

## 2003 Sierra Club Outings in Lewis & Clark Territory

In 2003, Sierra Club Outings is offering 38 adventurous trips in the areas that Lewis and Clark explored. Many of these outings follow directly in the explorers' footsteps; others take place in nearby regions that are representative of the wilderness the two worked so hard to map and record.

### Backpack ratings for select trips

Light (L) = Up to 35 miles, including layover days

Moderate (M) = Up to 55 miles, often with cross-country travel

Strenuous (S) = Up to 70 miles, with extensive elevation changes

### CALIFORNIA: 1 TRIP

#### **Klamath River Family Raft Adventure, Klamath National Forest, California. July 14-17.**

Raft through the magical Siskiyou and Marble Mountains next to the recently named Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. This area is recognized as one of the top seven areas of global botanical significance in North America. Our unique four-day trip includes 47 miles of Class II-III rapids, as well as hikes, great scenery, historic areas, and a wide range of wildlife. Minimum age: 6. Leader: Dan Leighton. Price: adult \$625, child \$525. [03192A]

### IDAHO: 7 TRIPS

Wild and Scenic Snake River Service in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Idaho. June 1-7. Enjoy the beauty of the Snake River while helping to remove an invasive plant from the area. Spend your free time hiking, fishing, viewing bighorn sheep, or enjoying wildflowers. Leader: Jeremy Sario. Cook: Mariko Kato. Price: \$385. [03303A]

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#### **Main and Middle Fork Medley in the Land of Lewis and Clark (Salmon River combo trips)**

A rafting trip with the Sierra Club guarantees good fun, great company, and plenty of adrenaline-pumping action, especially when you're riding the world-class Salmon River. When the trip follows in the footsteps of famed explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, it's double cause for celebration. Sure, you could spend one week riding rapids, but why not really make this a vacation to remember? Combine both of these outings into one great river adventure, and we'll give you a \$350 discount. Includes a canyon lodge stay between trips.

#### **Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho. July 2-7.**

From alpine forest through high desert and rock canyons to the confluence with the Main, the Middle Fork is classic mountain river rafting. Enjoy 100 miles of clear water with excellent Class II-IV rapids, beautiful campsites, fishing, hiking, hot springs, a waterfall, wildlife, and historical sites. Minimum age: 12. Leader: Elisha Shephard. Price: \$1,355. [03254A]

#### **Main Fork of the Salmon River, Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho. July 8-13.**

For 80 miles we'll run 40 rapids, soak in 100-million-year-old hot springs, see 8,000-year-old Indian art, explore abandoned mines and homesteads, and camp on wooded sandy beaches. We'll challenge the big ones: Salmon Falls, Vinegar Creek, and Big Mallard—one of the West's ten big drops! Minimum age: 12. Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$1,085. [03256A]

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#### **50+ Savor the Sawtooths, Sawtooth Wilderness, Idaho. July 13-19.**

Folks age 50 or older—or anyone seeking a relaxed pace but also rigorous exploration opportunities—will savor this 38-mile loop into the heart of the jagged Sawtooth Range. Just east of Boise, we'll enter along the South Fork of the Payette River and enjoy scenic skylines, deep gorges, and lake-filled glacial basins. Our 1+ layover days offer off-trail peak and ridge scrambles, along with great vistas. (Rated L/M.) Leaders: Dick Worm and Barb Cooley. Price: \$645. [03127A]

#### **Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho. July 26-31.**

One hundred miles of remote, pristine river blessed with clear water, hot springs, tumbling side streams, fine fishing, hiking, beautiful campsites, and excellent rapids make the Middle Fork the classic mountain river for rafting. From Dagger Falls to the confluence with River of No Return, we'll run dozens of exciting rapids, including Velvet Falls, Powerhouse, Pistol Creek, Tappan Falls, Rubber Rapid, and the ever-daunting Redside (Class IV!). Minimum age: 12. Leader: Mary O'Connor. Price: \$1,355. [03257A]

