

Lewis and Clark Trail Study
Steering Committee - Initial Workshop
March 17, 2009

Small Group Breakout Notes
Group #1

Who do you think will use the Trail?

MARKET:

Schools: science field trip K-8 (w/in 1 hr.)
College: History, Biology, Geography, Natural Science, Architecture
Family Exploration
Birders & Wildlife Watchers
Locals: near communities
Tourists: Within Iowa, outside of State, family
State Websites
Special Interest Groups
Photographers
Resource Conservation: be concerned too far maint. Wild places
Wild Spaces
Habitat Fragmentation
Wayfinding
AAA
Book / Guide
Winter Activities: X-C. snowmobile
Boy Scouts

What Features do you want to see on the Trail?

FEATURES & ROUTES:

Scenery : scenic overlook
Desoto Bend (wildlife)
Loess Hills (tower)
Hist. markers
Look at Morman Trail interpretive Information and book
NPS: inventory this summer
Iowa Welcome Centers
Sgt. Floyd Monument
Lewis & Clark Int Centers: Sioux City, Onawa
Trail Center: Council Bluffs
State Parks and Wildlife Refuges
Wabash Trace & Trail
Wineries
Linking Trails, feed off each other
Uniqueness of Loess Hills
Earth Lodge Museum
Repatriation of Artifacts (Glenwood)

ASK NOT:

Accommodations: people need places to stay, shuttle & parking support
NPS Technical assistance: historical interpretation., volunteer educators,
Nat'l Res, GIS, Seasonals
Sustainable Trail Design (DNR):
erosion control techniques
Historical Site Protection
OHV - maintenance, eyes on the trail, litter clean-up, trail cat.
Boy Scout Service Projects: Little Sioux Ranch

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Hospitality & Nature Centers, Welcome Centers, ...: one stop shop for
information

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Group #2

Who will use the Trail?

Bicyclists, Tourists, Outdoor Enthusiasts
Locals
Equestrian
In-line Skaters
X Country Skiers
Snow Groomers
Water/Canoe
Walkers / Hikers
Students - University
Clubs - 4H
Campers
OHV: Off Highway Vehicle
Nursing Home Residents
Bird Watchers

What Benefits will come from the Trail?

More to Market
Trail head
Quality of Life
Health & Fitness
Linkages
Connections
Events
Transportation
Economic Impact
Travelers off I-29, I-80

What Features do you want to see on the Trail?

Loess Hills
Missouri Rivers
Existing Trails
Lewis & Clark Attractions
Wetlands
Day Trips, Theme Tours
Mapping, Information Kiosks
Paved & Scenic
Incorporate Nature
Comfort Stations
Good Signage
Facility List
Miles & Difficulty
Some aesthetic amenities with shade
Interpretive Panels
Local History (like rest areas)
Agriculture Interpretation
Libations, entertainment
Natural Interpretation, Architectural

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Group #3

Who do you think will use the Trail?

Locals
Regional Residents
National Residents
Utility Personnel
University Students in General
Wild Life: not marketed as a wildlife corridor

What Features do you want to see on the Trail?

Draw interest from not only Lewis & Clark enthusiasts, but local attractions,
historical markers,
nature lovers,
ATV Groups,
bike groups,
recreational & transportation value
historical landmarks of the trail

Name of Trail

L & C dilutes the concept, confused with the National Lewis & Clark
Trail
Call it Missouri River Historical Trail
Tie in the Iowa Riverfront aspect
Recognize the potential Interstate attractions

This trail will be an easier ride than RAGBRI, more family geared

What can your Agency do for the Trail?

Onawa: Lewis & Clark Park will compliment w/bike trails
Other communities should connect their parks, trails and recreation areas,
ie: Trace Trail
Local communities can provide safety & rescue
Bring Tourism \$ in locally
Fish & Wildlife Service can bring in Fed \$