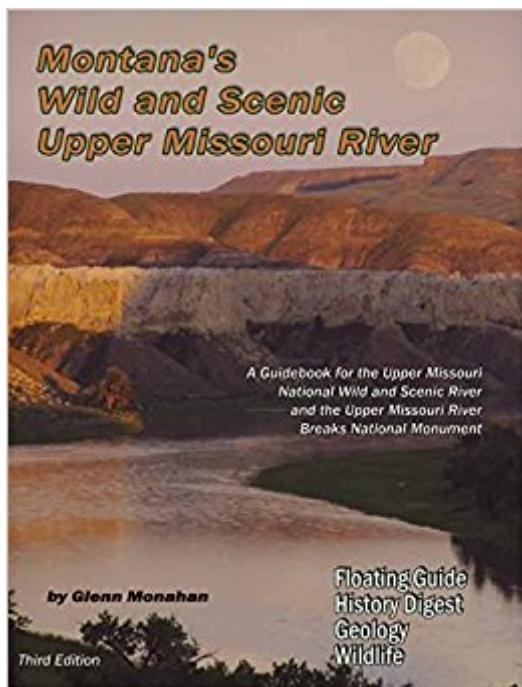


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# Montana's Wild & Scenic Upper Missouri River



## **Synopsis**

Montana's Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River is a one hundred forty-nine mile wilderness stretch of the Missouri River that has changed but little since Lewis and Clark first saw it in 1805. In addition to the river corridor's incredible beauty, it played a major role in the settling of the West, and there are scores of important historic sites along its banks, including Indian encampments, Lewis and Clark campsites, steamboat landings, fur trading post sites, and abandoned homesteads. The Upper Missouri is the premier section of the Lewis and Clark Trail, which stretches from St. Louis to the Pacific coast. The Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument includes the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, as well as tens of thousands of acres of wilderness public lands adjoining the river corridor. The core of this book is a 'history digest', which locates important historic sites along the river, and provides a narrative describing the history of each site. When combined with the Bureau of Land Management maps for the river, floaters can relive the history of the Upper Missouri, while enjoying the beauty and peacefulness of the river. Additional chapters describe the river's geology, wildlife, and provide tips for individuals planning to float the Upper Missouri. Glenn Monahan operates a guiding and outfitting service on the Upper Missouri; Chan Biggs is a retired, Bureau of Land Management river ranger.

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I took a 150 mile journey with my dog on the Missouri and this book was a great addition. Very interesting mile by mile history of the area.

Good condition.

With Glenn's book we were well prepared for our float trip of the Upper Missouri, following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark's expedition.

This book is pretty, but not a very good river trip resource.

I haven't gotten into it yet so can't give an informed review. It appears to provide a lot of useful information that should be of value and also expand the enjoyment of my anticipated trip with a lot of historical and natural history details.

One of the co-authors of this book operates a river outfitting business, Upper Missouri River Guides, and thus has first hand knowledge of the Upper Missouri; the second co-author worked as a Bureau of Land Management River Manager for the Upper Missouri, and is a past president of the non-profit National Association for Interpretation. This book is the only available guide book for Montana's Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. Having this book in your canoe will significantly enhance your experience on the river. The core of the book is the "History Digest", consisting of a 175 page, mile-by-mile river log of

historic events and locations along the river, keyed to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management maps that are commonly used by floaters. Canoe paddlers can identify their location on the BLM maps, and cross-reference their location with the History Digest to read about the history of that particular location. The history digest includes over one hundred descriptive narratives which provide interesting information about each of the thirteen Lewis and Clark campsites on the Upper Missouri, as well as on the fur trading fort sites, steamboat landings, Indian habitation sites, and the old homestead buildings that floaters pass on the river. Additional chapters include: "Historical Overview", "Geology", "Wildlife", and a chapter entitled "Floating the Missouri", which provides information and tips for persons planning a float trip on Montana's Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

Glenn Monahan's book, Montana's Wild and Scenic Upper Missouri River, 2nd edition, is written clearly and accurately. Lewis and Clark first described this portion of the Missouri in their annals of 1805. Construction of the Fort Peck Dam has changed the course of the river since that date. And one will not see grizzly bear or buffalo as documented by the Expedition in what was then Montana Territory. For travelers who are canoeing, rafting or exploring outcroppings on foot, Monahan gives a play-by-play of scenic changes and their identification. His historical accounts and pictures satisfy curiosity and bridge a 200-year gap.

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