Pompeys Pillar
National Monument

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Visitor Center: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Main Gate: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

October 1 to October 31:
Visitor Center: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Main Gate: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Walk-in: Dawn to dusk all year

Admission: $7/vehicle or $20/annual pass
Additional fees for groups larger than 6.

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Pompeys Pillar, Montana 59064
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Pompeys Pillar National Monument, a component of the BLM’s National Conservation Lands, was created to preserve an important landmark in American history. Join us to learn about Clark’s visit, Native American heritage, the settling of Montana, and the Yellowstone River’s natural environments.

CROSSROADS
Past and Present Converge

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January 17, 2001

Presidential Proclamation 7366 of
promulgated in Crow grill history.

“...on July 25, 1806, Lewis and Clark Expedition arrived at Pompeys Pillar, Captain William Clark carved his name and date on the rock. The monument is a focal point for the region’s cultural and natural history.

The monument’s location at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers has made it an important site for Native American use for thousands of years. The Crow people call the Pillar the ‘Mountain Lions Lodge’ in their language, and it figures prominently in Crow oral tradition. The monument is a place of reflection and healing, a space where visitors can honor the stories of the past.

“...I ascended the Pillar, and from the top, I got a most extensive view in every direction...”

—From the original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

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Help us protect this national treasure.

- Visitors are welcome to use the grounds during daylight hours, but overnight camping is prohibited.
- Collect rocks and other resources only from lands outside the 51-acre monument boundary.
- Shooting or hunting is prohibited within the monument boundary; seasonal hunting restrictions apply in areas outside the monument.
- No open fires or fireworks.
- Defacing rocks or other resources is punishable under federal law.

The Interpretive Center relates the journey of Captain William Clark and his detachment down the Yellowstone River Valley in 1806. It also addresses native culture, flora and fauna, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the historical legacy of Pompeys Pillar through the changes of the 1800s. A number of J.K. Ralston paintings and sketches are on permanent display.

Inside the Interpretive Center is a gift store well-stocked with artwork, books, jewelry, toys, and other items.

The fields bordering the monument to the south and east are managed to protect and enhance pheasant and other wildlife populations. Known as the Montana Habitat Partnership, this collaboration includes the BLM; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; and Pheasants Forever.

The boardwalk up the pillar leads to Clark’s signature, the top of the mesa, and an impressive view. It is approximately 1,000 feet long and contains about 200 steps.

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar is a group of volunteers dedicated to developing the historic potential of the monument. It works cooperatively with the BLM to interpret and preserve the history of the area and to provide visitor services.