October 13, 1855

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...a steady dark rain now falling... we took shelter this evening through the rapids. The little river is walled up... a small stand of timber, near the railroad bridge... the distance is half a mile and a half...”

CURRENT SITUATION: Leaving camp on October 12, 1855, Louis took a walk on the high plains above the river in search of a place for the 1/2 mile up to the place where the Columbia River meets the Walla River. There are small rapids, islands, and some large rocks between Columbia River and Walla Walla. The campsite is north of Monumental Dam.

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

October 14, 1855

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...at 1 1/2 miles passed a remarkable tree, an old Cedar, with a trunk resembling the tail (half [a tail?]) of a Fish...”

JOURNAL QUOTES (LEWIS)*: “...at 10 miles this large tree struck us...”

CURRENT SITUATION: Leaving camp on October 13, 1855, the Corps continued on north along the Snake River. They proceeded past the large tree which was called ‘Ship Rock’, and continued on up the river. The Snake River is a large and swift river. The men had to travel on foot or in canoes to view us before we Set out which was not until 9 o’clock AM.

ACCESS: They soon noticed on the left side of the river a large ship-hold the Canoe... in about an hour we got the men an Canoe to travel on the river... All of the rapids, islands and like rock, “Ship Rock”, which is known as Monumental Rock, in that direction... passed rapids at 6 and 9 miles. at 12 miles we came to a large ship-hold the Canoe... Our men were all satisfied with this... At 1 mile past noon we had passed Monumental Rock... Our men were all in good order to pass our horses if he would allow it...”

October 16, 1855

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...a cool morning determined to run the rapids. all men passed safe except the canoe crew which ran on a rock. 4 miles passed a large rock in the middle of the river...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

October 18, 1855

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...we had found several rocks after we had found several large rocks of which we concluded we had only seen the head of the large rocks when they were in good order to pass our horses...”

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October 20, 1855

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...in the evening to reach an eligible place to encamp; that we might come down and see us, we excused ourselves and the Chief promised to Stay with him one or 2 days on our return which gave us more time to communicate...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

East Bound

April 27, 2016

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...The Indian informed us that there was a good road Which passed from the Columbia opposite to this Village to the entrance of Bowdoin [Chinook] River on the S.W. side of the Snake river [Snake River], we knowled a road in that direction...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

April 28, 2016

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “This morning... the Great Chief [Cheyenne] brought a very bright white horse...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

May 1, 2016

JOURNAL QUOTES (CLARK)*: “...we collected our horses... proceeded up the Creek...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

May 2, 2016

JOURNAL QUOTES (LEWIS & CLARK)*: “...at 11 A.M. the Indian informed us that the Snake river was about 1 mile wide opposite to this village, and that at night the Indians would pass through the mouth at the site of the sand hills...”

ACCESS: Victor can proceed down the Snake River in a boat to view the sites or go to several vantage points along this stretch of the Columbia River.

Fort Walla Walla Museum is located at 750 Meat Ave. Tuesdays through Sundays 10-5. Private tours are available by contacting P. W. Museums, 509-876-5235, info@pwmuseum.org or www.pwmuseum.org

East Bound: Proceed down the Columbia River in a boat or follow the Nez Perce Trail. Ponderosa pine trees can still be seen along this stretch. The road is well short of the Oregon border in Walla Walla County. All of the Oregon border is in S.W. mountains [Blue Mountains]...some pine of the long enshrined species...prints are available by contacting Ft. WW. Museum, 509-752-4150 or www.visittri-cities.com for additional regional information about the Walla Walla area.

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On October 13, 1805, the Corps of Discovery, under the command of Captain Meriwether Lewis and his friend Captain William Clark, left their camp of October 12, 1805, near present Riparia in Whitman County, Washington, and proceeded down Lewis' River (Snake River) towards the Pacific Ocean. For the next seven days, they were in, or near, present day Walla Walla County. On their return trip from the Pacific Ocean, they crossed the Columbia River on April 29, 1806 and camped on the Walla Walla River one mile above its mouth. From there they followed the Indian trail across the county to the Touchet River and followed its north side to present Dayton, Washington in Columbia County.

This map shows the route the explorers took in both directions. It also shows the approximate camping spots as well as how and where to view them. The reverse side includes excerpts about each day’s travel, events and sites taken from their journals. As you read their entries, note that “Lard.” refers to the larboard, or left side, of a boat when in a boat facing the front end. “Stard.” refers to the starboard, or right side, of a boat in the same manner.

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