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# S. 642

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

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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

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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 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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