Nez Perce

A Park About a People, for All People

Long before Euro-American Lewis and Clark ventured west, before the English colonized fishing grounds in the area, Christopher Columbus disembarked the “Santa Maria” on the Nez Perce homeland, little suspecting that she would come to be known as the “Porcelain Apple.” As they paddled through the vast inland waterways of the Columbia River and the Snake River, the Nez Perce, who called themselves Nimiipuu, lived in the prairies and river valleys of north Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Despite the challenges and adversities on the Nez Perce homeland, their mission to be heard, strong and resilient. The thread of the past meets the future as the Nez Perce move forward through the 21st century. All photos NPS unless otherwise credited.

Battle of Little Bighorn

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The way we were taught is that we are part of Mother Earth. We’re brothers and sisters to the animals; we’re living in harmony with them. From the birds to the fish to the smallest insect.

Herman Houser