



Sacagawea & infant Jean Baptiste

Painting by © Michael Haynes

Up the Missouri...

July 15, 1804: The Expedition made 9 3/4 miles being detained by heavy fog in the morning. In the evening, Lewis noted his chronometer had stopped.

...my Chronometer had stoped, nor can I assign any cause for this accident; she had been wound up the preceding noon as usual. This is the third instance in which this instrument has stoped in a similar manner since she has been in my possession, tho' the first only since our departure from the River Dubois... Lewis



Replica of dugout canoes on the river

Photo by Pat Whalen

July 16, 1804: The Expedition made 20 miles. They stopped briefly a little before noon so Captain Lewis could take an observation of the sun with his octant. He then set his chronometer to as near noon as possible based on the observation. They camped on the lower point of an island.

July 17, 1804: The Captains decided to stay the day at their campsite so accurate latitude and longitude could be determined and reset their chronometer. Several men go out hunting at daybreak. They return with four deer. One man catches two fat catfish.



Meriwether Lewis' silver watch

Photo by David Schultz
Courtesy of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri

Boat Ramps & Public Land

River Access (Boat Ramps)	Toilets	Camping	River Mile	Owner	Stream
Brownville	Y	Y	535.0	NGPC	Missouri River
Hamburg	Y	N	554.5	IDNR	Missouri River
Peru	N	N	542.1	City of Peru	Missouri River
Riverview Marina	Y	Y	563.2	NGPC	Missouri River
Watson	Y	Y	542.0	MDC	Nishnabotna River

Public Lands and Parks	Toilets	Camping	Ownership/ Management
Arbor Lodge State Historical Park	Y	N	Nebraska Historical Society
Brickyard Hill, Conservation Area	Y	Y	MDC
Hamburg Bend, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE
Kansas Bend, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE
Langdon Bend, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE
Lower Hamburg Bend, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE/MDC
Nishnabotna, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE
Riverview Marina, State Recreation Area	Y	Y	NGPC
Star School Hill Prairie, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC
Waubonsie State Park	Y	Y	IADNR

Weather

Monitor the local weather forecast before you begin your journey and throughout your trip. In the Midwest, storms may emerge abruptly. These storms are often accompanied by strong winds that can easily capsize a small craft. Lightning, heavy rain or hail can turn a pleasant trip into disaster. Watch the sky and be aware of your surroundings for signs of inclement weather. Carry foul weather gear for unexpected storms.

High winds create very hazardous conditions and it is best to exit the river as soon as possible. Facing downstream in a crosswind can be dangerous. Always keep your boat straight into or away from the wind (parallel with the wind) as you head toward the shore.

Carry a portable radio or weather radio and tune it to the National Weather Service for up-to-date forecasts.

Beware of travel on rising river which often results in large quantities of floating debris that can cause serious boat damage.

July 18, 1804: The Expedition proceeded 18 miles this day. Clark noted there is little timber to be seen except in the low areas on islands and creeks. The hunters bring in two deer.

... Saw a Dog nearly Starved on the bank, gave him Som meet, he would not follow... Clark

The Return...

September 9, 1806: The Expedition covered 73 miles this day. Setting out early they passed the Platte River eventually camping opposite of their encampment of July 16 & 17, 1804. Clark noted the weather becoming warmer and sultrier than what they had experienced in a long time. The party is extremely anxious to get home. Lewis is recovering from being accidentally shot in the thigh on August 11.

... My worthy friend Cap Lewis has entirely recovered his wounds are healed up and he Can walk and even run nearly as well as ever he Could the parts are yet tender... Clark



Indian Utensils & Arms

Hand-colored engraving by Karl Bodmer

Lewis & Clark Dated Campsite	Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Highway	Lewis & Clark Point of Interest	Lewis & Clark Information Sign	260 River Mile	Public Land	Current River Channel	1879 Missouri River Channel	Interstate Highway	US Highway	State Highway	County Highway	Street	Railroad	Katy Trail State Park (with trail heads)	State Boundary	County Boundary
<p>Ramp Name </p> <p>Boat Ramp (with Fuel) </p>																