

# A LEWIS & CLARK TIMELINE

## THE NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK BICENENNIAL EXHIBITION

<b>Jan. 18, 1803</b>	Jefferson proposes the expedition to Congress
<b>Spring</b>	Jefferson chooses Lewis as expedition commander; Lewis visits Philadelphia to do research and to buy supplies
<b>June</b>	Lewis asks Clark to join the expedition as co-commander
<b>Summer</b>	Keelboat is constructed near Pittsburgh; Lewis and Clark travel down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River to St. Louis
<b>October</b>	Louisiana Purchase is ratified by Congress
<b>Winter 1803-4</b>	The Corps winters at Camp DuBois across the Mississippi from St. Louis
<b>May 14</b>	Expedition begins
<b>August 3</b>	Council with representatives of Oto and Missouri tribes
<b>August 30</b>	Council with the Yankton Sioux
<b>September 25-28</b>	Expedition meets with the Teton Sioux
<b>October 10-12</b>	Council with the Arikara
<b>October 27</b>	Arrival at the Mandan and Hidatsa villages
<b>December 24</b>	Fort Mandan completed; winter among the Mandan Indians
<b>February 11, 1805</b>	Sacagawea gives birth to Jean Baptiste
<b>April 7</b>	Keelboat sent downriver to St. Louis; the remaining party heads upriver
<b>June 13</b>	Lewis first sees the Great Falls of the Missouri River
<b>June 17-July 15</b>	Portage around the Great Falls
<b>August 12</b>	Lewis and a small party reach the Continental Divide at Lemhi Pass
<b>August 13</b>	Lewis and party meet about 60 Shoshone warriors
<b>August 13-31</b>	Camped with the Shoshone
<b>September 5</b>	Council with the Flathead [Salish] Indians
<b>September 11-22</b>	Expedition crosses the Bitterroot Mountains
<b>September 22</b>	Expedition emerges from the Bitterroot Mountains; encounter the Nez Perce camps
<b>October 7</b>	Expedition leaves the Nez Perce camps
<b>October 16</b>	Expedition reaches the Columbia River
<b>October 20</b>	Clark sees first piece of European clothing on an Indian
<b>October 23</b>	Expedition portages the Celilo Falls on the Columbia; continues past the Dalles
<b>November 19</b>	Reach Cape Disappointment, the mouth of the Columbia River; Pacific Ocean
<b>January 1, 1806</b>	Fort Clatsop completed
<b>March 23</b>	Fort Clatsop presented to Clatsop Indians, expedition heads for home
<b>May – late June</b>	Expedition camps with the Nez Perce awaiting snow melt
<b>July 3</b>	Expedition splits into 3 parties

- July 26-27** Lewis and his party camp with several Blackfeet warriors; they kill two of the warriors in a skirmish
- August 12** All three parties are reunited near the mouth of the Yellowstone
- August 14-17** Expedition returns to Mandan villages; Sacagawea and Charbonneau leave the expedition
- August 21** Council with the Arikara and Cheyenne leaders
- August 31** Return encounter with Teton Sioux
- September 23** Expedition reaches St. Louis and disbands