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On July 13, 2001 the Falls of the Ohio State Park was recognized as an official site of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail. Eleven of the 33 members were from this area and contributed greatly to the success of the expedition. These eleven men included co-captain William Clark and his slave York, the first African American to cross the continent.

Sgt. Charles Floyd-only man to die on the expedition

John Shields—gunsmith

John Colter-hunter & tracker

Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor

William Bratton

George Shannon

George Gibson

Joseph Fields

Reubin Fields

We have created many interpretive opportunities to help tell the story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, focusing on the contribution from this area. The continued success of these programs demonstrate the need to create additional opportunities for visitors and residents to connect with their Lewis & Clark heritage.

1993-Lewis & Clark Historical Marker

1998—Men of Discovery permanent exhibit, donated by relatives of Charles Floyd

2001-First annual Clarksville Heritage Festival last weekend of October

2001—Clark Cabin erected

2003-hosted closing ceremony of 2nd National Signature Event

2003—Lewis & Clark statue

2003—Boats of Lewis & Clark temporary exhibit

2003—Spirit of the Land, a 22-minute movie shown in our auditorium daily

2003-Lewis & Clark survey marker USGS

2003—“The Adventure Begins” temporary exhibit

2003---brochure about Lewis & Clark related sites in the area

2003—“On the Threshold of Discovery” commissioned painting by Michael Haynes

2005—return of Lewis and Clark

2005- Mysteries of the West temporary exhibit

The Falls of the Ohio State Park and Indiana Department of Natural Resources support the extension of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail from St. Louis to Washington D.C. This will enable the people of the area and future generations to re-connect with their Lewis & Clark creating a lasting legacy