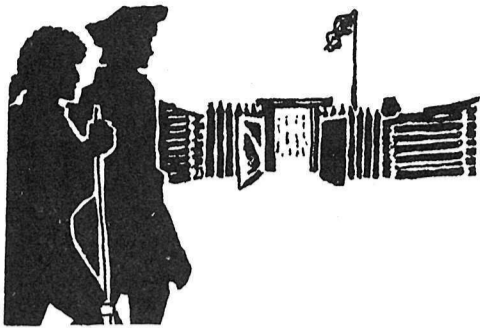


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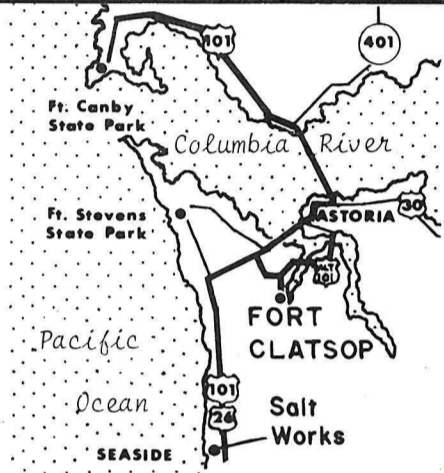
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In November 1805, the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the Pacific Ocean after traveling through 4,000 miles of wild wilderness. To survive the wet, miserable winter, the expedition built Fort Clatsop, regained their health and prepared for the return journey.

Fort Clatsop National Memorial was established to commemorate the winter encampment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A visit to Fort Clatsop--the first structure built by Americans on the Pacific Slope--is a step back in time, when tremendous courage and endurance was requisite to survival.

1986 INFORMATION



Fort Clatsop National Memorial is located south of Astoria, Oregon, along the Lewis and Clark River, 3 miles Southeast of U.S. 101.

HOURS:

Fort Clatsop is open everyday except Christmas. Visitor Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from June 15 through Labor Day and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the rest of the year.

SALT WORKS:

A replica of the Lewis and Clark Salt Works is located near the corner of Beach Drive and Lewis and Clark Way in Seaside, Oregon.

FACILITIES & SERVICES

The visitor center has exhibits on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, information, audio/visual programs, and the Fort Clatsop Historical Association sells books and theme-related items. A small picnic area is located south of the visitor center parking lot. There are no facilities for camping or campfires at Fort Clatsop. Food and lodging are available in Astoria and Warrenton, each only 5 miles from the park. Camping facilities are available at Fort Stevens State Park, (600 sites) 7 miles away and at private campgrounds--ask a Ranger.

RANGER PROGRAMS

Summer programs for 1986 begin June 15 and run through September 1. Programs are scheduled seven days a week beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 5:45 p.m. A variety of scheduled and on-going activities are offered. All programs and times are listed at the visitor center entrance.

Muzzleloading Demonstrations

Witness this exciting demonstration when park rangers fire authentic replicas of flintlock muzzleloaders like those used by the "Corps of Discovery." Six demonstrations are scheduled daily: 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 and 5:30.

Park Ranger Talks

Between black powder demonstrations, park rangers give special talks about the many fascinating aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Examples of these are: "Sacagawea's Role," "Making Buckskins," "Plants and Trees Discovered by Lewis and Clark," "The Role of York," and "Lewis and Clark and the Indians." Five programs are scheduled daily at: 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00 and 4:30.

On-going Activities

There are on-going activities everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Examples of these are: "Life at the Fort," "Making Buckskin Clothing," "Canoe Building," and "Making Tallow Candles." You can expect at least three of these to be occurring on the weekend. Check at the visitor center.

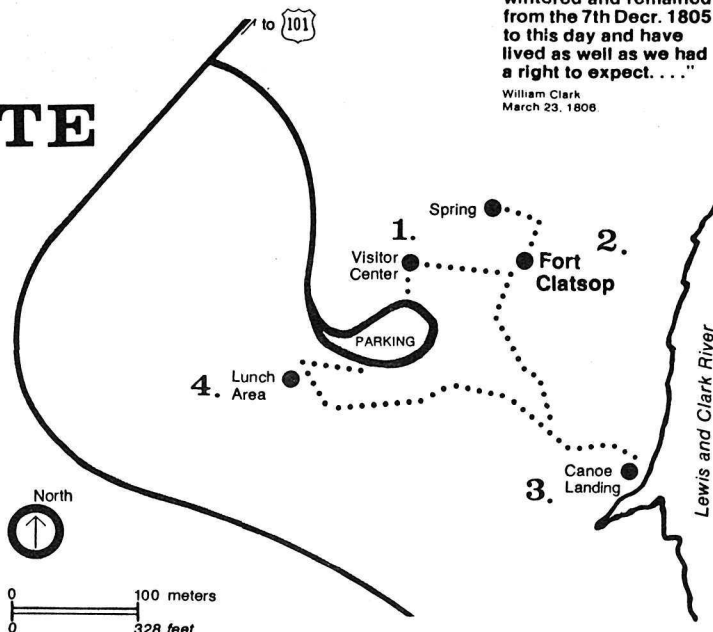
Audio/Visual Programs

In the visitor center, the slide program "The Corps of Discovery" is shown every 15 minutes. Learn about the expedition's incredible journey through unexplored wilderness and their winter encampment at Fort Clatsop, both characterized by hardship and challenge.

EXPLORING THE SITE

The numbers on this map will assist you in planning your visit to Fort Clatsop National Memorial.

Allow at least 1½ hours to tour the Visitor Center, the Fort Clatsop replica and the canoe landing.



1. VISITOR CENTER

We suggest you begin your visit here. Inside you can see exhibits about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and an audio/visual program about their winter encampment at Fort Clatsop. Also, all outside program information can be obtained here as well as information about other area points of interest.

2. FORT CLATSOP

Next visit the fort replica which was built through the efforts of many citizens and organizations in Clatsop County in 1955 on the occasion of the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial celebration. Here, where the majority of "Living History" demonstrations occur, is the opportunity to step into the presence of our nation's past. Hear, smell, feel and see reflections of Lewis and Clark's 1805-06 winter encampment.

3. CANOE LANDING

It is 250 yards more to the Lewis and Clark River and what is believed to be the original canoe landing where the expedition stepped ashore on December 7, 1805. Here you will see large dugout canoes built with the same kinds of tools used by the explorers. On certain occasions buckskin rangers will be building more dugouts. A lunch area (4) completes the 1/3 mile loop back to the parking area. Most facilities and activities at Fort Clatsop are accessible by wheelchair. The trail to the fort and canoe landing are covered with wood chips.

FOR YOUR SAFETY:

Many of our demonstrations are potentially dangerous. We request that everyone work with the rangers to ensure safety in the demonstration areas. Pay close attention when visiting the fort; inside it tends to be dark and has an uneven floor. Please be cautious when visiting the canoe landing; the banks of the river and slough are often slippery and unstable. Please keep children away from the water and exercise common sense and caution at all times.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Fort Clatsop National Memorial is administered by the National Park Service. It preserves an important part of American history which belongs to all Americans. Everything within the Memorial including plants, animals, trees, and all other natural and historic features are protected by law. Please take nothing but photographs to remember your visit, so the resources of this National Memorial will remain for other visitors to enjoy.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

On-site ranger conducted educational programs can be arranged for school groups from September through May by contacting the park at least two weeks in advance.

Summer programs and activities change daily; for more information, contact the park.

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