

# Missouri River

Missouri National Recreational River

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## Ranger Programs 2012

**Free ranger programs**—At present, there are no fees for any interpretive or educational programs at Missouri National Recreational River. Some programs are presented at state parks that require a daily pass or annual sticker for entry.

**Weekday Riverside Park Programs**—Rangers and volunteers will be at the territorial capitol replica in Yankton's Riverside Park from Monday through Friday. Rangers will be available for your questions and will present short talks and conduct walks in the park and on the historic Meridian Bridge.

**Weekend mid-day programs**—Special exhibits, living history programs, and children's craft programs are presented from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center. Topics include the Lewis & Clark expedition, trade on the Missouri, steamboats, and homesteading. Crafts may include making a leather parfleche, a peace medal, or pioneer and American Indian toys.

**Partner site programs**—The following programs will be presented at sites operated by other agencies along the Wild & Scenic River. See the reverse side of this sheet for program descriptions.

Date	Time	Program	Location
Saturday May 26	2:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park (RV campground)
Saturday May 26	7:00 pm	Evening Nature walk	Niobrara State Park (Location TBA)
Sunday May 27	1:00 pm	Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri	Fort Randall Chapel
Friday June 1	8:00 pm	Where's the Park?	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Saturday June 2	6:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Saturday June 2	7:00 pm	Smoke, Steam, & Snags	Chief White Crane Amphitheater
Saturday June 9	7:00 pm	Where's the Park?	Chief White Crane Amphitheater
Saturday June 9	6:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Friday June 15	8:00 pm	Where's the Park?	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Saturday June 16	1-4 pm	Homestead Days	Pierson Ranch picnic shelter
Saturday June 16	7:00 pm	Pelts & Profits	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Saturday June 16	2:00 pm	Nature & History hike	Niobrara State Park (Location TBA)
Saturday June 16	6:00 pm	Let Me Go Home!	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Friday June 22	7:00 pm	Let Me Go Home!	Chief White Crane Amphitheater
Saturday June 23	8:00 pm	Did We Forget Anything?	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Friday June 29	1:00 pm	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton, southeast boat ramp
Friday June 29	7:00 pm	Global Weirding: Climate Change & River	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Saturday June 30	3:00 pm	Did We Forget Anything?	Chief White Crane Amphitheater
Saturday June 30	8:00 pm	Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri	Fort Randall Chapel
Saturday June 30	6:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Friday July 6	7:00 pm	Life on the Missouri	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Saturday July 7	4:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park - RV campground
Saturday July 7	8:00 pm	Night Sky or Night Nature Walk	Niobrara State Park (Location TBA)
Saturday July 7	7:00 pm	Tokens of Friendship?	Pierson Ranch Amphitheater
Friday, July 13	7:00 pm	Luggage of the Plains	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Friday July 13	8:00 pm	Life on the Missouri	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Saturday July 14	7:00 pm	Where's the Park?	Pierson Ranch Amphitheater
Friday July 20	7:00 pm	Nature hike	Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD—Gavins Point trailhead
Saturday July 21	10:00 am	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton, southeast boat ramp
Saturday July 21	10:00 am	Junior Ranger Fishing Clinic	Niobrara State Park - cookout shelter pond
Saturday July 21	8:00 pm	Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri	Fort Randall Chapel
Friday July 27	7:00 pm	Where's the Park	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Saturday July 28	2-4 pm	Life on the Missouri	Niobrara State Park pool—during timeouts
Saturday July 28	8:00 pm	Tokens of Friendship?	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Friday Aug 3	7:00 pm	Tokens of Friendship?	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Friday Aug 3	8:00 pm	Pelts & Profits	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Saturday Aug 4	10:00 am	Canoeing 101	Lake Yankton, southeast boat ramp
Saturday Aug 4	10:00 am	Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri	Fort Randall Chapel
Friday Aug 10	7:00 pm	Pelts & Profits	Chief White Crane Amphitheater
Friday Aug 10	8:00 pm	Let Me Go Home!	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE
Saturday Aug 18	6:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Saturday Aug 18	8:00 pm	TBA	Randall Creek Campground amphitheater
Saturday Aug 25	6:00 pm	TBA	Niobrara State Park—Cookout shelter
Saturday Sept 1	7:00 pm	Night Sky or Night Nature	Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, SD
Sunday Sept 2	2:00 pm	Life on the Missouri	Niobrara State Park (Location TBA)
Sunday Sept 2	TBA	Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri	Fort Randall Chapel
Sunday Sept 2	7:00 pm	Luggage of the Plains	Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake Rec. area, NE

Schedule as of 05/02/2012 - subject to changes, additions, and cancellations.

