



September 10, 1804, mile 1090

I saw at one view 500 buffalo. Those animals have been in view all day feeding in the plains on the larboard side. Every copse of timber appears to have elk or deer. Drouillard killed 3 deer, I killed a buffalo, York 2, R. Fields 1.

*Clark, September 9, 1804*

On a hill on the larboard side we found the backbone of a fish, 45 feet long tapering to the tail. There were some teeth, etc. The joints were separated and all was petrified.

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Here was the man who left us with the horses 16 days ago (George Shannon. He started August 26.) and has been ahead ever since, joined us nearly starved to death. He had been 12 days without anything to eat but grapes and one rabbit, which he killed by shooting a piece of hard stick in place of a ball. This man, supposing the boat to be ahead, pushed on as long as he could. When he became weak and feeble he determined to lay by and wait for a trading boat, which is expected, keeping one horse for the last resource. Thus a man had like to have starved to death in a land of plenty for want of bullets or something to kill his meat.

*Clark, September 11, 1804*

September 11, 1804, mile 1108



The Platte-Winner Bridge spans Lake Francis Case near the place the expedition found George Shannon, who had been lost for several days.