#### **Bonner's Ferry Trail Service in Idaho's Panhandle National Forest. August 9-17.**

Help renovate a ridgeline trail high in this pristine area, just 30 miles from the Canadian border. We'll base camp and hike to our work, with days off to explore. Lakes, streams, and native animals abound. Leader: Jan Keith. Cook: Gene Millburn. Price: \$395. [03331A]

#### **Searching for the Saber-Toothed Salmon: The Wild and Rugged Owyhee Canyonlands in Idaho. September 20-27.**

Join us for an enlightening week of discovery amid this vast network of river canyons and plateaus located in the remote corners of Idaho, Oregon, and Nevada. You'll learn about the threats facing this impressive high desert, as well as how you can help in the fight to gain permanent wilderness protection for one of the last and largest stretches of wide-open country in the American West. Leader: Rebecca Mirsky. Price: \$425. [03104A]

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### MISSOURI: 1 TRIP

#### **Cycling Missouri's Scenic and Historic Katy Trail. May 24-30.**

Bicycle off-road in the path of Lewis and Clark! America's longest rails-to-trails bike path winds seductively along the backwoods and bottoms of the mighty Missouri River. Accompanied by local interpreters, we'll explore and discover the history and legends of old river towns as we cruise past towering bluffs and gently rolling farmland. We'll stay in B&Bs and enjoy local wineries.

Leaders: Paul Minkus and Donna Kurtz. Price: \$725. [03220A]

### MONTANA: 5 TRIPS

#### **The Lewis and Clark Experience: Canoeing and Hiking in Montana, Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.**

**June 22-28, 2003.**

Paddle and hike in the shadow of Lewis and Clark! The beautiful and historic canyons of the Missouri Breaks follow the route of the famed explorers' expedition. We'll discover the rugged landscape and rock formations that can only be seen from our canoes. This special journey begins with a tour of the Lewis and Clark Historic Center, followed by a four-day float trip and a visit to the Lewis and Clark Festival in Great Falls, Montana. Leader: Ed Gacek. Price: \$875. [03164A]

#### **Beartooth Backpacking Adventure in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Montana. July 12-19.**

The Beartooth Mountains just north of Yellowstone are a hiker's paradise, with high granite peaks, nine river drainages, many waterfalls, and nearly 1,000 lakes. Broad plateaus at over 10,000' elevation provide wonderful views. Our route includes much of the scenic East Rosebud Creek, as well as some off-trail areas to visit secluded lakes. Wildflowers should be abundant. (Rated M/S.)

Leader: Bob Jordan. Price: \$655. [03126A]

#### **Natural History Along the North Wall, Bob Marshall Wilderness, Montana. July 31- August 6.**

This 50-mile loop crosses two spectacular passes, runs along the impressive cliffs of the North Wall of the Continental Divide, and offers chances for outstanding wildlife viewing. We'll pass through prime mountain goat and elk summer ranges, while a professional naturalist identifies geologic features and wildflowers bursting in bloom. One layover day lets us rest or explore this great area further. (Rated M.) Leader: Melinda Goodwater. Price: \$625. [03132A]

#### **Trails of Many Spirits, Blackfoot Nation, Glacier National Park, Montana. August 3-8.**

Our journey explores sacred sites for vision quests, and includes visits to cultural and contemporary art museums. Hiking to glacial lakes and waterfalls in the high alpine terrain, we'll access vistas where Napi ("Old Man of the Blackfeet") looks over his people.

