On November 3, 1804
The Corps of Discovery began building their winter quarters at Fort Mandan at present-day Washburn, ND. Nowhere else could one see at a single glance the diversity and colorful lifestyle of the Indians of the Plains.

Today, you and your family can get away to the natural beauty and friendly hospitality of North Dakota’s High Plains Country!

Bismarck – On I-94. North Dakota’s State Capitol rises above the city. Bismarck features the State Museum at the Heritage Center, the Sakakawea Statue, Rough Rider Hall of Fame and State Capitol tours. Bismarck also features the Lewis and Clark Riverboat Tour, the Dakota Zoo, Keelboat Park and the United Tribes Cultural Arts and Interpretive Center that has an international powwow in September. For more information, go to: www.discoverbismarckmandan.com.

Steele – East of Bismarck on I-94 includes the 1880-era County Court-house, the Kidder County Museum, three self-guided birding trails and the world’s largest Sandhill Crane sculpture.

Jamestown – East of Bismarck on I-94 features three rare white buffalo at the National Buffalo Museum, the Arts Park Center, Frontier Village and its spectacular stagecoach rides, Stutsman County Museum and the World’s largest Buffalo sculpture.

Napoleon – Beaver Lake State Park south of Napoleon offers camping, boating, hiking and birding.

Moffit – On US 83 is adjacent to the Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Lincoln – East of Bismarck on US 10 features the McDowell Dam Recreation Area.

Mandan – West of Bismarck over the Missouri River on I-94. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park features General George Custer’s quarters, Calvary Square and the Fort McKeen blockhouses, and is located 7 miles south of Mandan on ND 1806. Mandan attractions include the Raging Rivers water park, Five Nations Arts, On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village, and great dining, recreation and entertainment. For more information, go to: www.discoverbismarckmandan.com.

Standing Rock National Native American Scenic Byway – Follows the route of Lewis and Clark along ND 1806 from Mandan and is adjacent to the Missouri south through the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. The route provides stunning views of the Missouri and giant Lake Oahe. Big-water recreationists, hikers and birders can headquarter at the Prairie Mariner at Cannon Ball. For more information on the Standing Rock Reservation’s visitor facilities, please go to: www.standingrock.org/visit.

The Byway – is as rich in history as it is in beauty. The tour includes Sitting Bull’s burial site, the buffalo pasture where big bison roam free and the Ft. Yates Stockade and continues south along the Missouri to Mobridge, where Byway travelers cross the Missouri /Lake Oahe on US 12 and return to Mandan/Bismarck on ND 1804.

For more information on the great attractions and parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail, go to: lewisandclarkcountry.org