

HISTORIC TRAIL HIKE

“In The Footsteps of Lewis and Clark”

September 4th 1805

“Lost Pass 1805”

Descent Trail into Montana

Directions:

Head south on Highway 93 toward the Montana/ Idaho state line. Approximately 11 miles south of Sula MT, turn right onto FS Road 729 at Mile Marker 2.5 (*map location A*). A guide sign marks the location (*see image to the right*).



An interpretive sign is located approximately ½ mile from the Highway 93 turnoff (*see lower left image below*).

The trailhead is located approximately 3½ miles from the turnoff along FS 729 and then along FS 73468 (*map location B*).

Over the course of the 3-mile trail you will walk “in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark” and be able to hug witness trees in the “Whitehouse Thicket” (*map Location F*).

Since the lower portion of the trail is moderately steep, hikers have the option to only hike the top half of the trail then return to their vehicle at the upper trailhead.

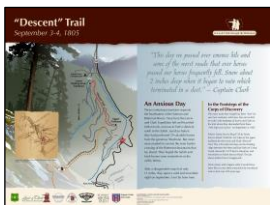
About 1½ miles down the trail, the ‘Dividing Ridge’ can be seen on your left. Lewis and Clark traversed this ridge before beginning their descent into the valley below.

About two miles down the trail, you will encounter a magnificent witness tree called the ‘Sacajawea Ponderosa Pine’. Sacajawea was only a teenager (as was the tree) when she passed by all those years ago.

Hikers walking the entire 3-mile descent trail, have the option to park a shuttle vehicle at the lower trailhead (*map location C*) as a means to return to the upper trailhead. The lower trailhead can be accessed from FS 729 Road at Mile Marker 7.1 on Highway 93 .

Whatever choice you make on this hike, you will experience a truly unique piece of our nations history by walking “in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark”.

To complete your Lewis and Clark trip, please stop by a wonderful little pocket park located at 211 N. Main Street in Darby MT (*map location G*) to view a beautiful life-size bronze statue of Sacajawea and her infant son, Pomp.



Interpretive Sign
(near Highway 93 turnoff)



Witness Tree
(Location F)



Sacajawea Statue
(Location G)

Note: The map locations mentioned above, are shown on the back of this card and on page 58 of the “Lost Pass 1805” book, by Ted S. Hall.

Scan the QR code for a digital copy of the map.



'The Trail Between The Rivers'

Lewis and Clark Camp Sites

(September 2nd to 15th 1805)

