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Ethnographic and archaeological evidence indicates that the Pillar was a place of ritual and religious activity. Hundreds of petroglyphs on the face of the rock, noted by Clark in his journal, reflect the importance of the monument to early peoples. The Crow people, the dominant residents of the region when Clark passed through, call the pillar the 'Mountain Lions Lodge' in their language, and it figures prominently in Crow oral history."

The monument's most notable visitor, Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, arrived at Pompeys Pillar on July 25, 1806 . . .

"Pompeys Pillar National Monument is from an almost two-acre base on the banks of the Yellowstone River 150 feet toward Montana's Big Sky, east of Billings. The monument's premier location at a natural ford in the Yellowstone River, and its geologic distinction as the only major sandstone formation in the area, have made Pompeys Pillar a celebrated landmark and outstanding observation point for more than eleven thousand years of human occupation. Hundreds of markings, petroglyphs, and inscriptions left by visitors have transformed this geologic phenomenon into a living journal of the American West.

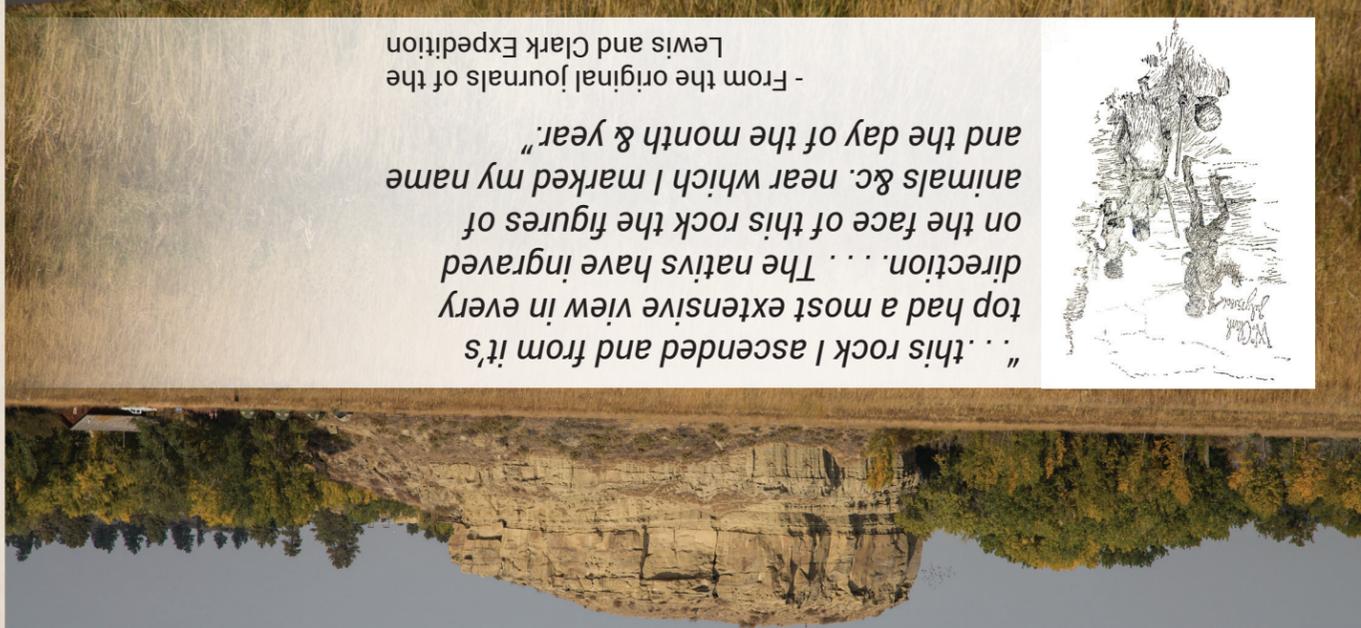
On July 25, 1806, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition visited Pompeys Pillar, carving his name and date upon the rock.

"... this rock I ascended and from it's top had a most extensive view in every direction. . . . The natives have ingraved on the face of this rock the figures of animals &c. near which I marked my name and the day of the month & year."

