



Gear up

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WHAT TO WEAR WHEN OUTDOORS

“... We are all wet and disagreeable ... our party has been wet for 8 days and is truly disagreeable, their robes and leather clothes are rotten from being continually wet” — William Clark, November 1805

Unfortunately, Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery did not have the luxury of running down to a local sporting goods store and picking up some “water resistant” gear while staying at Fort Clatsop in the winter of 1805-06.

Weather resistant clothing didn’t exist when they made their historic trek across the country and back. The group definitely could have used some warm, dry clothing when they entered the Lower Columbia region.