



# National Calendar of Lewis and Clark Events

September through November 2023

Just a few of the 19 Lewis and Clark events listed in this calendar:



## Quick Peek at the Lewis and Clark Events around the nation

Details about each event can be found on pages later in this calendar

Dates	Event	Location
September 2	Students learn how the Lewis and Clark explorers relaxed	Sioux City, Iowa
September 9-10	Annual salt-making event with re-enactors	Seaside, Oregon
September 9	Students discover how Lewis and Clark learned about native cultures	Sioux City, Iowa
September 9-14	Online bidding for fundraising auction for Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana
September 15	A Taste of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century fundraiser for Travelers' Rest, includes auction	Missoula, Montana
September 17	Great Lakes Region's picnic at Catnip Hollow Bison Farm	Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin
September 23-24	Walk Back in Time Festival	Mexico, Missouri
September 23-24	Heritage Days at Sacajawea Historical State Park	Pasco, Washington
September 30	Last day of "Reimaging America" map exhibit at Ponca State Park	Ponca, Idaho
October 7	Fall Frolic at Sacajawea Interpretive, Educational and Cultural Center	Salmon, Idaho
October 9	"Reimaging America" map exhibit opens at High Plains Museum	Goodland, Kansas
October 11	Shannon Kelly presentation on Alexander Wilson, ornithologist and friend of Meriwether Lewis	Hohenwald, Tennessee, and via Zoom
October 20	Last day of the "Noble Brutes: Engravings of the American Bison" exhibit	Travelers Rest, Montana
October 21	Ohio River Chapter meeting at Big Bone Lick Park	Union, Kentucky
October 21	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Lewis and Clark Historic Craft Fair at Camp River Dubois	Hartford, Illinois
October 28	Students learn about storytelling	Sioux City, Iowa
October 29-30	Southwest Region of LCTHF gathers for history museums, learning and fun	Auburn, California
November 4	Adopt-A-Bison Committee event at Big Bone Lick Historic Site	Union, Kentucky
November 19	Northeast Region's book talk about Jefferson and exploration	Zoom

The following calendar entries are for events through November. Please visit the calendar on the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation website](https://www.lewisandclarktrailheritagefoundation.org) to see if more events become listed during the upcoming three months. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free.

### Have an event for the Lewis and Clark calendar?

Email the information to [garykimsey55@gmail.com](mailto:garykimsey55@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. [Click here](#) to see what type of details to send in. **Remember: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month deadline.**

## September events:

- **September 2 (Saturday):** The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, Iowa, will host free educational events for students in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades: Take a Break. The Lewis and Clark explorers worked hard all day, every day, but they also had time to relax on their journey. Kids will learn how the explorers enjoyed the relaxation time and why we now celebrate workers on Labor Day. The session for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is part of the center's [Adventure Saturdays](#) program. Registration is required; class size is limited. [More information.](#)

- **September 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday):** Members of the [Pacific Northwest Living Historians](#) will hold their annual Lewis and Clark Salt Makers event in [Seaside, Oregon](#). The free event—during which the re-enactors will make salt similar to how the explorers did during their time at nearby Fort Clatsop—will go from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday on the Seaside Beach west of the Avenue U and Prom intersection. In addition to making salt over an open fire, the living historians will share the history and stories of the expedition. More info: Call the Seaside Museum, (503) 738-7062, or send an email, [seasidemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:seasidemuseum@gmail.com).

This interactive event for the whole family is sponsored by the [Seaside Museum](#), assisted by a grant from the [City of Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee](#), with support by the [Sandy Cove Inn](#), Owsley Wood Services, and [United Site Services](#).

### Learn more about the expedition's salt-making:

- [Salt and the expedition.](#)
- [Dietary salt: Lewis' singular thirst.](#)
- [Salt-curing meat.](#)
- [The salt works by air.](#)



Replica of the Lewis and Clark salt-making cairn on what is believed to be the site in Seaside, Oregon, where expedition members made salt. Photo by Gary Kimsey. [Learn more...](#)

- **September 9 (Saturday):** Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center](#) in Sioux City, Iowa, to learn about the extremely diverse culture of the Sioux and how the Lewis and Clark explorers were impacted by different cultures. The free class goes from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Central Time) at the center, 900 Larsen Park Road. [Click here to register.](#) The class is part of the center's [Adventure Saturdays](#) program for youngsters, offered through December. [More info.](#)

Students will learn to identify the elements of culture, the elements of their own culture and the differences between their culture and other cultures in the region. A book will be read about a young Hidatsa woman and the ways her culture influenced her daily life. There will also be a craft project that celebrates the diversity of culture in the region.



Adventure Saturdays are offered at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Sioux City, Iowa.

