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S. 642

To amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark
National Historic Trail.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2003

Mr. BAYH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lewis and Clark Na-
5 tional Historic Trail Amendments Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the National Trails System—

9 (A) was established in 1968 to—

1 (i) provide additional recreational op-
2 portunities to the people of the United
3 States; and

4 (ii) preserve access to outdoor areas
5 and historical resources of the United
6 States; and

7 (B) since 1968, has been modified to—

8 (i) recognize new categories of trails;
9 and

10 (ii) expand trails;

11 (2) the Lewis and Clark National Historic
12 Trail, as designated in 1978, omits several histori-
13 cally significant sites relating to the Lewis and Clark
14 Expedition;

15 (3) Meriwether Lewis and William Clark gath-
16 ered at the Falls of the Ohio, located in Clarksville,
17 Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky, to plan and pre-
18 pare for the expedition;

19 (4) the Falls of the Ohio was also the site at
20 which—

21 (A) Lewis and Clark selected the first en-
22 listed members of the expedition; and

23 (B) those members were sworn into the
24 Army at a ceremony witnessed by General
25 George Rogers Clark;

1 (5) on July 13, 2001, the National Park Serv-
2 ice certified the Falls of the Ohio as an official
3 Lewis and Clark site associated with the Lewis and
4 Clark National Historic Trail;

5 (6) on July 22, 2002, the National Park Serv-
6 ice certified historic Locust Grove in Louisville, Ken-
7 tucky, as an official Lewis and Clark site associated
8 with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail;

9 (7) the National Council of the Lewis and Clark
10 Bicentennial has designated the Falls of the Ohio as
11 a national signature event site at which to com-
12 memorate, during October 2003, the bicentennial of
13 events in the area relating to the Lewis and Clark
14 Expedition; and

15 (8) the areas in and around Clarksville, Indi-
16 ana, and Louisville, Kentucky, including the Falls of
17 the Ohio—

18 (A) are the sites of events that were sig-
19 nificant to the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and

20 (B) should be recognized and protected as
21 components of the Lewis and Clark National
22 Historic Trail.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HIS-**
2 **TORIC TRAIL.**

3 Section 5(a)(6) of the National Trails System Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1244(a)(6)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(6) The” and inserting the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(6) LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC
8 TRAIL.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

10 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) (as des-
11 ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

12 “(B) ADDITIONAL ROUTE.—In addition to
13 the route described in subparagraph (A), the
14 Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail shall
15 include the route traveled by Meriwether Lewis
16 and William Clark from the Falls of the Ohio,
17 located in Clarksville, Indiana, and Louisville,
18 Kentucky, to Wood River, Illinois.”.

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