

Up the Missouri...

July 2, 1804: The Expedition made 11 ½ miles this day. The river became crowded with drift, supposed by Clark to be caused by the banks of an upstream island caving in. The boat passed a very bad sandbar, requiring the use of 20 oars and all the poles they had to continue. They landed at noon for four hours to replace their broken mast with a new one they made from a cottonwood tree. The weather remained exceedingly hot. Proceeding on, they passed the abandoned first village of the Kansa (1740s-1750s). Clark notes that nearby the French formerly had a fort to protect trade (Ft. de Cavagnial, 1744-1764). Location of this fort would have been about 3 miles north of present day Fort Leavenworth.

July 3, 1804: The Expedition proceeded 11 miles after setting out very early. They halted at noon and camped at a deserted French trading house. Here they found a fat and gentle horse that appeared to have been lost a long time.

*...The land is Good high bottom pine Timber & black walnut honey locas ...
I Saw waat they call bucks Eye with the nuts on them... Ordway*

July 4, 1804: The Expedition proceeded 15 miles this day. They ushered in the day by firing the swivel cannon on the bow of the keelboat once in



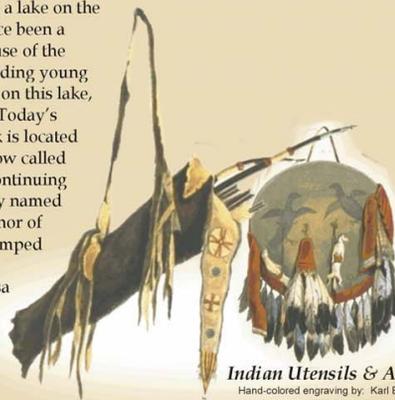
*"Independence Day on the Missouri River:
Lewis & Clark Celebrate July 4th, 1804"*

Painting by: Rick Reeves
Courtesy of the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society

Stewardship & Endangered Species

- Human disturbance can disrupt bird nesting, fish spawning, and other wildlife activities. Avoid dragging your boat across gravel bars or through spawning areas. Launch and land only on designated sites. Keep pets under control.
- Minimize campfire impacts and dispose of all waste properly. Pack out all of your trash and pick up litter left by others.
- If artifacts and fossils are found, leave them in place and undisturbed. Photograph or sketch rock art, but do not touch.
- Check your boat and clean for zebra mussels before taking it from the Missouri to any other body of water. Signs at launch ramps will provide further instructions.

recognition of the 28th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. After a mile the expedition passed a lake on the starboard side that had once been a channel of the river. Because of the profusion of wildlife, including young geese, that Clark observed on this lake, he called it Gosling Lake. Today's Lewis and Clark State Park is located along this lake, which is now called Lewis and Clark Lake. Continuing on they passed a creek they named Independence Creek in honor of the 4th of July. The party camped on a beautiful plain, near where the second old Kansa village was thought to have existed in the first half of the 1700's.



Indian Utensils & Arms
Hand-colored engraving by: Karl Bodmer

Boat Ramps & Public Land

River Access (Boat Ramps)	Toilets	Camping	River Mile	Owner	Stream
Humphrey	N	N	391.1	MDC	Platte River
Independence Park	Y	N	422.9	City of Atchison	Missouri River
Riverfront Park	Y	Y	397.5	City of Leavenworth	Missouri River

Public Lands and Parks	Toilets	Camping	Ownership/ Management
Agency, Conservation Area	N	N	MDC
Belcher Branch Lake, Conservation Area	Y	N	MDC
Benedictine Bottoms, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE/KDWP
Bluffwoods, Conservation Area	Y	Y	MDC
Clay County Park, Smithville Lake	Y	Y	USACE/Clay County
Guy B. Park, Conservation Area	Y	N	MDC
Jackson Park	Y	N	City of Atchison
Kendzora, Conservation Area	N	N	MDC
Lewis and Clark State Park	Y	Y	MDNR
Little Bean Marsh, Conservation Area	Y	N	MDC
Pigeon Hill, Conservation Area	Y	Y	MDC
Platte Falls, Conservation Area	Y	N	MDC
Warnock Lake	Y	Y	City of Atchison
Weston Bend State Park	Y	Y	MDNR

*... we camped at one of
the Butifules Prairies I ever
Saw open and butifully
Divided with Hills and
vallis all presenting
themselves... Floyd*



Lewis' Dog Seaman was a Newfoundland

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Clark lists the total of the Expedition's party at 46 men, 4 horses, and a dog.

*...we Closed the [day] by a
Discharge from our bow
piece, an extra Gill of
whiskey... Clark*

July 5, 1804: The Expedition made 10 miles this day. They stopped for dinner near a beaver lodge and Captain Lewis' dog Seaman ran them out.

... on the banks of this river I observe great quants of Grapes, berries & roses Deer is not So plenty in this three days as they were below that. Elks are plenty about those Prairies. Some Buffalo Sign... Clark

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