



The Path Less Traveled: Montana Preservation Road Show

A Touring Historic Preservation Conference
June 11 – 14, 2014
Lewistown & Central Montana

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Pre-conference tour: **Bair Family Museum** (on your own).

5:00 to 7:00 pm **Registration and Welcome Reception at Central Montana Museum, 408 NE Main**
Check-in, have a snack and get ready for fun. Hosted by Central Montana Historical Assn.

7:00 pm **Dinner On Your Own**

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Breakfast on Your Own

7 am to 8:30 am Registration at Yogo Inn. All tours leave from Yogo Inn. Morning snack and lunch provided.

Tour 1 8:30 am Road Trip Through Paradise: Uncovering the Layers of Central MT History.

Traveling through Central Montana's unspoiled landscapes, participants can still clearly see where history happened on this journey that covers a wide range of topics from homesteading and agriculture, to railroads, Charlie Russell, tribal lifeways, mining, and the U.S. Forest Service presence.

9:10 to 9:50 am **Danvers.** Tour the St. Wenceslaus Church and learn about the history of Czech settlement, rural community building, and the recent excellent efforts to restore the church. With Chere Jiusto, Ron Tucek, and Peggy & Gary Barta.

11:10 to 11:50 am **Square Butte.** We'll take a brief stop at the charming Square Butte school to hear about its revitalization, and then stop at the one-room Square Butte jail to hear from well known area historian, Hank Armstrong, about the geology and the history of the Square Butte area.

12:00 to 1:30 pm **Geraldine.** We'll break for lunch in the charming Geraldine Depot and hear from experts on the legacy of the railroad, homesteading, and how Charlie Russell saw Central MT. With Mark Hufstetler and Kirby Lambert.

2:50 to 3:40 pm **Judith Guard Station.** The lovingly restored two-story log building tells the story of the Forest Service's role in managing forest lands in Central MT. Experts will also be on hand to talk about the importance of sapphire mining in the development of the area. With Kelly Keim.

4:45 pm Bus arrives back at Yogo Inn, Lewistown

Tour 2 8:00 am Bus departs Yogo Inn (limited to 40 participants)*

Breaking Camp: Back In Time Trip in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

Literally and figuratively get your feet wet on this day-long bus and boat trip through hundreds of years of history on the Missouri.

8:45 to 9:50 am **Winifred.** This welcoming small town hasn't changed much since the days of homesteading. We'll stroll down Main Street and stop at the local museum to hear the tragic story of the Nez Perce tribe's travel through this area, and get a glimpse of early settlement in the Missouri Breaks. With Winifred Museum Director.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm **Judith Landing Boat Launch.** Lunch at the launch and a primer on the significant events, people, and places on this stretch of the Missouri will set the stage for our river trip. An experienced river guide will provide all equipment and safety expertise.**

1:00 to 4:30 pm **Missouri River.** Once on the river, our epic trip will take us past important Native American, Lewis & Clark, and early open range ranching sites where we'll hear from historians, archaeologists, and scholars about the many layers of history here. The highlight will be a hike to the historic and well preserved Hagadone Homestead to see what homesteading along this extremely remote and beautiful part of the Missouri was like. The trip winds up at the historic Stafford Ferry, one of only three car ferries still operating in Montana and along the entire stretch of the Missouri. With Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs, Maria Zedeno, and John Murray.

5:30 pm Bus arrives back at Yogo Inn, Lewistown

* Weather and roads permitting. Alternate route is Tour 1. Tour 2 is offered again on Sat., June 14.

**Participants must be able to climb into and out of small boats (canoes), hike uneven and steep terrain, and walk distances on even land of up to one-half mile.

5:30 to 7:30 pm **Dinner On Your Own in Lewistown**

Visit www.enjoylewistown.com for dining ideas.

7:30 pm **Recounting Days of Glory: The Plains Indian Warrior Art of Bear Gulch** Yogo Inn Sapphire Room

by James D. Keyser, Archeologist

One of the foremost authorities on rock art in North America, Mr. Keyser's books *The Art of the Warriors* and *Plains Indian Rock Art* are definitive texts on the subject. With beautiful images and decades of scholarship, this presentation will help the audience to see and appreciate rock art in a new way. **Free and open to the public.** Dessert Reception to follow.

