

May 3, 2015; Fee Free Sunday—17th Anniversary. Celebrate the Center's 17 years of operation with Honor Guard demonstrations, programs, & much more. 12:00-5:00 p.m. FREE REFRESHMENTS!

June 19-21, 2015; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday—Annual Lewis and Clark Festival - Stay tuned for forthcoming details. Call 406-452-5661 for details.

June 26, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

July 3, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

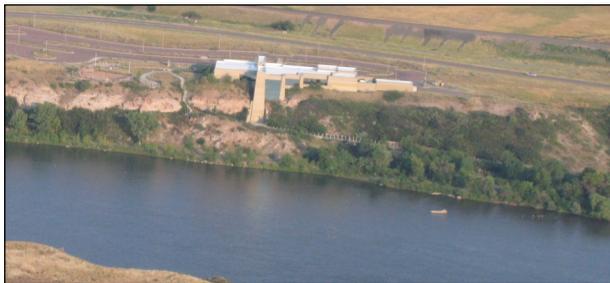
July 10, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

July 17, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

July 24, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

July 31, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!

Aug 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2015; Friday—Riverside Voices. 7:00 p.m. FREE!



Star Parties: Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. monthly (during the winter) for a star-gazing experience with telescopes set up for public viewing. Star Party Extravaganza is run once yearly (in September) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. www.cmasweb.com



Since 1998, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center has brought to life the indomitable spirit of human achievement. Explore 6,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, view introductory movie by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, or take an optional audio tour in any of five languages. The Center is managed by the USDA Forest Service.



Fees

- \$8 adults (16 and older).
- \$6 scheduled group tours (for groups of 20 or more paying adults).
- Free for children 15 and under.
- \$2 school group programs (reservations required, call the Center for a list of offerings).
- Annual, Senior, Military, and Access Passes are honored and sold.

Visit as often as you'd like each year, enjoy a discount in the Portage Cache and get a quarterly newsletter by becoming a member of the LC Foundation:

Individual Member \$35 & Family Member \$55
<http://www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org/>
www.facebook.com/lewisandclarkfoundation

Hours of Operation

October 1, 2014 - May 22, 2015
 Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sundays, noon—5 p.m.
 Closed Mondays

May 23, 2015 - September 30, 2015
 Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information on events and fees, call **(406) 727-8733** or visit our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/lcnf/learning>

or email us at:
 Mailroom_R1_Lewis_and_Clark@fs.fed.us

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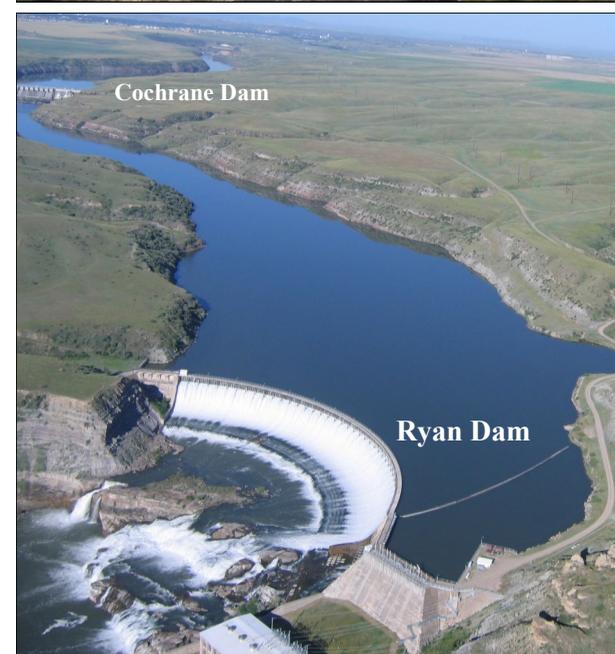
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day

FREE Days in 2015

You may enter the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center free of charge on the following days.

Apr 12, May 3,
 Jun 13, Sep 26, & Nov 11.

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Upcoming Events



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center

Jan - Aug 2015



4201 Giant Springs Road
 Great Falls, Montana 59405-0900
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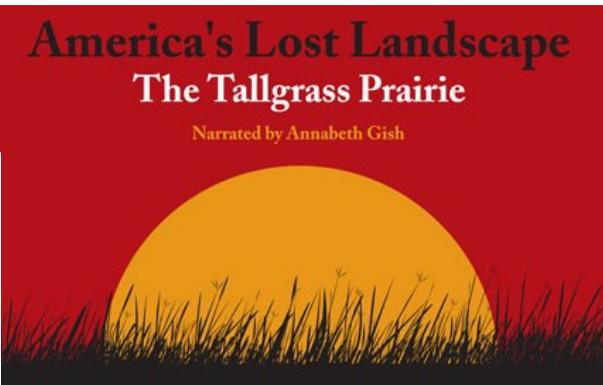


Daily Programs: Videos shown at the top of the hour – *The Journey of Lewis and Clark* (30-minutes) *Confluence of Time and Courage* (20-minutes about the 1805 Great Falls portage). **Interpretive Talks** at the bottom of the hour 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Programs approximately 20 minutes each.



