

An Excursion Trifecta: Three Classic Western Montana Experiences, including

- **Walking in Lewis & Clark's footsteps at [Travelers' Rest State Park](#)**
- **Exploring the 'Old West' Native American and Cowboy era at the [Holt Heritage Museum](#), and**
- **Relaxing with friends at the award-winning [Lolo Creek Distillery](#).**

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Excursion Organizers: Bill Boettcher, Paul Ries, and Nan Christianson.

Our bus will leave the hotel at 10:30 sharp. Please arrive for boarding at 10:15.

The [Travelers' Rest State Park](#) is home to the only archaeologically verified campsite of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and is also an important cultural site of the Salish and other indigenous people. Park personnel will welcome us and provide guided tours along a 0.5 – 1.0 mile loop trail and the campsite, describing the Expedition's time in this area. The Park's riparian habitat along Lolo Creek is a great spot for birding, with over 115 species recorded and participants may want to bring binoculars. There will be time for attendees to wander the trails independently, and visit the Visitor's Center and Museum which highlight Expedition replicas and indigenous peoples' cultures, history, and related art, and the Park's gift shop with Native American hand crafts. Demonstrations may include historic firearms, native plants, and Indigenous traditional tools.

We'll be at Travelers' Rest from 11:00 – 1:00.

Costs of entrance to the State Park and boxed lunches are included in the excursion price.

Half of our group will first tour the grounds with the State Park Interpreter then enjoy a boxed lunch, while the other half of our group will enjoy lunch first then take the tour. Both groups will have time to visit the interpretive center and gift shop.

Accessibility: While the full trail system is not wheelchair accessible, the initial area with picnic tables, a central interpretive area, and the Interpretive Center and its restrooms are.

Adjacent to the State Park, the [Holt Heritage Museum](#) contains a rich collection of Old West artifacts and original art. 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 historical interpretations of the Salish, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Crow Tribes' daily lives. 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. Participants will tour the Museum at everyone's own pace.

We'll be at the Holt Museum from 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Cost of entrance is a donation set by the visitor. Please bring cash.

Accessibility: The museum is fully accessible.

What's one thing that flows through much of Montana's history, from cowboy campfires to lawless mining camps and the raucous streets of Butte and Miles City? Its whiskey and other distilled spirits! And thus, it seems fitting to end this field trip with a visit to the award-winning [Lolo Creek Distillery](#). We'll enjoy craft cocktails and mocktails while relaxing with friends in the picturesque setting showcased from the Distillery's tasting room and outdoor patio.

We'll be at the Distillery from 3:00 – 4:00.

Cost of refreshments is not included in the excursion fee.