



The Corps of Discovery returned to Montana on June 30, 1806. Lewis' party rode east to Great Falls, explored the Marias River, then canoed down the Missouri River. Clark's group retraced their 1804 route through Gibbons Pass on horseback. Near **Big Timber** they built dugout canoes and floated down the Yellowstone River past its confluence with the Missouri River. They joined Lewis' group in present-day North Dakota.

Today, you and your family can enjoy parks, attractions and historic sites around Yellowstone National Park and follow the Yellowstone River on I-90 and I-94.

GATEWAY ROUTES TO YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

Trail travelers can journey off the Trail and take US 287 from Three Forks or US 191 from Belgrade to connect with the West Yellowstone entrance to Yellowstone National Park. US 89 from Livingston leads to the north entrance at Gardiner. The spectacular US 212 Beartooth Highway All-American Road from Red Lodge leads to the Park's northeast entrance near Cooke City and Silver Gate.

Three Forks – I-90. Lewis and Clark named the Jefferson River after President Jefferson; the Gallatin River after Albert Gallatin, the Secretary of Treasury during the Louisiana Purchase; and the Madison River after James Madison, one of the writers of the Constitution. Lewis and Clark named these three rivers at the headwaters of the Missouri River. The town of Three Forks features the Headwaters Heritage Museum and there are three State

Parks nearby: the Headwaters of the Missouri River, Lewis & Clark Caverns, and the Madison Buffalo Jump.

Virginia City & Nevada City – West of US 287 on MT 287 are popular ghost towns that offer gift shops, museums, music halls, train rides and living history programs. Ennis, 14 miles east on US 287 features majestic mountain vistas, the Madison River streams and world-class trout fishing

Bozeman – I-90. A fun blend of the Old and New West, featuring great restaurants, shopping opportunities and art galleries, plus the Museum of the Rockies on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, the American Computer Museum, and the Gallatin County Pioneer Museum.

Big Sky Resort Area – On US 191 is a year-round playground and offers an array of seasonal activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, white-water rafting, tennis and zip-lining. Plus, snowmobiling and skiing in the winter.

West Yellowstone – Features the Yellowstone IMAX Theatre, the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center and the Yellowstone Historic Center Museum, plus a variety of restaurants, shopping and lodging options.

Livingston – On I-90. The Yellowstone Gateway Museum and the Livingston Depot, Main Street, the Historic District and the Federation of Fly Fishers' Fly Fishing Discovery Center are popular visitor sites. The 1902 era depot exhibits include "Rails Across the Rockies" and "A History of People and Places."

Gardiner – At the historic northern entrance to the Park on US 89 features the Yellowstone National Park Heritage and Research Center and the Roosevelt Arch.

Big Timber – Offers blue-ribbon trout fishing, ranch vacations, the Crazy Mountain Museum and nearby

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park. Big Timber is a gateway to Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area.

Columbus – On I-90 in the foothills of the Beartooth Range offers a spectacular alpine scenic route to Yellowstone National Park via the Beartooth All American Road, US 212. Visitors will want to see the Museum of the Beartooths before driving to this spectacular route on MT 78 and US 212.

Red Lodge – On US 212. The scenic Alpine Town Tour includes the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary, Carbon County Museum and Red Lodge Mountain Resort. The Beartooth All-American Highway starts on US 212 at Red Lodge and crosses rugged mountain vistas to Cooke City and Silver Gate at the northeast entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

Billings – At the junction of I-90 and I-94, travelers will find Billings, Montana's largest city. Thirty miles east of Billings is Pompeys Pillar National Monument where Captain William Clark carved his name in July, 1806. Along the free-flowing Yellowstone River which intersects Billings, is Clark's 1806 Canoe Camp and the location of "Clarks Crossing" where Clark, "had the horses drove across river," only to be lost to unknown hands days later.

Miles City – On I-94. En route travelers on I-94 will have a great time in this Cowboy Community identified in "Lonesome Dove." They'll see the Range Riders Museum, a 1900's-era saloon, art galleries and activities that focus on Montana's cowboy heritage. Miles City's famed Bucking Horse Sale and Rodeo attracts thousands of Rodeo Fans every May.

For more information on the great attractions and parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail, go to:
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