- From the original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition



Sunrise from the top of the pillar



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Pompeys Pillar National Monument

Last Saturday in April to September 30:

Visitor Center: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Main Gate: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

October 1 to October 31:

Visitor Center: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Main Gate: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

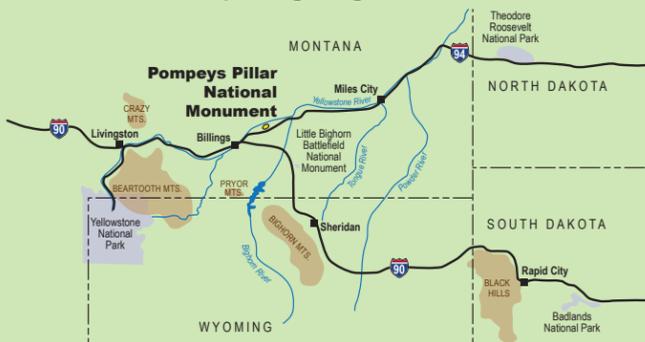
Walk-in: Dawn to dusk all year

Admission: \$7/vehicle or \$20/annual pass
Additional fees for groups larger than 6.

3039 U.S. Highway 312
Pompeys Pillar, Montana 59064
Phone: (406) 875-2400



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CROSSROADS Past and Present Converge

Pompeys Pillar National Monument, a component of the BLM's National Conservation Lands, was created to preserve an important landmark in American history.

Join us to learn about Clark's visit, Native American heritage, the settling of Montana, and the Yellowstone River's natural environments.



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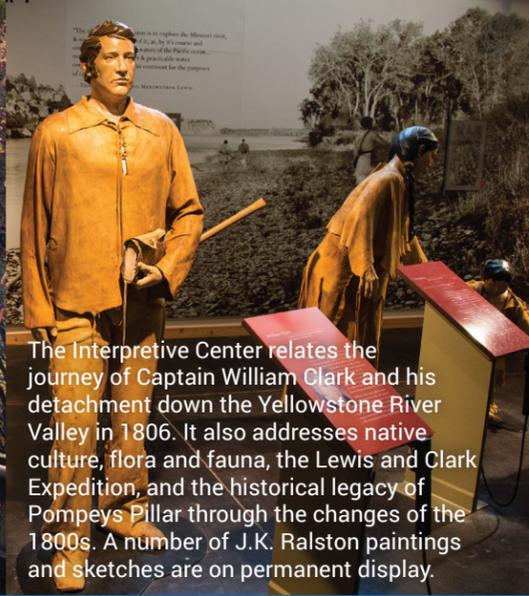


Help us protect this national treasure.

- Visitors are welcome to use the grounds during daylight hours, but overnight camping is prohibited.
- Collect rocks and other resources only from lands outside the 51-acre monument boundary.
- Shooting or hunting is prohibited within the monument boundary; seasonal hunting restrictions apply in areas outside the monument.
- No open fires or fireworks.
- Defacing rocks or other resources is punishable under federal law.



The boardwalk up the pillar leads to Clark's signature, the top of the mesa, and an impressive view. It is approximately 1,000 feet long and contains about 200 steps.

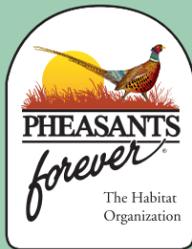


The Interpretive Center relates the journey of Captain William Clark and his detachment down the Yellowstone River Valley in 1806. It also addresses native culture, flora and fauna, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the historical legacy of Pompeys Pillar through the changes of the 1800s. A number of J.K. Ralston paintings and sketches are on permanent display.

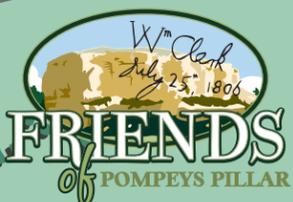
Yellowstone River



Inside the Interpretive Center is a gift store well-stocked with artwork, books, jewelry, toys, and other items.



The fields bordering the monument to the south and east are managed to protect and enhance pheasant and other wildlife populations. Known as the Montana Habitat Partnership, this collaboration includes the BLM; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; and Pheasants Forever.



The Friends of Pompeys Pillar is a group of volunteers dedicated to developing the historic potential of the monument. It works cooperatively with the BLM to interpret and preserve the history of the area and to provide visitor services.

Legend					
	Parking		Restrooms		Historic Site
	Picnic Area		Visitor Center		Environmental Education Center
	Trailhead		Wheelchair Accessible		Fee Booth
	Scenic Overlook				
	Trails				
	Pompeys Pillar National Monument Boundary				
	Pompeys Pillar Area of Critical Environmental Concern Boundary				