

## Information for Filling in the Blanks

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It is very difficult today to imagine what it must have been like to start on a cross country journey without a detailed map. What might you find around the next bend? How would you know if you were selecting the correct river tributary to get you where you wanted to go? Would you be able to find food? Water?

On the attached paper is a start for a map of Fort Clatsop. Somewhere in the unmapped area are the following: a fort replica; a fresh water spring; a marsh; a picnic area; a visitor center; a 35-foot high hill; and a path connecting the visitor center, fort replica, spring and canoe landing. Locate and draw each of these on the map below using the directions below:

1. The **VISITOR CENTER** is at the NORTHEAST end of the SOUTH parking lot loop.
2. The **FORT REPLICA** is 100 YARDS EAST of the VISITOR CENTER.
3. The **FRESH WATER SPRING** is 50 YARDS NORTH of the FORT REPLICA.
4. The **LEWIS AND CLARK RIVER** which runs through FORT CLATSOP (The river is indicated on the map by lines bordered with a series of dots)
5. The **CANOE LANDING** is 175 YARDS SOUTHEAST of the FORT REPLICA on the WEST BANK of the LEWIS AND CLARK RIVER.
6. The **PICNIC AREA** is just WEST of the SOUTH PARKING LOT LOOP.
7. There is a **35-FOOT SLOPE** down to RIVER LEVEL between the FORT REPLICA and the CANOE LANDING.
8. The **MARSH** is SOUTH of the CANOE LANDING on the WEST BANK of the LEWIS AND CLARK RIVER.
9. The **PATH** connecting the PICNIC AREA and the CANOE LANDING.

When you've completed the map, compare your map with the actual map of Fort Clatsop and answer the following questions:

The location of today's FORT REPLICA is in the same approximate location as the original fort. Why do you think the Lewis and Clark Expedition decided to put the fort in this location instead of at the canoe landing?

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Why do you think Lewis and Clark had their fort facing the direction it was?

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