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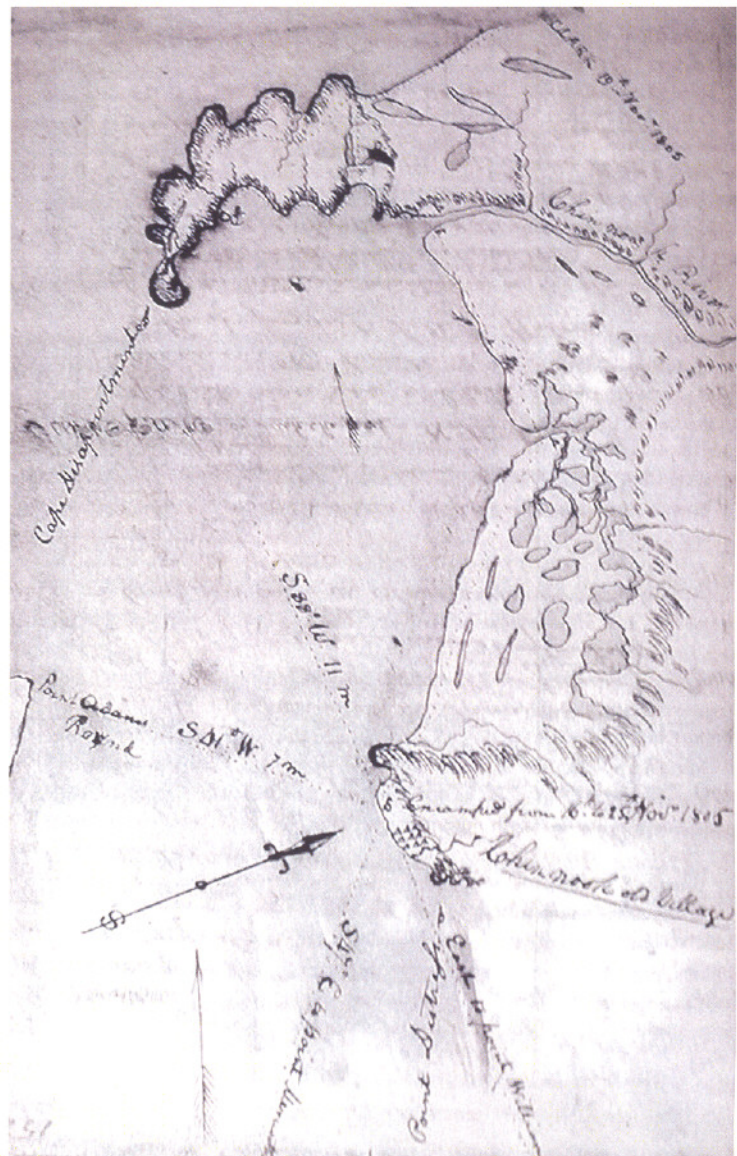
Station Camp Unit: Lewis and Clark National and State Historical Parks

The Pacific West Region is assisting several State and Federal Agencies and the Chinook Indian Tribe by conducting archaeological excavations at the Station Camp Unit of the newly designated Lewis and Clark National Historical Park (NHP). The excavations, conducted by National Park Service archaeologists from several PWR parks, will mitigate the effects of the realignment of Washington State Road 101 so that a historical park can be established on the Columbia River, near the original site of the Lewis and Clark "Station Camp". Preliminary testing of the proposed right-of-way alignment suggests the area is an early maritime fur trade site, possibly predating the Lewis and Clark expedition by several decades.

Station Camp, thought to be the most significant Lewis and Clark campsite along the lower Columbia River, is the site where members of the Expedition camped for more than 10 days, from November 15-25, 1805. During their stay there, the members interacted and traded with ancestors of the present day Chinook Indian Tribe.

Station Camp was named for the traverse and stations when Captain Clark surveyed the site. Clark's survey is significant because the level of detail and number of sightings taken were performed at only a handful of sites along the entire journey.

Due to erosion caused by jetties built along the mouth of the Columbia, the actual site of Station Camp is thought to be in the river several hundred yards from, but within view of, the Station Camp park unit.



William Clark's survey map of Station Camp & Cape Disappointment (courtesy of The American Philosophical Society)

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Conceptual Site Plan: Station Camp unit (courtesy of Washington State Historical Society).

Partners:

- Washington State Historical Society
- Washington State Parks
- Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
- Chinook Indian Tribe
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- U.S. Army-Corps of Engineers



Fort Columbia State Park & Lewis and Clark NHP employees brush and clear site for archaeological excavations



Archaeologists test SR 101 proposed right of way

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