Native guides provide a cultural viewpoint, and we'll stay in traditional tipi camps. Leaders: Bruce Ackerman and Bob Gilbert. Price: \$1,195. [03157A]

#### **Glacier National Park Trail Repair, Montana. August 18-28.**

Grizzlies, moose, and wolves call this rugged wilderness home. From our remote base camp, we'll repair trails in stunning alpine surroundings. Hearty meals and free-day exploration help energize your body and mind. Leader: Toni Wall. Cook: Mike Wagner. Price: \$545. [03336A]

### OREGON: 8 TRIPS

#### **Canyonlands of the Owyhee River, Oregon. May 2-6.**

Runnable only in the spring when snowmelt briefly fills the canyon, the Owyhee is the most remote, pristine river we run in the lower 48. Wildlife inhabits the rimrock, and golden eagles soar above. This special river's canyons rival the stunning beauty of Bryce and Zion and are not to be missed! Join us to explore and marvel at this beautiful wilderness. Minimum age: 12. Leader: Don Norris. Price: \$895. [03076A]

#### **"Roughing It" Along Oregon's Rogue River. May 4-9.**

Dayhike from lodge to lodge along 40 miles of southern Oregon's beautiful Rogue River Valley. Designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1968, the Rogue is steeped in the history and color of the gold seekers and settlers of the late 1800s. Leave the tent and bags behind: we'll enjoy great food and warm beds in unique river lodges. Couples encouraged to join us. Leader: Jim Jackson.

Price: \$1,075. [03065A]

**Rafting the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon. June 1-4.** Rugged scenery, abundant wildlife, lush forests, sparkling waterfalls, and exciting rapids make this one of the West's premier river trips. You can choose between paddling an inflatable kayak, rowing a small cataraft, or relaxing on a raft as we float through the Rogue's steep canyon. We'll visit historic settlements, discover lovely swimming holes, and explore this gorgeous corner of the Pacific Northwest. Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$795. [03250A]

**Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge Fence Removal, Oregon. June 7-14.** Let the antelope run free! Help us continue to remove fence from this now cattle-free area. High desert, gemstones, petroglyphs, hikes, warm springs, bighorn sheep, and a bird sanctuary await us at our drive-in base camp. Leader: Elaine Stebler. Cook: Lelia Heading. Price: \$345. [03306A]

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**Miner's Creek Restoration, Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 22-30.** Improve trails below granite peaks 10 miles into one of the deepest canyons in Oregon's largest wilderness. Enjoy prolific wildflower scenery, visit isolated lakes, bag peaks, fish, and swim. Leader: John Merryman. Cook: Bob Brownell. Price: \$415. [03320A]

### **Trail Maintenance in Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. July 27- August 2.**

This impressive six-mile-wide caldera was created by the eruption and collapse of Mt. Mazama almost 7,000 years ago. We'll camp and do trail maintenance near this beautiful, deep blue lake. Leader: Jeremy Sario. Cook: Carla Moreno. Price: \$350. [03325A]

### **Timberline and Higher on Mt. Hood, Mt. Hood Wilderness, Oregon. August 2-10.**

Most backpackers on the historic 40-mile Timberline Trail circling Oregon's highest peak never take time off-trail to explore the lofty ridges that cradle eleven glaciers. We'll take just our day packs up these ridges during our seven-day circuit of the mountain, when lingering snowfields add drama, and wildflowers are at their most sublime. We'll overnight at one of the leader's homes before and after the trip. (Rated M/S.) Leaders: Margo Earley and Kenneth Couch. Price: \$595. [03133A]

### **Rogue River Scenic Waterway Family Raft Adventure, Oregon. July 31-August 3.**

Join our exciting four-day family float through a lush forested canyon filled with Class III rapids and spectacular scenery. We'll enjoy the wildlife, swim in the clear refreshing water, and hike to a historic homestead. Minimum age: 7. Leader: Mandy Mosher. Price: adult \$825, child \$725. [03201A]

## WASHINGTON: 7 TRIPS

**Stehekin Potpourri in North Cascades National Park, Washington. June 23-30.** Hiking, rafting, bicycling, and horseback riding are all included in this lively week at rustic Stehekin Valley Ranch near Lake Chelan. We'll enjoy the ranch's soft touches—tent cabins, hot showers, and great food—while Washington's rugged Cascade Mountains provide a scenic and spectacular setting for energetic days and mellow evenings. Join us to experience this treasure of the Northwest. Beginners welcome! Leader: Bob Anderson. Price: \$1,265. [03233A]

