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# H. R. 461

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. HILL (for himself, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. SOUDER) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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 as follows:

8               (1) The National Trails System was established  
9       in 1968 to provide additional recreational opportuni-  
10      ties and promote preservation of access to outdoor

1 areas and historical resources of the nation, and has  
2 been amended over time to recognize new categories  
3 of trails and to expand site designations.

4 (2) The Lewis and Clark National Historic  
5 Trail, as designated in 1978, omits several histori-  
6 cally significant sites relevant to the Lewis and  
7 Clark expedition.

8 (3) Lewis and Clark first came together at the  
9 Falls of the Ohio, located at Clarksville, Indiana,  
10 and Louisville, Kentucky, to plan and prepare for  
11 their expedition.

12 (4) The Corps of Discovery was formed at the  
13 Falls of the Ohio when Lewis and Clark selected the  
14 first enlisted members of the expedition and mem-  
15 bers were sworn into the army during a ceremony  
16 witnessed by General George Rogers Clark.

17 (5) On July 13, 2001, the National Park Serv-  
18 ice certified the Falls of the Ohio State Park as an  
19 official Lewis and Clark site associated with the  
20 Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

21 (6) On July 22, 2002, the National Park Serv-  
22 ice certified Historic Locust Grove in Louisville,  
23 Kentucky, as an official Lewis and Clark site associ-  
24 ated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic  
25 Trail.

1           (7) The National Council of the Lewis and  
2           Clark Bicentennial has designated the Falls of the  
3           Ohio as a national signature event site in October,  
4           2003, to commemorate the bicentennial of the im-  
5           portant events that occurred in Clarksville, Indiana,  
6           and Louisville, Kentucky.

7           (8) The areas in and around Clarksville, Indi-  
8           ana, and Louisville, Kentucky, including the Falls of  
9           the Ohio, are the sites of events pivotal to the Lewis  
10          and Clark expedition and merit protection and rec-  
11          ognition as components of the Lewis and Clark Na-  
12          tional Historic Trail.

13 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HIS-**  
14 **TORIC TRAIL.**

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

17           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The” and  
18          inserting “(A) The”; and

19           (2) by adding the following new subparagraph:

20                   “(B) In addition to the route designated in  
21                   subparagraph (A), the trail shall include the  
22                   route traveled by Lewis and Clark from the  
23                   Falls of Ohio, located in Clarksville, Indiana,

1           and Louisville, Kentucky, to Wood River, Illi-  
2           nois.”.