- **September 15 (Friday) with online auction from September 9 to September 14:** [Travelers' Rest Connection](#) will host A Taste of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a fundraiser to help support [Travelers' Rest State Park](#) near Missoula, Montana. The event, which starts at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time), includes a dinner of expedition-inspired cuisine: small plates including bison sliders, elk skewers grilled salmon, and a vegetarian option, as well as festive cocktails mixed up by Lolo Creek Distillery and beer from Lolo Peak Brewing Company. There will also be Lewis and Clark buffs from whom you can learn more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

An auction will feature one-of-a-kind experience packages. [Click here](#) to learn more about the event, as well as the auction with items that can be bid on either at the event or through online bidding from September 9 to September 14. The goal is to raise \$30,000 for field trips, [Trekker Kids](#), [Saturday Storytelling](#), exhibits and other programs offered.



**A TASTE OF THE 19TH CENTURY**  
**TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK, LOLO, MONTANA**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 AT 5:00 PM**  
 SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LIKE FIELD TRIPS, TREKKER KIDS, AND SATURDAY STORYTELLING WHILE ENJOYING...

- EXPEDITION THEMED CUISINE
- LOCAL BEER & COCKTAILS
- DESSERT AUCTION
- HISTORICAL DEMONSTRATIONS
- GUIDED TOURS
- LIVE AUCTION

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- **September 17 (Sunday):** The Great Lakes Region of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold a Lewis and Clark picnic at 1 p.m. (Central Time) at the [Catnip Hollow Bison Farm](#), 615 Dead End Rd., Mt. Horeb, Wisc.

Please bring your summer travel stories to tell others, your own drink (no alcohol), a side dish or dessert to go along with a delectable bison stew—and don't forget your lawn chairs.

More info: Laura Labadie, [ljl50states@gmail.com](mailto:ljl50states@gmail.com).



The Catnip Hollow Bison Farm, where the Great Lakes Region's picnic will be held on September 17, is a place of natural beauty with an interesting history—not to mention a large collection of antlers found on the farm. See photo.

[Read this article](#) about how the farm owner, Mark Koepl, bought a dilapidated old farm being sold by a bank and turned the place into a veritable Eden.

- **September 23-24 (Saturday-Sunday):** Living history re-enactors from the [Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo.](#), will educate visitors about the expedition at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Walk Back In Time Festival in Mexico, Mo. The family-friendly, living history festival is a place where visitors can walk from camp to camp and experience life during important periods of America history—from the Vikings and pirates to Lewis and Clark and modern times. The festival offers talks, food and music. [Learn more](#) about the festival. If you want to contact someone for more details: [lparratt@audrain.org](mailto:lparratt@audrain.org).

The festival is held by the Audrain County Historical Society, City of Mexico Tourism Commission and Missouri Humanities Council. The Discovery Expedition is a corps of dedicated re-enactors associated with the [Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum](#) in St. Charles.

- **September 23-24 (Saturday and Saturday):** The annual [Heritage Days at Sacajawea Historical State Park](#), Pasco, Wa., will be held at the site where the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped for two days in October 1805 at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

The event will feature a Lewis and Clark living history encampment presented by the [Pacific Northwest Living Historians](#). There will also be Mountain Man camps, Native American dancing and cultural displays, vintage steam engines and more for two days of family-friendly fun and learning.

The times are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Saturday is National Public Lands Day, so it is a free day at the park. A Discover Pass (\$10 for one day or \$30 for an annual pass) will be required for day-use parking on Sunday.



Photo from Heritage Days in 2022.

The expedition arrived at the site Oct. 16, 1802 and found a thriving Native American community of [Yakamas](#) and [Wanapums](#), who considerately kept their distance until the explorers finished setting up camp. Then, as Clark reported in his journal, “a Chief came from their Camps...at the head of about 200 men Singing and beating on their drums...and keeping time to the music, they formed a half circle around us and Sung for Some time.” [Discover more](#) about the expedition’s time there.

- **September 30 (Saturday):** Last Day of the traveling exhibit “Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark” at [Ponca State Park](#), Ponca, Neb.

The exhibit explains how the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s findings transformed Euro-American understandings of North America in the early 1800s. It also investigates methods used by the explorers to gather and process that information, including preexisting maps, navigational scientific equipment that was considered cutting edge for its time, and intelligence gained from Native Americans whom the explorers interacted.

“Reimagining America” was created by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to increase awareness of the story of the nation’s geographic understanding of itself and the different cultural viewpoints and strategies that enabled Lewis and Clark to map and share their data. [More info about the exhibit.](#)

## October events:

- **October 7 (Saturday):** Today is the annual Fall Frolic at the Sacajawea Interpretive, Educational, and Cultural Center in Salmon, Idaho—a fun time you don’t want to miss. There will be pioneer games, wagon rides, hot cider, crafts, food, music, and a pumpkin patch. The activities are for the whole family. The event goes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time). [More info.](#)

While you’re at the Fall Frolic in Salmon, Idaho, make sure to say hello to Seaman, Meriwether Lewis’ dog.