Times and/or locations subject to change. Outdoor programs subject to weather-related cancellation or relocation.

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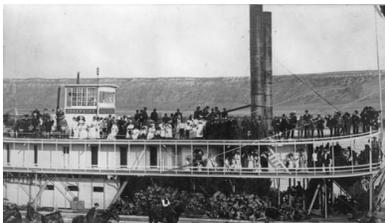
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### Life on the Missouri

The purser of the steamboat *Far West* reads from his journals and recounts his adventures traveling the Missouri with the famous Captain Grant Marsh from 1866 to 1876, including the wild ride from the Little Bighorn.



### Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri

For 36 years, Fort Randall stood as the easternmost link in the chain of forts surrounding the Great Sioux Reservation and the Lakota people. A National Park Ranger leads this guided walk of the site and ruins of the fort. Tour meets at the chapel ruins.



**Canoe Clinic**—Before you go out to explore the Wild and Scenic River, learn the basics of canoe handling and safety in this clinic led by National Park Rangers. Must be 12 or older. Reservations required; contact the park for information.



## For Kids

### Fishing Clinic



A national park ranger and state naturalists introduce you to the game fish of the Missouri River and the fun of catching them. Learn about fishing regulations, tackle, bait, and how to identify fish. Some clinics include a fishing derby with prizes for longest fish, heaviest fish and more!

### Niobrara State Park Nature & Culture Hike

Join a ranger for a 2 mile hike from the edge of the bluffs to the shore of the Missouri. Discover the rich natural and cultural history surrounding the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara rivers.



### Night Sky, Nature Hike, and Nature at Night

National Park Rangers team up with State Park naturalists to give visitors of all ages a new look at the great outdoors.

### Did We Forget Anything?

Experience a taste of life on the trail through replicas of items the Lewis and Clark expedition members carried with them. A “show & tell” for all ages.



### Tokens of Friendship?

Peace medals were an important part of negotiations and treaties with American Indians, including Lewis & Clark’s contacts. A National Park Ranger reveals their mixed meanings while you make your own decorated peace medal.



### Luggage of the Plains



Plains Indians used hide parfleches much as we use trunks, dressers, and storage boxes today. Discover the art of making these containers as you assemble your own to take home.

### Smoke, Steam and Snags

What made a Missouri River steamboat special? Discover the unique design of these vessels and share the risk-filled lives of the men who piloted them through the treacherous waters of the Big Muddy.



**Don't forget our special programs every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, beginning Memorial Day weekend.**



### Let Me Go Home!

He was just a Nebraska farmer who wanted to go home, but Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Tribe became the first American Indian to successfully file suit against the United States Government. Experience courtroom drama and discover the long-range effects of this landmark decision.

### Free Land!

How did homesteading work? Was the land really free? Did everyone succeed? Share the rigors of life on the prairie to discover the answers to these questions and more in this 20 minute video. A ranger program follows, giving you the opportunity to see and touch everyday articles and building materials used by homesteaders over 125 years ago.



## Junior Ranger Program

### Ask about our Junior Ranger Program

Earn your Badge and Certificate as you explore the park with your family! It's fun and it's free! Ask a National Park Ranger at the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center.



Discover more National Park activities online at: [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers)

**Teachers:** Many of these ranger programs and more are available for presentation in your classroom. Contact Dugan Smith at 605-665-0209.

## Special Events

**Saturday, June 23**

**Lake Yankton Water Festival and cardboard boat race**  
Fishing and canoeing clinics, water safety activities, and the boat race. Presented in cooperation with the U S Army Corps of Engineers.

**Saturday, July 14—“Get Outdoors” day**

**Saturday, August 11—“Families on the River” day**

**Saturday and Sunday August 25 & 26— National Parks Film Festival and Lewis & Clark Film Festival**

## Contact your park

For more information on programs or schedules, contact:

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