**Stehekin Valley Family Adventure in North Cascades National Park, Washington. July 13-19.** Families will no doubt enjoy the seclusion and grandeur of the gorgeous Stehekin Valley. We reach this historically rich alpine area by ferry along the 50-mile length of Lake Chelan. We'll dayhike on scenic trails of varying difficulty, and enjoy rustic lodging and delicious family-style meals. Minimum age: 5. Leaders: Nelson and Linda Barnes. Price: adult \$825, child \$725. [03191A]

**"Almost Round the Mountain" Adventure in the Mt. Adams Wilderness, Washington. August 3-9.** Join us as we hike the inviting trail around massive Mt. Adams. We'll enjoy moderate hiking along a meandering route with the mountain ever-present on our right, and views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens on our left. We'll join the Pacific Crest Trail traveling north through meadows and past lakes and rushing creeks, stopping to relax or explore on our layover day. (Rated L/M.) Leader: Marilyn Gifford. Price: \$675. [03135A]

**America's Alps: The North Cascades, Okanogan National Forest, Washington. August 10-16.** The impressive peaks, snowfields, and alpine lakes of the North Cascades are known as America's Alps. Glacial meltwater flowing eastward toward the Columbia River passes through the beautiful Methow Valley, where we'll stay at a family-run lodge. We'll hike and raft during the day and spend evenings beneath crystal clear skies. All meals and lodging, a float trip, and transportation from Seattle included. Leaders: Bill Shecket and Jeanne Coleman. Price: \$1,035. [03242A]

**Pacific Crest Trail: From Stevens Pass to Glacier Peak, Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, Washington. August 16-23.** From Stevens Pass, we'll hike north on the PCT through scenic lake basins and along the divides between them. Our 53-mile route will take us past Lake Valhalla, over Kodak Peak, and to nine passes and many lakes. We'll encounter glorious meadows and great viewpoints throughout. We'll also enjoy outstanding views of Glacier Peak, one of the most remote and beautiful Northwest volcanoes. (Rated M.) Leader: Bill Gifford. Price: \$695. [03139A]

**Olympic National Park Traverse, Washington. August 17-24.** We'll cross this Pacific Northwest wilderness treasure from east to west, dipping into beautiful old-growth forest and soaring into spectacular mountain scenery. This "Best of the Olympics" adventure (a great one for beginners to try!) includes a day hike into the seldom-visited Lacrosse Basin, an overnight in the appropriately named Enchanted Valley, and encounters with abundant wildflowers on O'Neill Pass. A final night's stay at the peaceful Quinault Lodge is included. (Rated M.) Leader: Daniel Becker. Price: \$765. [03141A]

**Peninsula Potpourri: A Bit of Everything in Olympic National Park, Washington. August 31- September 5.** We'll dayhike to explore the diversity of the Olympic Peninsula. This northwestern corner of Washington—a World Heritage Site—offers mystical rainforests, pristine ocean beaches with seastacks, mountain ridges, lakes, streams, and abundant wildlife. From the comfort of our rustic lodge on beautiful Lake Crescent, we'll enjoy good food and great hiking, meet local conservationists, and experience nearby hot springs. Leader: Pete von Christerson. Price: \$925. [03244A]

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### WYOMING: 10 TRIPS

#### **Winter Wildlife and Hot Springs of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. February 2-8.**

We'll cross-country ski among bighorn sheep, elk, bison, wolves, and mountain peaks covered with deep champagne powder snow. Yellowstone Falls, a variety of geothermal features, and even Old Faithful are among the exciting locations we visit during the day. Retire each evening to cozy lodges, gourmet meals, hot springs, and educational talks by field experts. Leader: Rob White. Price: \$1,975. [03452A]

#### **Who Let the Bears Out? Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. June 1-7.**

Greater Yellowstone is the last large, intact ecosystem in the northern temperate zone, supporting both predators and prey. An estimated 600 black bears and several hundred grizzlies live in the park. Yellowstone's Northern Range provides the scenic backdrop for our backpack journey to learn first-hand about unique bear biology, safety, lore, and National Park Service bear management activities. (Rated M.) Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$625. [03101A]

