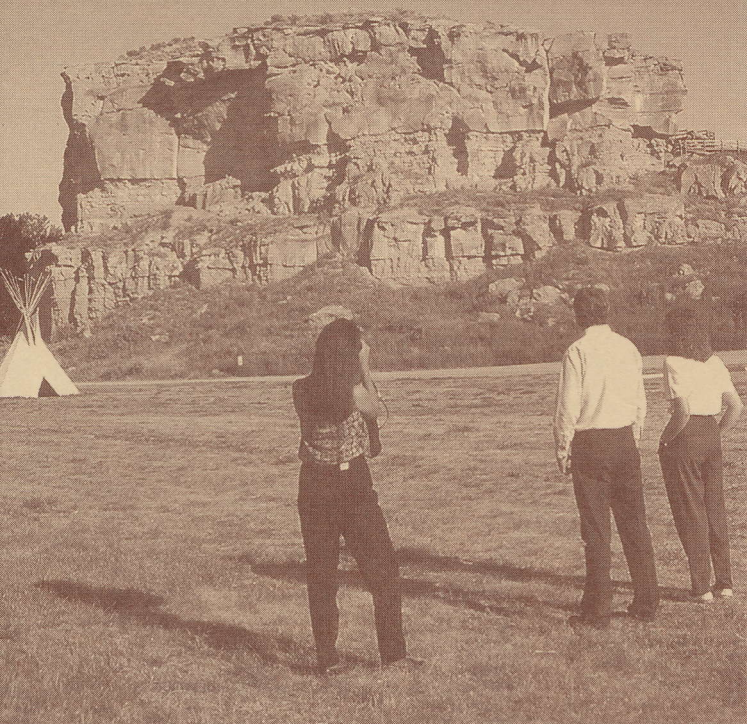


# POMPEYS PILLAR



## NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



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# CROSSROADS PAST AND PRESENT, PRESERVED FOR YOU

How many times have you traveled somewhere and thought about who had been there before? Pompeys Pillar is like a sandstone history book that reads like a who's who of western frontier history. Look on the rockface for the remains of animal drawings created by people who used the area for rendezvous, campsites, and hunting.

Explorers also left their carvings on this "remarkable rock" with Captain William Clark's signature as the most notable. In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson sent the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the land acquired from France known as the Louisiana Purchase.



"I marked my name and the day of the month and year," wrote Captain William Clark in his journal on Friday, July 25, 1806. This inscription is the only surviving on-site physical remains of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Clark named this rock Pompey's Tower. Pompey was Clark's nickname for young Baptiste Charbonneau whose mother, Sacagawea, was the party's interpreter. Pompey means "little chief" in the Shoshoni language. In 1814 the landmark was renamed when the journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were published.



# WHERE AMERICAN INDIANS, EXPLORERS, TRAPPERS, AND SOLDIERS PASSED....



History is re-enacted at the annual  
Clark Day Celebration.

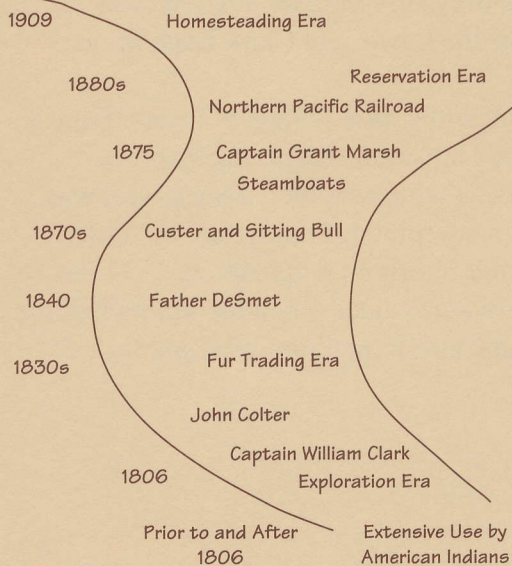
Pompeys Pillar was called "Where the Mountain Lion Lies" by the Crow people. It was a landmark for these proud people as well as a productive hunting area for buffalo and small game.

Captain Clark was later followed by fur trappers, soldiers, and others looking for adventure and a new way of life. People used the Lewis and Clark journal for directions and Pompeys Pillar as a landmark.

