We ascend very high and rocky mountains; some bald places on the top of mountains, high rocks standing up and high precipices.” *Joseph Whitehouse, September 17, 1805*

Now... 14 miles of thickly wooded terrain that drops down from the ridgeline crossing at least 3 creeks.

Sept 18th – Sinque Hole Camp to Dry Camp-

Then... Clark takes 6 hunters ahead of the group to find game. They are cold and hungry. “The want of provisions, together with the difficulty of passing the mountains, dampened the spirits of the party, which induced us to resort to some plan of reviving their spirits...we passed over a country similar to the one of yesterday...” *William Clark, September 18, 1805*

Now... 10 miles of trail that stays to the ridgeline with expansive views north and south. Again parallels the FS Road 500, passing by Greensward Camp, used on the eastward journey.

Sept 19th – Dry Camp to Sherman Peak - transport back to Lochsa Lodge



Then... The day before Clark sees the Camas Prairie from Sherman Peak or Spirit Revival Ridge. “Set out this morning a little after sun rise and continued our rout...for 6 miles when the ridge terminated and we to our inexpressible joy discovered a large tract of Prairie country lying to the S. W....” *Meriwether Lewis, September 19, 1805*

Now... 9 mile hike on a maintained trail to the boulders on Sherman Peak for a view of the Camas Prairie.

Transportation back to the Lochsa Lodge via Hwy 12.

******Portions of the route are not maintained trails.** Sections of the trip will be advanced hiking. We will be navigating our own path, much like Lewis & Clark by reading topo maps, compasses and taking the path of least resistance to the next camp location. This trip will be vehicle supported for camp supplies and riding options.

******Good physical condition** is important but no technical mountaineering skills are needed. With the exception of Wendover Ridge, there is always the option of riding in the support truck for a break. Wendover Ridge is a strenuous climb, we do offer an alternative with advance notice.

******Weather** is a factor in the level of difficulty, distance covered, etc...Because we are traveling through thick brush be prepared for wet conditions by having good rain gear, boots, gators, extra socks & camp shoes.

**** **Guest Speakers TBA.**

5-day Commemorative Trip Price: \$1200 per person + ID State tax (5%)

Call us toll free at 1-800-366-6246 or email raft@montana.com for reservation information