

Devil's Raceground Inset

LEWIS & CLARK ACROSS MISSOURI:

Mapping the Historic
Landscape

*Starboard Below a Small Island
in the Middle of the River
May 23, 1804*

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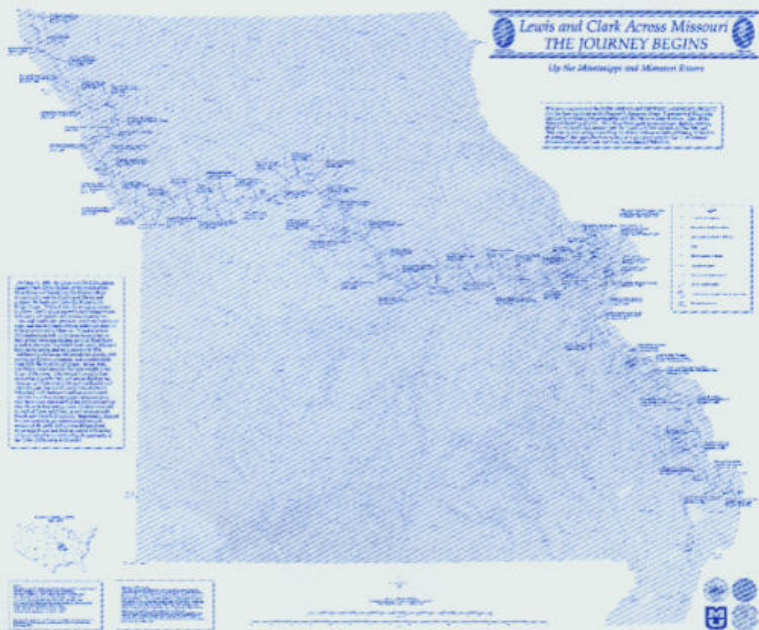
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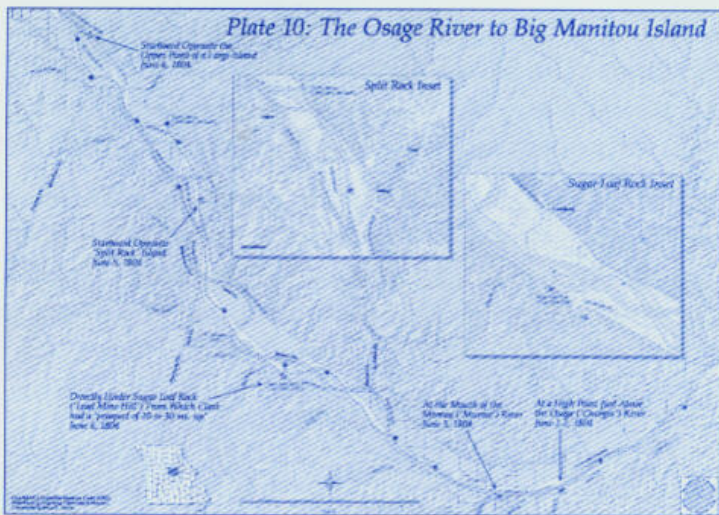
Discover It. Experience It. Lewis & Clark's Missouri River.

It was an incredible journey that lasted nearly 2 1/2 years and extended over 7000 miles of prairies, rivers, and mountains. President Thomas Jefferson offered Meriwether Lewis and William Clark a once in a lifetime opportunity to make history – and they did.

Lewis and Clark and their Corps of Discovery – a crew of soldiers, trappers, French engagés, and Clark's slave York – left St. Louis in 1804. Shoshone interpreter Sacagawea joined the explorers' trek at Fort Mandan in 1805. Their adventures and triumphant return in 1806 from a magnificent and virtually unmapped land of vast prairies and awesome mountains sparked the American imagination.

That historic expedition continues to capture the imagination of people everywhere. Embracing the spirit of discovery that marked the Lewis & Clark Expedition, the Missouri State Archives presents LEWIS & CLARK ACROSS MISSOURI: Mapping the Historic Landscape – an exhibit of maps portraying the Missouri River exactly as the Corps of Discovery experienced it.

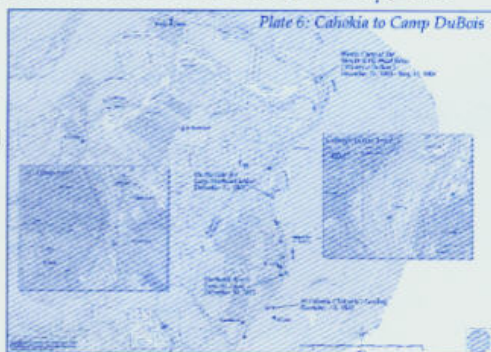




By combining nineteenth century land survey records held at the Missouri State Archives with modern mapping technology, geographers from the Geographic Resources Center at the University of Missouri's Department of Geography produced something unique and original: they re-created the world of Lewis and Clark in beautifully rendered historic maps and gave us a new way to look at the world of Lewis and Clark in the land that became Missouri – where the journey began.

The maps show the Expedition's course on the Missouri River, providing the earliest mapped version of the river and visions of a natural world that differs radically from today's landscape. Depicting the historic vegetative land cover in territorial Missouri, the maps beautifully illustrate the rich natural resources available in the nineteenth century. Contemporary map overlays reveal the changes brought by human activity over two centuries. In addition, the maps comprise the first accurate rendering of the Expedition's campsites and foot explorations by crew members on the first leg of their long journey to the Pacific Ocean.

Missouri's Lewis & Clark story is singular among the stories of the other trail states. The Missouri State Archives



maintains land records paralleling the time of the Expedition's passage. No other state can reduplicate with such accuracy the Expedition's travels along particular stretches of river. The maps will give Missouri its proper place in telling this national adventure story.


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*Starboard on an Island
Near Loure Island
May 26, 1804*

La Charrette Inset

*At the French Village
of La Charrette
May 25, 1804*

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