

Voyage of Discovery

On the Lewis and Clark Trail – Cody, Wyoming, to Three Forks, Montana

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The American bison, or buffalo, is Yellowstone National Park's signature wildlife species and is found throughout the park. This one is in Hayden Valley which lies between Yellowstone Lake and Yellowstone Falls along the Yellowstone River.

Why it's called Yellowstone



The Yellowstone River, which was partly explored by the Lewis and Clark Expedition but not this far upstream, pours over Lower Yellowstone Falls and into the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone in Yellowstone National Park.



Yellowstone, where the buffalo roam but the skies were mostly cloudy this day.

This chart will track the 78 counties in nine states that we're traveling through from St. Louis to the Pacific coast. The counties are listed in the order we enter them. Counties that the Corps of Discovery traveled through or had some other connection with have red explanation cells.

TOMORROW - County-by-county in Montana

Start Day 6 at Three Forks, Montana

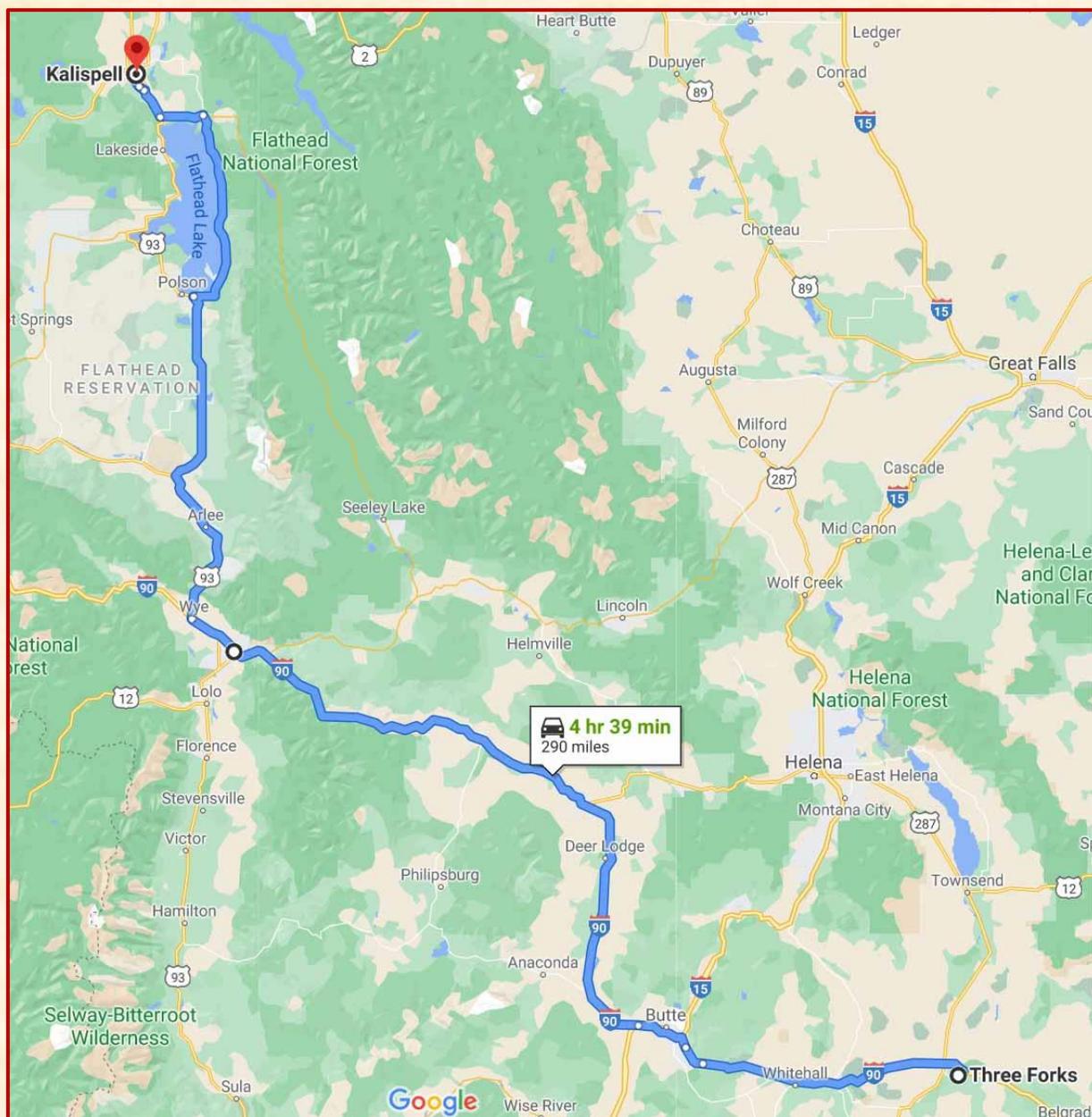
Via U.S. 287, 89 and I-15,

County	Population	County seat	Source of name / significance to Lewis and Clark
45. Broadwater	6,237	Townsend	Charles Arthur Broadwater, Montana railroad, real estate and banking magnate.
46. Jefferson	12,221	Boulder	President Thomas Jefferson
47. Powell	6,890	Dear Lodge	Explorer John Wesley Powell. Meriwether Lewis entered the county July 5, 1806 on his return trip to St. Louis.
48. Granite	3,379	Philipsburg	Granite Mountains.
49. Missoula	119,600	Missoula	Derived from the Salish tribe's name for the local river, <i>Nemissoolatakoo</i> , meaning "river of ambush or surprise." The river is now known as the Clark Fork for William Clark.
50. Lake	30,458	Polson	Flathead Lake.
51. Flathead	103,806	Kalispell	English name for local tribe but origin of term unknown. The county seat is also named for a tribe, but the tribe's spelling of Kalispel has one "L" at the end.

End of Day 6 at Kalispell, Montana

Day: 290 miles / 467 kilometers

Trip: 1,936 miles / 3,116 kilometers





Lobby of the Old Faithful Inn.



When Julie began her list of things she wanted to see on our trip, the first was “that place where the water shoots up out of the ground.” There are many geysers in Yellowstone National Park, but Old Faithful is the only one that erupts on a regular schedule – every 90 minutes, plus or minus 10 minutes – making it the ideal tourist attraction. Want to see a geyser in action? Ask the park ranger and then take your seat.