



National Calendar of Lewis and Clark Events

April, May and June 2024

Here are the Lewis and Clark events across the nation. They will be fun and educational and a good time to see Lewis and Clark's friends and make new ones!

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
April 3, 10, 17, and 24	Mouth of the Platte study group of Lewis and Clark journals	Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska
April 5	"Cabinet of Natural History" exhibit opens at Travelers' Rest Connection	Missoula, Montana
April 6	"Eager Beavers" Trekker Kids program at Travelers' Rest	Missoula, Montana
April 11	Reception to view sculptures by Richard V. Greeves	St. Charles, Missouri
April 13	Zoom book discussion on <i>Fortune's a River</i> by Barry Gough	Zoom
April 16	At Mouth of the Platte Chapter monthly dinner, Jack Christ's talk on "The Louisiana Purchase: How the Dominoes Fell into Place"	TBD. Check LCTHF website
April 18	OpenAIR artists-in-residence Steve and Bev Glueckert presentation at Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana
April 20	Native games Trekker Kids program at Travelers' Rest	Missoula, Montana
April 26-28	Muster Weekend to prepare L&C boats by the Boat House & Museum	St. Charles, Mo.
May 4	Larry Campell talk on the Missouri River and Lewis and Clark	Bentonville, Arkansas
May 4	Annual Gathering at TmsmHf at Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana
May 11-12	Departure Weekend at Camp River Dubois	Hartford, Illinois
May 17-19	Hawken Classic at Lewis and Clark Boathouse and Museum	St. Charles, Missouri
June 7-9	Self-tour (June 7) and field trip (June 8-9) of The Dalles Columbia River area	The Dalles, Oregon

Note: Please visit the calendar on the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation website](#) to see if more events become listed during the upcoming month. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free.

Have an event for the Lewis and Clark calendar?

Email the information to garykimsey55@gmail.com by the 15th of the month. [Click here](#) to see what type of details to send in. **Remember: 15th of the month deadline.** Calendars are distributed on or about the first day of the month.

April Events

- **April 3, 10, 17, and 20 (Wednesdays):** The Mouth of the Platte Chapter's study group will meet on these days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Central Time) to study the journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Anyone with an interest in the expedition is welcome to attend.

For various reasons, there is a new location schedule for the meetings:

- The meetings on April 3 and April 10 are at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall ("OSL"), 600 Bluff Street in Council Bluffs.
- The meetings on April 17 and April 24 are at The Heritage at Sterling Ridge ("SR"), 1111 Sterling Ridge Drive (about 126th and Pacific Street), Omaha, Neb.

The weekly study group meetings are open meetings with coffee and treats. The first hour is a time of sharing Lewis and Clark experiences by each participant.

The second hour is devoted to reading and discussing entries in *The Definitive Journals of Lewis and Clark - Volume 7 and 8* edited by Gary Moulton. Note: On April 17 the Study group will begin readings from Volume 8.

The Mouth of the Platte Chapter's designated meeting dates and locations for its study group and the dates in the expedition's journal entries to read for those meetings are:

- On April 3 at OSL. The reading will cover June 4-6, 1806.
- On April 10 at OSL: The reading will cover June 7-9, 1806.
- On April 17 at SR: The reading will cover June 10-11, 1806.
- On April 24 at SR: The reading will cover June 12-16, 1806.

For more information, contact Keith Bystrom at knbystrom68@gmail.com.

- **April 5 (Friday):** A new exhibit called the "Cabinet of Natural History" will open at Travelers' Rest Connection near Missoula, Montana. The exhibit will feature the complete collection of vintage hand-colored stone lithographs that comprised the first such printed ensemble in the United States.

Thomas Doughty (1793-1856), a Philadelphia painter of the Hudson River School genre, turned his talents toward publishing a monthly serial featuring avian and mammalian imagery that would appeal to American sportsmen.

These beautiful prints accompanied natural history commentaries, various sporting accounts, and travel narratives. The three volumes, which lasted only from 1830 to 1833, are rare, with the truncated third volume exceedingly scarce. The exhibit contains *all* 54 printed colored lithographs.

[Learn more](#) about Travelers' Rest Connection and the exhibit.



A piece of artwork in the exhibit: A look at a Newfoundland dog, the breed of Seaman, Meriwether Lewis' dog on the expedition.

