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‘DISCOVERING LEWIS AND CLARK’ SITE ADDS AERIAL PHOTOS

MISSOULA —

Two centuries ago this summer, members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were struggling upstream on the Missouri River into territory largely unknown to the United States. One of the best places to learn more about their adventure is the “Discovering Lewis and Clark” Web site at www.lewis-clark.org.

Recent additions to the site are available by clicking on “New in June 2004.” The latest material includes the first five of 111 aerial photos of select trail locations by photographer Jim Wark. Titled “Discovering Lewis and Clark from the Air,” these modern, bird’s-eye-views feature places such as Monticello, Harpers Ferry and Pittsburgh. Five new photos will be offered each month until the close of the bicentennial observance.

Joe Mussulman, a former University of Montana professor, leads a team that designs “Discovering Lewis and Clark,” which now includes more than 1,300 pages and gets 27,000 hits a day. Mussulman said the site has been described by historians as the best source of Lewis and Clark information on the Internet. Designers periodically add an interpretive episode that delves into some aspect of the expedition.

The Web site went online in 1997 and is funded by a nonprofit corporation Mussulman created called VIAs. Look for new episodes at the site for several years to come.

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