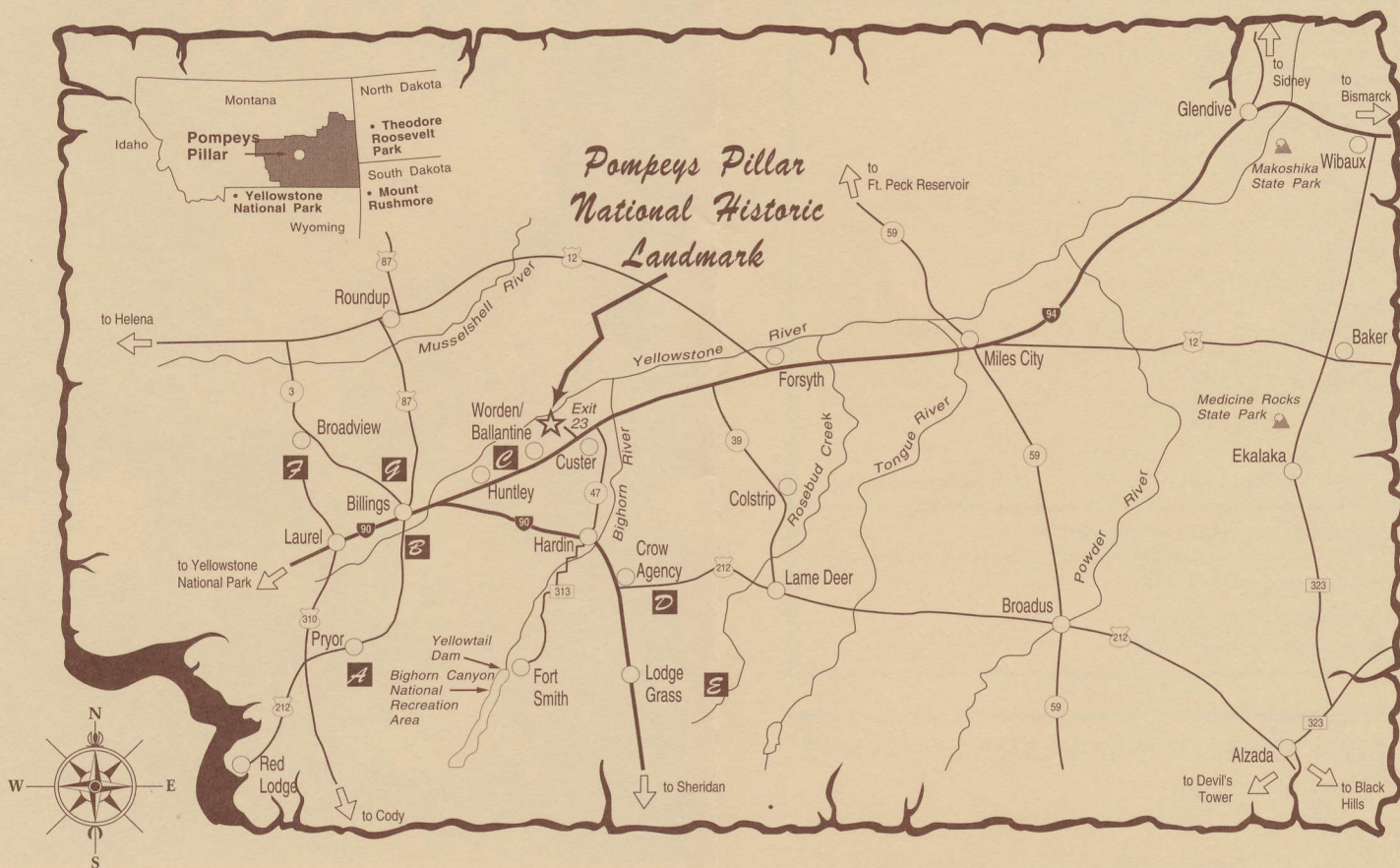


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





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# POMPEYS PILLAR IS STILL A LANDMARK FOR MODERN DAY TRAVELERS



**POMPEYS PILLAR — 28 miles east of Billings on I-94 — a one to two hour stop on your journey**

-  State Parks & Recreation Area
-  Chief Plenty Coups State Park
-  Indian Pictograph Cave State Park
-  Huntley Project Museum
-  Little Bighorn Battlefield
-  Rosebud Battlefield
-  Canyon Creek Battle Site
-  Lake Elmo State Park

*Enjoy your stay and the spectacular scenery at Pompeys Pillar. As you travel on your adventure remember all those who came before you and the people who will come after. Pompeys Pillar has been preserved for you and future adventurers.*

# Here is what you can do at Pompeys Pillar:

Facilities/ Services	Summer Season*	Off Season**	Comments
Visitor Center	●		
Gift Shop	●		
Drinking Water	●		
Interpretive Tours	○		Off season tours available by request
Restrooms	●	○	Open year round
Boardwalk to Signature	○	○	Open year round
RV Parking	○		
Picnicking	○		
Wildlife Viewing	○	○	Year round opportunities

\*Memorial Day weekend to September 30

\*\*October 1 to Memorial Day weekend - gate closed, site open to walk-in access, one mile walk

○ - available

● - available - fully accessible

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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