Today, Seaman is typically portrayed as a black-furred dog, but back in the time of Lewis and Clark, Newfoundlands in America were believed to be typically white and black or white and brown. The all-black Newfoundland apparently did not arrive until later in America. [Find out more about Seaman.](#)

- **April 6 (Saturday):** Travelers' Rest State Park near Missoula, Montana, offers Trekker Kids, a series of free Saturday fun activities and learning programs for kids and families that celebrate the outdoors of western

A promotional graphic for Trekker Kids activities in April 2024. The graphic has a green and yellow background. On the left, there is a green archway containing the text "April 2024" and "TREKKER KIDS". Below this, there are two activity listings: "April 6: Eager Beavers" with the description "Learn about what happens inside a beaver dam then build your own!" and "April 20: Native Games" with the description "Appreciate traditions that have been around for centuries by running, playing, and having fun!". On the right side, there are four circular images: a beaver dam, a beaver, a group of people, and a group of people playing a game.

Montana and the rich history of the [Travelers' Rest](#) site.\

Trekker Kids is geared toward children 10 of age and under and their families. Programs take place at 11 a.m. (Mountain Time). [More info.](#)

The April 6 Trekker Kids offers "Eager Beavers"—the opportunity to learn what happens inside a beaver dam, and then it's on to building your own.

On April 20, Trekker Kids will focus on native games, an appreciation of traditions that have been around for centuries. An event for playing, having fun, getting exercise, and learning.

- **April 11 (Thursday):** Join Lewis and Clark enthusiasts from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Central Time) at the [Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum](#) in St. Charles, Mo., to immerse yourself in the incredible world of the explorers as you see extraordinary sculptures by the late Richard V. Greeves. The St. Louis-born sculptor was inspired by the Lewis and Clark Expedition to



honor the Native people who were at the center of the journey.

Tickets are free, but please [register now at Eventbrite](#). For more information, please contact Robert Foster, director@lewisandclarkboathouse.org.

The event will begin with a reception. Speakers will offer brief presentations about the artist, the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the process of skillful craftsmanship used to create the sculptures.

A dozen of Greeves' bronze busts and other figures depicting the people of the West will be showcased. His work beautifully depicts the cultural exchanges, challenges and triumphs that unfolded during the Lewis and Clark period in history.

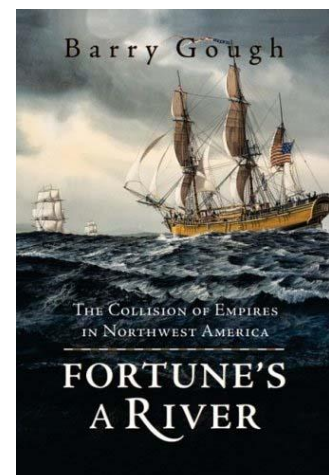
- **April 13 (Saturday):** The Northeast Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will have a Zoom book discussion on Saturday. The discussion, which goes from 1 p.m. to 1 p.m. (Central Time), is about chapters 7 to 10 of *Fortune's a River: The Collision of Empires in Northwest America* by Barry Gough. For the Zoom link, please contact Judy Okun, judyokun1@gmail.com.

Fortune's a River is considered by some historians and others to be the most authoritative and readable account to date of just how British Columbia became British and how Oregon, Washington and Alaska became American.

Barry Gough was a professor of history at Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario until his retirement in 2004. An expert on the maritime history of the Pacific Ocean, he has published widely on Anglo-Canadian naval subjects.

- **April 16 (Tuesday):** The Mouth of the Platte Chapter will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. (Central Time) at a location to be determined. To learn the location, check the calendar on the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation website](#) in a few days.

The presenter is MOP member Jack Christ, who will discuss the diverse factors that led to the surprising purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States in 1803: *The Louisiana Purchase: How the Dominoes Fell into Place*. Jack will also offer a brief review of the States in 1803. **Note:** MOP's practice is to have monthly



luncheon meetings during the winter and changes to monthly dinners when Daylight Savings Time provides more light in the evenings. For more info, contact Keith Bystrom at knbystrom68@gmail.com.

