



October 20, 1804, mile 1546

At the upper part of Lake Oahe, the Missouri returns to its shallow, meandering style.

October 19, 1804, mile 1526



I walked out on the hill and observed great numbers of buffalo feeding on both sides of the river. I counted 52 gangs of buffalo and 3 of elk at one view. I saw some remarkable round hills forming a cone at the top, one about 90 feet, one 60, and several others smaller. The Indian Chief says that the calumet birds [golden eagles] live in the holes of those hills.

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We saw great numbers of buffalo, elk, deer, and goats. Our hunters killed 10 deer and a goat today, and wounded a white bear [grizzly]. I saw several fresh tracks of those animals, which are three times as large as a man's tracks. Great numbers of buffalo were swimming in the river. I observe wolves near all large gangs of buffalo, and when the buffalo move, those animals follow and feed on those that are killed by accident or those that are too pore of fat to keep up with the gang.

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