



August 1, 1805, mile 2870

Captain Lewis left me at 8 o'clock, just below the place I entered a very high mountain which jugged its tremendous cliffs on either side for 9 miles. The rocks are ragged, some very dark and the other part very light rock. The light rock is sandstone. The water is swift and very shoaly. I killed an Ibex [bighorn sheep], on which the whole party dined. After passing through the mountain we entered a wide, extensive valley of from four to 8 miles wide, and very level. The river widens and spreads into small channels. The river is so rapid that the greatest exertion is required by all to get the boats on. I sent J. and R. fields to hunt this evening. They killed five deer.

*Clark, August 1, 1805*

August 2, 1805, mile 2883



This is the “wide, extensive valley” Clark described, near the August 1 campsite. The town of Whitehall appears in the distance, with Interstate 90 to its right.