- **April 18 (Thursday):** Travelers' Rest State Park OpenAIR artists-in-residence Steve and Bev Glueckert will give a presentation at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Travelers' Rest State Park near Missoula, Montana. [More info.](#)

- **April 20 (Saturday):** Travelers' Rest State Park will hold its free Saturday series, Trekker Kids, with today's program focusing on native games, an appreciation of traditions that have been around for centuries. This is an event for playing, having fun, getting exercise, and learning.



The Trekker Kids offer fun activities and learning programs for kids and families that celebrate the outdoors of western Montana and the rich history of the [Travelers' Rest](#) site.

Trekker Kids is geared toward children 10 of age and under and their families. Programs take place at 11 a.m. (Mountain Time). [More info.](#)



- **April 26-28 (Friday-Sunday):** The Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum in St. Charles, Mo., will hold its annual Muster Weekend to prepare its replicas of Lewis and Clark crafts to visit festivals, historical happenings, and other educational expedition-related events this spring, summer and into fall.

The replicas include a one-of-a-kind keelboat and two pirogues similar to the expedition's. To learn more about the replicas, [click here](#).

On Muster Weekend, volunteers do all of the necessary "this and that" to prepare the boats. There's work to do, but it's also fun.

Volunteers with the associated Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles use the boats to teach heritage through living history.

This year, the priority is to ensure the fleet is ready to be on the water for a May 31-June 2 film shoot at the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum. The shoot will record a re-enactment of the expedition's arrival and departure at St. Charles. (To learn more about the film shoot, see this calendar's May 31-June 2 entry.)

If you can participate in the Muster Weekend, it is important to schedule as soon as possible with Brigitte

at brigitteandnorm@gmail.com or call her at 314 304 7877. If you have questions about the weekend, please email John Meyer, chair of the Boat Committee, at jmeyer4973@gmail.com.



Preparing the white pirogue. Photo from the February newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum, St. Charles, Mo.

The Lewis and Clark explorers used different kinds of boats besides their mainstays, the big boat and two pirogues. [Click here](#) to learn more. (Note: Some historians believe the large boat may have been more like a barge without a keel, but nobody knows for certain.)

May Events

- **May 4 (Saturday):** The Southern Prairie Region and Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will host a free program by Dr. Larry Campbell, “Lewis & Clark on the Missouri River: History and Personal Observations,” at 1 p.m. (Central Time) in the Bentonville Community Center, 1101 Southwest Citizens Circle, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Larry is an emeritus professor of mathematics education at Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo. He is interested in the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Missouri River, which the explorers followed into uncharted lands.

Larry has firsthand experience with the river. In 2016, he took a seven-week journey by car along the river from its source, where the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin rivers join each other near Three Forks, Montana, to become the Missouri River.

Larry’s journey ended near St. Louis, Mo. In 2017, Acclaim Press published a book that he wrote as a result of his journey: *Rollin’ Down the River: Discovering People and Place Along the Mighty Missouri*.

Here is a State of Iowa Website [review of Larry’s book](#), which is available on Amazon, Google Books, and elsewhere online.

To learn more about Larry, [click here](#).

The event will include social time before and after Larry’s presentation. An informal dinner will be held at 6 p.m. The dinner location will be determined that day.

Attendees will have time to visit the [Crystal Bridges Art Museum](#) at 10 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. The museum has artwork by George Catlin and Thomas Hart Benton.

Two other good visitation sites in Bentonville are the [Museum of Native American History](#), 202 S.W.O St., or [The Momentary](#), 507 SE E St., which offers visual and performing arts, living music, culinary experiences, artists-in-residence, and more.

FYI: No guided tours will be offered at Crystal Bridges Art Museum or either of the two places mentioned in the paragraph above.

RSVPs are not required but are highly encouraged by sending an email to southernprairie@lewisandclark.org or calling Kay Schaefer at (816) 830-0882.

- **May 4 (Saturday):** Travelers’ Rest State Park will host the annual Gathering at Tmsmtł at the park near Missouri, Montana. The event from noon to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) celebrates traditional and contemporary Indigenous culture with art, demonstrations, food, and more in the place the Séliš called Tmsmtł.

To prepare for the event, Travelers’ Rest is looking for indigenous artists of all backgrounds and mediums to share their talent at this spring event. Poets, musicians, dancers, writers, educators, and vendors are welcome. An honorarium is available for performers. No vendor fees.

