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Camp Dubois is managed by the Wood River Heritage Council.

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At one end of the site is a Comfort Station with modern restroom facilities and a shower on both sides.

For enquiries about using the site or for volunteer opportunities contact our Co-directors:

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2023 Rendezvous Dates

January 28 & 29 Winter Rendezvous

March 25 & 26 Spring Rendezvous

May 6 & 7 Time Line Event

Oct. 28 & 29 Fall Rendezvous

Map of the Lewis & Clark Expedition



Welcome to Camp DuBois



198 N Main St.

Wood River, IL 62095

Follow signs from overpass going into
Wood River on Rt 143 west.



The Corps of Discovery built and stayed at

Camp DuBois from December 12, 1803 thru April of 1804. Captain Clark trained the men at the camp while Captain Lewis gathered supplies and equipment for the expedition from St. Louis and Cahokia.



There are 5 bunkhouses and private quarters for Captain Clark.

Each regular cabin has a working fireplace with dining area and 8 bunks in the sleeping quarters.



This camp was built by volunteers to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The year it was built a crew stayed in the cabins for the same length of time that the original expedition wintered in the camp. It has been maintained and improved on since the original build and continues to be a totally volunteer site.



The diaries from the expedition comment on the

men building a shed for a washerwoman who was hired for the winter. Our shed was constructed as an Explorer scout project.

Another Explorer scout project was a garden area. It lay fallow but was converted to a Prairie garden in 2018.



A shed to house the forge was built on site as a

permanent place for a blacksmith to work during events and for use repairing items at the camp.



A reenactment group requested permission to build clay bread ovens as a permanent addition to the site. They are built based on the research done on the bread ovens of Quebec. They have been a learning experience for both construction and baking methods. We are

currently trying to construct a shelter over the oven area to protect them from the elements.