Join us for our Winter Film Festival
Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29, and Feb 5

January 15, 2015; Thursday–Film Festival: America’s Lost Landscape: “The Tallgrass Prairie.” This 60-minute film tells the rich and complex story of one of the most astonishing alterations of nature in human history. Before Euro-American settlement, the Lewis & Clark Expedition viewed this stunning landscape as they travelled their way up the Missouri River. The extraordinary cinematography of prairie remnants, original score and archival images are all delicately interwoven to create a moving viewing experience about the natural & cultural history of America. Among those interviewed is friend of the Interpretive Center, Dayton Duncan. Shown at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. FREE!



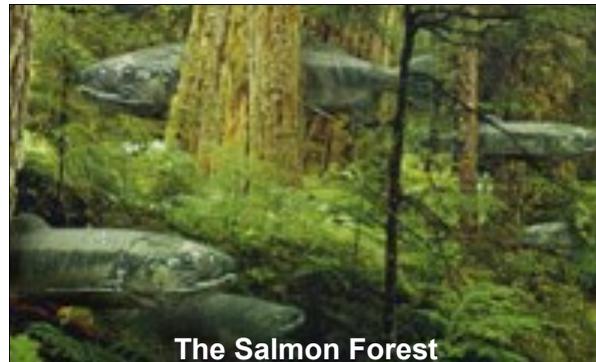
January 22, 2015; Thursday–Film Festival: “Leave it to Beavers.” The fascinating story of beavers in North America; their history, near extinction, and comeback, as a growing number of scientists, conservationists and grass-roots environmentalists have come to regard beavers as overlooked tools when it comes to reversing the effects of global warming and world-wide water shortages. Using their skills as natural builders and brilliant hydro-engineers, beavers are being recruited to accomplish everything from re-establishing water sources in bone-dry deserts to supporting whole communities of wildlife drawn to the revitalizing aquatic ecosystems their ponds provide. Running time: 60 minutes. Shown at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. FREE!



January 23, 2015; Friday—Star Party. Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society (CMAS) on the Interpretive Center parking lot to learn about our night sky. 6:00-10:00 pm FREE! *



January 29, 2015; Thursday–Film Festival: “The Salmon Forest.” This film reveals the connection between salmon, bears, trees, and people in the N.W. rainforest. The Lewis & Clark Expedition frequently noted this connection as they spent the winter along the Pacific coastline. This film features the largest remaining tract of North America’s temperate rainforest in British Columbia. Running time: 52 minutes. Shown at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. FREE!



The Salmon Forest

February 5, 2015; Thursday–Film Festival: “Living Things We Love to Hate.” Light-heartedly replaces our revulsion towards certain creatures with ecological understanding. The slimy slug...the sensuous snake...the darting bat - even the dark forest at night - just reading the words makes many of us squirm, shudder, or recoil in revulsion and fear. Yet every creature plays a vital role in its own ecosystem. This film is designed to replace those irrational fears with ecological understanding. Running time: 46 minutes. Shown at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. FREE!



February 20, 2015; Friday—Star Party. Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society (CMAS) on the Interpretive Center parking lot to learn about our night sky. 6:00-10:00 pm FREE! *

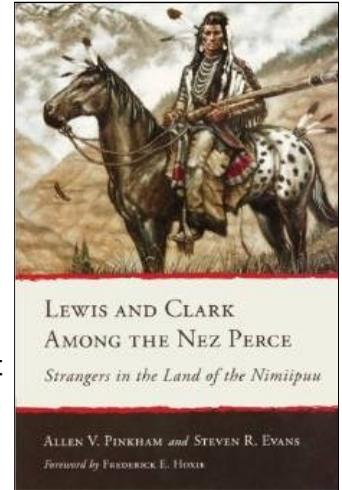


March 6, 2015; Friday—Star Party. Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society (CMAS) on the Interpretive Center parking lot to learn about our night sky. 6:00-10:00 pm FREE! *



March 19, 2015; Thursday—Sherman Lecture Series: “Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimiipuu.” Join authors Allen Pinkham and Steven Evans for a presentation on their recent book, “Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimiipuu.” The Corps of Discovery had many encounters with

Native American peoples during their journey to the Pacific and back, but accounts of their interactions with the tribes are rare. Pinkham and Evans delved into historical record and tribal oral history to tell the story of the relationship between the Nez Perce people and the Lewis and Clark expedition. The program lasts approximately 1 hour, and will be followed by a reception and book signing by the authors. Presentation is free, but visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Great Falls Community Food Bank. 7:00 pm in the Interpretive Center Theater.



April 3, 2015; Friday—Star Party. Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society (CMAS) on the Interpretive Center parking lot to learn about our night sky. 6:00-10:00 pm FREE! *



April 12, 2015, Sunday—Sunday Sampler. The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center joins with fellow members of the Great Falls Museums Consortium to present the Museum Sunday Sampler. Join the Museum Treasure Hunt and enter the drawing for a prize. Experience the museums of Great Falls. 12:00-5:00 p.m. FREE!

April 28, 2015; Tuesday—Trail Mixer Dinner and Auction. Join with the Lewis and Clark Foundation and help sponsor a variety of needs at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center including Children’s programming. Enjoy a wonderful dinner and then bid on a wide variety of adventure packages & other items. \$40 per person includes dinner. Held at the Mansfield Convention Center. Call 406-791-7732 or 406-452-5661 for information or tickets. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.