Contact: (406) 273-4253 or info@travelersrest.org. More info at the [Travelers’ Rest Connection website](#).



Larry Campbell



- **May 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday):** The Lewis & Clark State Historic Site near Hartford, Ill., will hold its annual Departure Weekend Celebration to commemorate the departure of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from Camp River Dubois on May 14, 1804. The celebration is held at a replica of Camp River Dubois and an adjacent Lewis and Clark museum.



The free event, always a fun time for the family, commemorates the important 1804 date in Illinois and American history. It features demonstrations of artillery, muskets, candle making, fiber arts, cooking, and more. Volunteers will exhibit the replica of the white pirogue the expedition journeyed in.

For more information about the event, [click here](#), and, for about the 1804 departure, [here](#).

- **May 17-19 (Friday-Sunday):** The annual [Hawken Classic](#) will be held at the [Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum](#) in St. Charles, Mo. The event is to celebrate the Hawken rifle's contribution to American history and features guest speakers, historical displays, vendors and other attractions.



The Hawken Rifle and Samuel Hawken, who died on May 8, 1884, at the age of 92, in St. Louis. He was buried at [Bellevue Cemetery](#), about 200 yards from William Clark's gravesite. Brother Jacob died in 1849; his burial site is unknown. Artwork by Hawken Classic.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn not only about Lewis and Clark by touring the Boathouse and Museum but to find out more information about the Mountain Men historical period that came almost immediately after the expedition.

The Hawken rifle was developed in the 1820s by the [Jacob and Samuel Hawken](#) brothers and manufactured and sold in St. Louis, Mo. It became the most popular rifle for fur trappers, traders, clerks, and hunters. The price of a Hawken in the 1820s was about \$25, which doesn't seem much now, but it was a hefty sum back then.

Just a tidbit of modern history: The 1972 film *Jeremiah Johnson*, which starred [Robert Redford](#) as a [mountain man](#) who acquired a Hawken rifle from a dead man, generated an interest in replicas and an increased popularity of muzzleloaders used by modern hunters.

To learn more about the Hawken rifle, [click here](#).

- **June 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday):** The [Pacific Northwest Region](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will host a field trip organized by the Washington Chapter. The field trip will explore the area around The Dalles, Oregon, on the Columbia River.

Meanwhile, on Friday, June 7, you can see sights on your own along the Columbia River per the Columbia River Guide that follows this calendar entry. Then, at 7 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Friday, a no-host dinner will be held at [Clock Tower Ales](#), 311 Union, in The Dalles.

On Saturday, the field trip will begin at the [Columbia Gorge Discovery Center](#), 5000 Discovery Dr (I-84 exit No. 76 or No. 82) for a 10:30 p.m. program by Susan Buce, museum registrar, on Seufert Cannery, Winquatt Museum, Fish Wheels, and Celilo Falls. Robert Heacock, a Pacific Northwest Region member, will share a collection of photos of

this area of the Columbia River and a selection of maps from the estate of the late Roger Wendlick, a long-time Lewis and Clark enthusiast.

The presentations will be followed by BYO lunch and an opportunity to view the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center exhibits. Next, everyone will then meet at Rock Fort Campsite (near 801 W 1st St, The Dalles, or I-84 exit No. 84 or No. 85), then travel to The Dalles Lock and Dam Visitor Center and circa 1890 Seufert Cannery (3545 Bret Clodfelter Way, Exit No. 87) and have a view of 15 Mile Creek and the powerhouse.

The field trip for this day will finish at Celilo Park (I-84 exit No. 97) and the site of Celilo Falls. A 6 p.m. dinner will be held at Cousins Restaurant and Saloon (2114 W 6th St, The Dalles, I-84 Exit No. 83 or No. 84).

On Sunday, the field trip will begin at 9 a.m. at Horsethief Lake State Park to view an important petroglyph display. A walk will then be taken along a scenic trail around Horsethief Butte, led by Rennie and Barb Kubik.

FYI: Group camping will be available at the Deschutes River State Recreation Area site A, on the Biggs-Rufus Highway. There is a maximum of 25 people and fees are paid by the Pacific Northwest Region. For more information, contact Glen Kirkpatrick at 971-337-4954.

What happened at The Dalles?

