

The [Travelers Rest State Park](#) and [Holt Heritage Museum](#) celebrate two colorful and imagination-inspiring periods in the history of the Intermountain West: The Lewis & Clark Expedition and the era of ‘the Old West’.

The Traveler’s Rest State Park, home to the only archaeologically verified campsite of the Lewis Clark Expedition, is also an important cultural site of native people, notably the Salish. Staff and volunteers will welcome us and explain the significance of the site. Guided tours along a half mile loop trail and the campsite will highlight the archaeological evidence and interpret what we know about the Expedition’s time in this area. Participants can also visit the Visitor’s Center and Museum displays which highlight not only Expedition replicas but also the indigenous people’s culture and history, and related art. Demonstrations may include historic firearms, native plants, and Indigenous traditional tools.



Adjacent to the State Park, the Holt Heritage Museum contains a rich collection of remnants and artifacts of the Old West, including original art depicting this era. The stories of cowboys’ lives, told with displays of their tools and equipment share space with numerous items from Montana’s earliest settlements. The collection also includes items from the Salish, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Crow Tribes. The Museum is



privately owned by the Holt family, and the displays represent 35 years of dedication to telling the story of the Old West by Bill and Ramona Holt. Our excursion will allow participants a chance to tour the Museum at each individual’s own pace.

With Lolo Creek running through the sites, Traveler’s Rest and the Holt Heritage Museum are idyllic spots for strolling the trails. And bring your binoculars – the riparian areas offer rich bird habitat with more than 115 species recorded within the Park’s boundaries.

Both venues are located in Lolo, Montana, 10 miles south of Missoula. This excursion will last approximately 5 hours, with two hours at each site plus travel time. Restrooms and water are available at both facilities.

The estimated cost of the afternoon is \$20 plus lunches (price to be determined).