#### **Squaretop Mountain Loop, Bridger Wilderness, Wyoming. July 19-26.**

We'll explore the area around Squaretop Mountain—the most photographed peak in the Bridger Wilderness—and be spoiled by three layover days to do a variety of activities. Choices include fishing, hiking to remote lakes, or just loafing and enjoying the wildflowers, birds, and beautiful geologic features of this area. We plan to attempt a climb of Squaretop Mountain as well. (Rated M.) Leader: Barbara Beaumont. Price: \$655. [03128A]

#### **Gros Ventre Wilderness Trail Service, Wyoming. July 24-August 2.**

Explore this seldom-visited wilderness adjacent to Jackson, Wyoming, to repair trails. We'll revel in contrasts of steep thundering chasms of rushing water and peaceful flower-filled meadows with meandering streams. Leader: Howard Kellogg. Cook: Elizabeth Taylor. Price: \$425. [03321A]

#### **Tetons South Highlight, Grand Teton National Park, Idaho and Wyoming. July 27-August 3.**

Our classic route skirts the southwestern rim of the park, whose magnificent peaks will come into view as we move through terrain that is home to moose, deer, and elk. We'll witness spectacular displays of wildflowers and mushrooms during the height of summer. You'll have daily opportunities to take moderate hikes with great vistas or wander about and explore at your own leisure. Leader: David Bernstein. Price: \$995. [03222A]

#### **Wind River Wander in the Bridger Wilderness, Wyoming. August 2-10.**

Join us as we roam from lake to lake in a classic Winds experience. Sheer granite peaks and deep cirques are drained by clear, cold streams. This area abounds in panoramic views, high meadows, and water. A high pass brings us into the legendary Cirque of the Towers, where two optional non-technical climbs are encouraged. (Rated M/S.) Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$645. [03134A]

#### **Ridgetop Ramble in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming and Idaho. August 10-17.**

The stark and jagged profile of the world-famous Teton peaks is the backdrop for this classic hike. Our journey begins with a tram ride that leads us into the spectacular heart of Grand Teton National Park. Our route along the Teton Crest Trail follows high ridges that will lead us to lush meadows, stunning canyons, and pristine lakes. A layover day for photography is planned. (Rated M/S.) Leader: Paul Minkus. Price: \$745. [03137A]

**Wind River Beginner's Backpack, Bridger Wilderness, Wyoming. August 16-23.** Your first Sierra Club experience should be special. This great location is just that and more! As a veteran leader who loves this area, I'll provide ample instruction so that our group feels confident and safe. We'll start with a day in a rustic lodge, then head out on a nearby trail that leads us to sights guaranteed to hook you on backpacking! See the same stunning scenery of trip 03134A on this journey tailored to those wanting to "get their boots wet." (Rated L/M.) Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$695. [03140A]

#### **Yellowstone Solitude and Splendor (combo backpack trips)**

Join us for an extended backpacking adventure in America's first national park! Explore in more depth the home where the buffalo roam (well, bison, really), and we'll give you a \$100 discount for taking both trips.

#### **Waterfalls of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. August 30-September 8.**

Get your feet wet in Yellowstone! Tucked away in the southwest corner, the Bechler River region is the wettest in the park, and it's a waterfall lover's paradise. With exceptional instruction on the unique thermal areas and cascades that rarely host human visitors, you'll discover why this region so delighted early visitors like John Muir. Avoiding summer crowds, you'll delight in Yellowstone's "Cascade Corner." (Rated M/S.) Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$995. [03144A]

#### **Two Oceans Tiptoe in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. September 9-18.**

Our loop route takes us into the park's remote southeast section, where we'll learn about the unique ecological features of this area. Today, the world's first national park still faces challenges and offers marvels. Timed to avoid the crowds, we'll thrill to a cross-section of Yellowstone's fabled wildlife, geysers, lakes, and rivers. (Rated M/S.) Leader: Paul Rynders. Price: \$995. [03145A]