Simple answer: Plenty. Learn for yourself by [clicking here](#). Among the articles you'll find:

- The geology the explorers saw.
- How Pierre Cruzatte and his fiddle cast a spell over the local natives.
- The cycle of life at The Dalles.

The info above is posted on lewis-clark.org, the educational website for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. It's the world's most informative source of information about the explorers and their times.

Interesting sights that can be seen at your own pace include:

- **Fort Dalles Museum** - 500 W 15th and Garrison St, The Dalles, OR
- **National Neon Sign Museum** - 200 E 3rd St, The Dalles, OR
- **End of Oregon Trail Marker** at City Park 5th Street and Union Street
- **Pulpit Rock** – 12th Street and Court Street (next to high school tennis courts 220 E 10th St, The Dalles, OR)
- **Sorosis Park Viewpoint** on West Scenic Drive
- **Downtown The Dalles** which now has 32 Murals

Here's a guide that will direct you to the many places to see:

For more information, contact Robert Heacock at heacock1@mindspring.com or 509-991-4080.

Columbia River Guide - sights to see in the area of The Dalles

Compiled by Robert Heacock of the Pacific Northwest Region

Oregon Side - I-84 Left Bank	Columbia River Mile	Washington Side Hwy 14 Right Bank	Remarks
Hood River	169		
Hood River Bridge	169.8		Built 1928
Mosier Tunnels	174		Scenic one mile walk, from tunnel look down at 18 Mile Island
Mosier	175	Coyote Wall	Hiking trails up Coyote Wall
	177	Catherine Creek – Pilgrim Rocks	Park In wide spots and walk to river edge to view series of singular rocks named by William Clark
	177.2	Major Creek	Area of Expedition campsite of April 14, 1806
	178	Memaloose Island	Meriwether Lewis branding iron found c.1893
	178.9	Highway Rest Area	Great views of river and Memaloose Island

Rowena Summit viewpoint	181		On Historic Highway 30, can be reached from Mosier or I-84 exit 76. Great view of the Klickitat River Valley and the landmark twin bridges
Ortley Anticline	182.8	Ortley Pinnacles	Vertical basalt from local fault line with views and rock climbing
	183.5	Doug's Beach Park	Named the Friendly Village by Lewis and Clark in when they stopped here for lunch 10/29/1805
Squally Point	185		High winds on 10/28/1805 caused the Expedition to retreat to Taylor Lake.
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center	185.8		5000 Discovery Drive – The Dalles. Meeting site for PNW Chapter LCTHF event
Taylor Lake	186.2	Pull onto side roads for great view of Squally Point and Taylor Lake.	Expedition campsite of 10/28/1805
Google plant 2019	187		
Google plant 2006	187.5		Googles first server plant
Rock Fort Campsite	189.2		Expedition camp 10/25-27/1805 and 4/15-17/1806 with views of Mt Hood 30 miles away
The Dalles Bridge	191.3	The Dalles Bridge	Built 1953
The Dalles Lock and Dam	191.5	The Dalles Lock and Dam	Spillway gates closed March 10, 1957
Seufert Cannery Park	192		The Dalles Dam Visitor Center and 15 Mile Creek
Head of Long Narrows	194.3		
	194.5	Horsethief Lake-Petroglyph display	Columbia Hills State Park – Expedition camp 10/24/1805
Short Narrows	197		
Short Narrows-Browns island	197.5		
Oregon Trunk Rail Bridge	200	Oregon Trunk Rail Bridge	Camp 10/23/1805 below bridge
Celilo Park - Falls-Horseshoe Falls	200.9	Celilo Falls	At second square navigation marker
	201	Wishram – Historic locomotive	Camp 10/22/1805
	202	Hwy 14 viewpoint turnout	Awesome view
	203	Miller Island	
Deschutes River	204	Miller Island	Oregon Trail Crossing
	205	Miller Island	
	206	Maryhill Winery	
	207	Maryhill Museum	Mount Hood 45.5 miles
Oregon Trail first look marker	207.8	Marker on Biggs-Rufus Highway (Frontage Road)	Emigrant's first view of Columbia River
Biggs Junction	208.2	Hwy 97 Bridge 1962	

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	209	Maryhill State Park	
	209.5		4/22/1806 Overland Trail Descent to River
	210	Stonehenge Memorial 7/4/1718 Completed 5/30/1929	4/22/1806 Overland Trail Descent to River



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).