The Newfoundland is memorialized in a statue at the Sacajawea Interpretive, Educational and Cultural Center (photo to the right).

The 71-acre center is very pet-friendly, with a dog park and a beautiful walking trail for dogs and humans alike, and an area where the names of alive or deceased beloved pets can be memorialized.



- **October 9 (Monday):** The traveling exhibit “Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark” opens at the High Plains Museum, Goodland, Kansas. The exhibit will be shown there until November 20.

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- **October 10 (Tuesday):** Shannon Kelly, interpretive resource specialist at the [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan State Historic Site](#), Washburn, N.D., will give a presentation in Hohenwald, Tenn., about the friendship between Meriwether Lewis and Alexander Wilson and their contributions to ornithology.

Shannon’s presentation starts at 7 p.m. (Central Time) at the Lewis County Public Library and Archives in Hohenwald. Her presentation, titled “Birds of a Feather: Meriwether Lewis and Alexander Wilson,” will also be broadcast via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, please send an email to Crystal Nash, [lewislibrary@bellsouth.net](mailto:lewislibrary@bellsouth.net). Crystal will email you the link about a week prior to Shannon’s presentation.

Wilson was the only Lewis friend to visit the explorer’s burial place near Hohenwald, Tenn., and document the account of Priscilla Grinder, who was at Grinder’s Stand the night Lewis died.

Wilson is perhaps the naturalist most influenced by Lewis and Clark. Considered the “Father of American Ornithology,” Wilson used the Lewis and Clark journal writings and specimens to complete his own works. [Learn more about Wilson.](#)



Alexander Wilson. The portrait, circa 1809-1813, is attributed to artist Thomas Sully (1783-1872).

- **October 20 (Friday):** The exhibit *These Noble Brutes: Engravings of the American Bison, 1749-1909* ends today at [Travelers’ Rest Connection](#) near Missoula, Montana. The engravings from the Lee Silliman Print Collection feature works by Frederic Remington, George Catlin, Seth Eastman, John Stanley, and other artists. The engravings explore the natural history of the bison, the animal’s importance to Native American tribes and the bison’s dramatic decline in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. [More info.](#)

- **October 21 (Saturday):** The Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold a meeting at [Big Bone Lick Park](#) in Union, Kentucky. More details will be published in the September Lewis and Clark calendar. Or contact Skip Jackson at [jackson.skip@yahoo.com](mailto:jackson.skip@yahoo.com).

- **October 21 (Saturday):** The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Lewis and Clark State Historic Site near Hartford, Illinois, will host a Lewis and Clark Historic Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Time). The event will feature local craftspeople and artisans who will demonstrate and sell their goods like pottery, baskets, soap, quilts, and products of other crafts. More info: [CampDubois.com](http://CampDubois.com).

- **October 28 (Saturday):** The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, Iowa, will host free educational events for students in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades: Campfire Stories. The Lewis and Clark explorers often sat around campfires at night—what sort of stories might they have told? Storytelling is an important tradition in most cultures. The

students will have s'mores and learn about storytelling. The session for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; for 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is part of the center's [Adventure Saturdays](#) program. Registration is required; class size is limited. [More information.](#)

- **October 29-30 (Sunday-Monday):** The Southwest Region of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will have a gathering in [Auburn](#), Calif.—the community where [Jean Baptist Charbonneau](#) (nicknamed “[Pomp](#)” by Lewis and Clark) worked as a miner, hotel clerk and ferryman before heading out on his ill-fated trip to the Montana goldfields where he died.

### Did you know?

In the Lewis and Clark journals, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the infant son of Sacajawea and Toussaint Charbonneau, is referred to as “a fine boy,” “Shabonahs infant,” “Charbono’s Child,” “Charbono’s son,” “Pompy,” and “Baptiest.” Usually, though, he is simply called “the child.”

The nickname “Pomp” and “little dancing boy Baptiest” came from William Clark’s August 20, 1806, letter to Toussaint.

To learn more, [read this article](#) by [Kris Townsend](#) posted on [lewis-clark.org](#).

Details of the gathering are still being finalized, but Katy Bartosh, curator of education at the [Placer County Museums](#), recommended visiting the [Berhard Museum](#) and [Gold Rush Museum](#) on October 29, and then, on October 30, taking a guided walking tour of [Old Town Auburn](#) and visiting the [Placer County Museum](#) and [Griffith Quarry](#).

Lunch and dinner are expected to be held in Auburn on

October 29, with a lunch after the walking tour and museum visit on October 30. Auburn has lodging; you will need to get around in your own vehicle.

Located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Auburn is 33 miles from Sacramento. Known for its gold rush history, Auburn is a California Historical Landmark.

