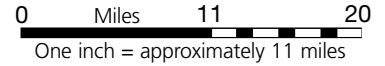


SECTION 5



Legend

- Locator number (matches numeric listing in section)
- Wildlife viewing
- Campsite (number matches number in campsite chart)
- State Park
- Fishing Site (number matches number in fishing chart)
- Rest stop
- Interstate
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- County Road
- Gravel/unpaved road

ON THE TRAIL OF LEWIS & CLARK

Clark's advance party had reached the Three Forks of the Missouri on July 25. They saw the prairie had recently been burned, and there were horse tracks which appeared to be only a few days old. Clark left a note for Lewis telling him he was going to continue on in search of the Shoshones; if he didn't find them he would return to the Three Forks.

The main party arrived at the Three Forks on July 27, making camp where Clark had left the note. Lewis ascended a prominent rock bluff to view the area which he believed "to be an essential point in the ge-ography of this western part of the Continent."

The officers named the east fork of the Three Forks in honor of Treasury Secretary, Albert Gallatin, the south fork in honor of Secretary of State James Madison, and the west fork in honor of President Jefferson.

On their westward journey the band camped near here for two days for rest and repairs and heard Sacajawea tell of her abduction by Hidatsa raiders five years earlier as her band of Shoshone camped at the same spot.

On the return trip Clark's party separated at the Three Forks. Sergeant John Ordway and nine men continued down the Missouri with the dugouts. Clark and the rest of the party headed east along Gallatin River on to explore the Yellowstone River. Clark crossed Clark's Pass (the current Bozeman Pass), and hit the Yellowstone near present-day Livingston.