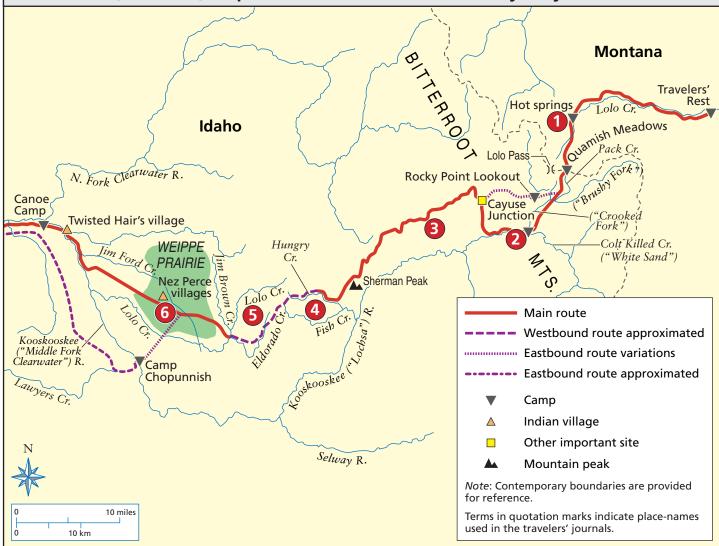
Lewis and Clark Expedition's Route through the Bitterroot Mountains (Lolo Trail), September-October 1805 and May-July 1806



- "When we had gone 2 miles, we came to a most beautiful warm spring, the water of which is considerably above the blood-heat; and I could not bear my hand in it without unpleasantness."
 —Patrick Gass, September 13, 1805
- 2. "... encamped opposit a Small Island at the mouth of a branch on the right side of the river.... Here we were compelled to kill a colt for our men & selves to eat for the want of meat & we named the south fork Colt Killed Creek, ... "
 - —William Clark, September 14, 1805
- 3. "Some of the men without Socks, wrapped rags on their feet, and loaded up our horses and Set out without anything to eat and proceeded on. Could hardly See the old trail for the Snow."
 - —Joseph Whitehouse, September 16, 1805
- 4. "Encamped on a bold running creek passing to the

left which I call Hungery Creek as at that place we had nothing to eate."

—William Clark, September 18, 1805

- 5. "The men are becoming lean and debilitated, on account of the scarcity and poor quality of the provisions on which we subsist . . . We have, however, some hopes of getting soon out of this horrible mountainous desert . . . "
 - —Patrick Gass, September 19, 1805
- **6.** "At 12 miles descended the mountain to a leavel pine countrey. Proceeded on . . . to a small plain in which I found main Indian lodges. Those people gave us a small piece of buffalow meat, some dried salmon beries & roots. . . . They call themselves *Chopun-nish* or *Pierced noses*."

—William Clark, September 20, 1805

Note: Original spelling and punctuation have been retained from journal entries.