Breakfast on Your Own

Concurrent Morning Talks

9:00 to 11:00 am **Montana's Literary Landscapes** Lewistown Public Library, Meeting Room

Join Ken Egan, Humanities Montana; KellyAnne Terry, Lewistown Public Library; Nicholas Vrooman, Northern Plains Folklife Resources; and historian Stephenie Ambrose-Tubbs to discuss Central Montana's historic landscapes through the lense of great Western writers such as Andrew Garcia, James Welch, Ivan Doig, and Mary Clearman Blew. **Free and open to the public!**

9:00 to 11:00 am **Ethnographic Landscapes** Judith Theater

Join *Maria Zedeno*, Ethnographer; *John Murray*, Blackfeet Tribal Preservation Officer; and *Rosalyn LaPier*, U of M Professor of Environmental Studies to learn about the essential importance of central Montana landscapes to tribal peoples and their cultures, past and present.

11:30 to 12:45 pm **Lunch Program** Yogo Inn Sapphire Room

Lost and Found Montana

Photographer, Jeremy Lurgio, will talk about his amazing journey to create the online photo blog, Lost & Found Montana.

Concurrent Half-Day Tours

1:00 to 5:30 pm **Bear Gulch Pictograph Site** Bus departs from Yogo Inn

Tour one of the most extensive and well-protected collections of rock art in Montana in company of long-time archeologists and scholars, James Keyser, Carl Davis, Sara Scott and property owner, Macey Lunden-Ahlgren.

1:00 to 4:00 pm **Downtown Lewistown Walking Tour** Meet at Yogo Inn Lobby

Walk along with historians and downtown development experts to learn how Lewistown's charming historic buildings and rich history can bring in more tourists, revitalize empty buildings, and jump-start sustainable downtown development. With *Duane Ferdinand*, Lewistown HPO, *Ellen Sievert*, Great Falls/Cascade County HPO, *Tash Wisemiller*, Montana Main Street Program Manager, and *Sarah Hansen*, Main Street coordinator, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

5:00 to 5:45 pm **Lewistown B-17 Airfield Tour** Meet at Lewistown Airport Terminal

Tour Lewistown's historic airport buildings and learn about the significance of the Lewistown airport during World War II with *Kate Hampton*, Community Preservation Coordinator at the Montana State Historic Preservation Office.

6:00 pm to ? **Dinner and Music at Jack's Hangar, Airport Road near Lewistown Airport**
Entertainment by Wiley and the Wild West!! Bring your dancin' boots.

All Day Tours

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Barnstorming the Basin (limited to 45)

Meet at Yogo Inn Lobby

Its amazing what the walls, floors, and doors of barns can tell not just about agricultural history, but about a little bit of everything in between. Barn buffs will jump at the chance to ride along with Chere Jiusto and Christine Brown, authors of *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*, to visit a wide range of the areas best barns, including lunch in a barn loft!

8:00 to 5:00 pm

Breaking Camp: Boat Trip Through History in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (limited to 40)

This is a repeat of Tour 2 on Thursday, June 12. See June 12 for details.

On Your Own

- **Pioneer Power Days** (also on Sunday) – See, hear and learn about farm life before electric machinery. Across from the Lewistown Airport.
- **Charlie Russell Chew Choo Dinner Train** -- One of the most scenic, distinctive, and delicious dinners you'll have in Montana.
- **King Colony Hutterite Walking Tour** -- Highlights of the King Colony Hutterite walking tour include the Upholstery Workshop, Slaughter House, Laundromat, Milking Parlor, Kitchen & Bakery, Dining Room, Church and a good dose of Hutterite history. \$15/adults, children under 12/\$10.
- **Lewistown's Historic Districts** – Check your conference packet, or visit the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce for self-guided walking tour brochures.
- **Lewistown's Ghost Signs Tour** – Check your conference packet, or visit the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce for self-guided walking tour brochures.
- **BLM Homestead Auto Tour** – Go back in time to the homesteading era on this self-guided auto tour.

Lodging

Yogo Inn, (800) 860-9646 – reserved/blocked for MPA Road Show

Super 8, (406) 538-2581– reserved/blocked for MPA Road Show

B & B Motel, (406) 535-5496

Trails End Motel, (406) 535-5468

Sunset Motel, (406) 535-8741

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