Please contact Philippa Newfield, [philgor@aol.com](mailto:philgor@aol.com), 415-387-3403, by August 30 if you would like to attend this Southwest Region event.

### ...And did you also know?

Jean Baptiste Charbonneau arrived in Auburn, California, in 1848, during California’s Gold Rush. His traveling companion was [Jim Beckwourth](#), a famous trailblazer.

Jean Baptiste mined at Murder’s Bar, ran a ferry at Manhattan Bar, spent years mining at Secret Ravine outside of Auburn, and later became a clerk at the Orleans Hotel.

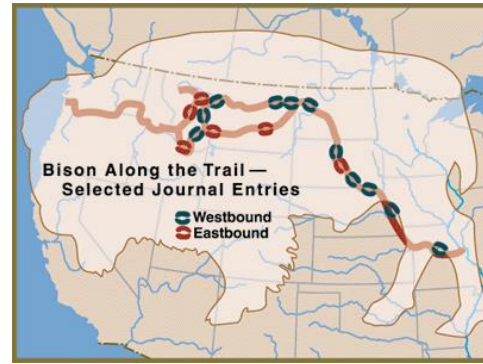
By the way, in case you’re unfamiliar with the term “[bar](#)” mentioned above, it is a mining word that refers to using a flume to wash sand or gravel in a stream in search of gold.

[Click here](#) for more details about Jean Baptiste’s time in the Auburn area.

## November events:

- **November 4 (Saturday):** Members of the Adopt-A-Bison Committee of the Ohio River Region of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will celebrate [National Bison Day](#) at the [Big Bone Lick State Historic Site](#). The event begins at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time). The Ohio River Region annual provides one year’s supply of food and veterinarian care for one bison from the herd at the Big Bone Lick State Historic Site. Located near Union, Kentucky, the historic site will provide activities throughout this day related to the bison herd located there. For more information, email Jerry Wilson, [wilsonjkw@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsonjkw@yahoo.com).

To learn about the connections of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with Big Bone Lick, [click here](#). [Here's a synopsis](#) of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's encounters with bison. And here's a [gallery of artwork of bison](#) by artists of today and in the past. All three links in this paragraph go to [lewis-clark.org](#), the educational website of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The website, which can also be accessed by typing [Discover Lewis & Clark](#) into your browser, is the world's largest online collection of materials related to the expedition and its time era.



[Click here](#) to read a synopsis the times the Lewis and Clark Expedition encountered bison.

### Bison vs. Buffalo: Which is which?

[Read this article](#) from the Smithsonian's National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute. You may be surprised to learn what you've thought all your life about buffalo in North America is wrong!

Here's another good article to read: [Bison in decline](#). You'll learn the interesting and tragic details of why and how the animals became nearly extinct in North America.

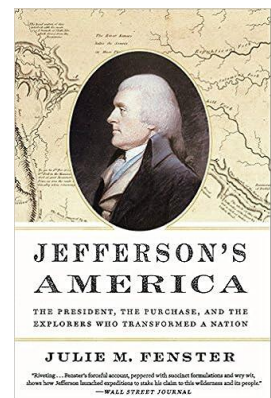
And something to watch...Ken Burns (who in 1997 [produced a film about the Lewis and Clark Expedition](#)) has a new documentary premiering October 6 on PBS. Titled "The American Bison," the two-part series will take viewers on a journey of more than 10,000 years of American history, tracing the animals' evolution, near extinction and efforts to bring them back from the brink. [Learn more about the upcoming documentary](#).



The Ohio River Region's Adopt-A-Bison Committee: Left to right: Lorna Hainesworth, Skip Jackson, Janice Wilson, and Jerry Wilson. Not shown: Park ranger Paul Simpson

- November 19 (Sunday):** The Northeast Region of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will host a Zoom book talk at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time) about the book *Jefferson's America: The President, the Purchase, and the Explorers who Transformed a Nation* by Julie M. Fenster. The book tells the story of how Thomas Jefferson commanded an unrivaled age of American exploration that forged a great nation. This is the first book talk held by the region. You can purchase the book by [clicking here](#). Here is the [Zoom link](#) for the talk. More info: [dougkohler1@gmail.com](mailto:dougkohler1@gmail.com).

The book covers the Lewis and Clark Expedition, but also delves into other teams of explorers dispatched by Jefferson: William Dunbar, George Unter, Thomas Freeman, Peter Custis, and Zebulon Pike. The book is deeply researched and inspiring.



The book that is the topic of the Northeast Region's November 19 book talk.



This monthly calendar of Lewis and Clark events throughout the nation is brought to you by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and telling the story of the expedition.

The organization has members living all along the 4,900-mile Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and elsewhere throughout the nation and world.

[Learn more](#) about the organization. [How to become a member](#) (membership is inexpensive).

