

- Crofton - 50
- Bloomfield - 8
- Wausa - 1 (with more to come)
- Wynot - 9
- Hartington - 5
- Winnetoon - 5
- Center - 2
- Verdigre - 2
- Forcyce - 1
- Niobrara - 6
- Bow Valley - 1
- St. Helena - 1
- Verdel - 1
- Lindy - 1
- St. James - 1
- Santee - 1
- Creighton - 1



*The Shannon Trail is a 240 mile adventure!
Spend time enjoying the scenery & towns!*

Estimated number of caches within a 10-mile radius of each town in 2010. More added each year!! Check out www.geocaching.com for the latest info.

HIDDEN ALONG THE TRAIL! GEOCACHES

Get out your GPS unit (Global Satellite Positioning System) and search for the hidden Ammo containers that contain a little history of each community and small treasures! Log onto www.geocaching.com type in the zip code for the area you will be traveling, jot down the information and start your adventure. Take things to leave in the caches and when you find all of the caches you will receive a certificate like the one below by going to www.shannontrail.com and downloading it.

Geocaching sites
www.geocaching.com

Visit Our State Parks



As you follow Private George Shannon. Find the 16 National Park Service signs in the communities. Locate the animal on the signs or the symbol for that town. Match the animal or symbol up with the town and get a FREE Shannon Print which can be picked up at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center located 2 miles South of Yankton on Highway 81, Ph. 1-402-667-6557.

Local History Comes to Life "Who is Private George Shannon?"



The theme of the 16 National Park service signs is: "Who is Private George Shannon?"
Match for the signs along the trail.

CAN YOU FIND THE PRIVATE GEORGE SHANNON STATUES?

Take the road less traveled & journey into Northeast Nebraska as you re-kindle the spirit of the "Corps of Discovery"

"In the name of poor Private Shannon, what has evolved is a scavenger hunt of sorts for families looking for a day's adventure."
Cnn.com/travel

"If we can help our area and the small businesses in any way, then we are successful and our time has been worth it."
Laurie Larsen, President of the Shannon Trail-Promoters

"There is a map, but that doesn't necessarily help you find Shannon. There are businesses listed who take part in the game - but often you'll get a smirk and a giggle when you ask a proprietor where the sculptures are to be found. It's all a part of the strategy."
Jan Dehner, Sioux City Journal

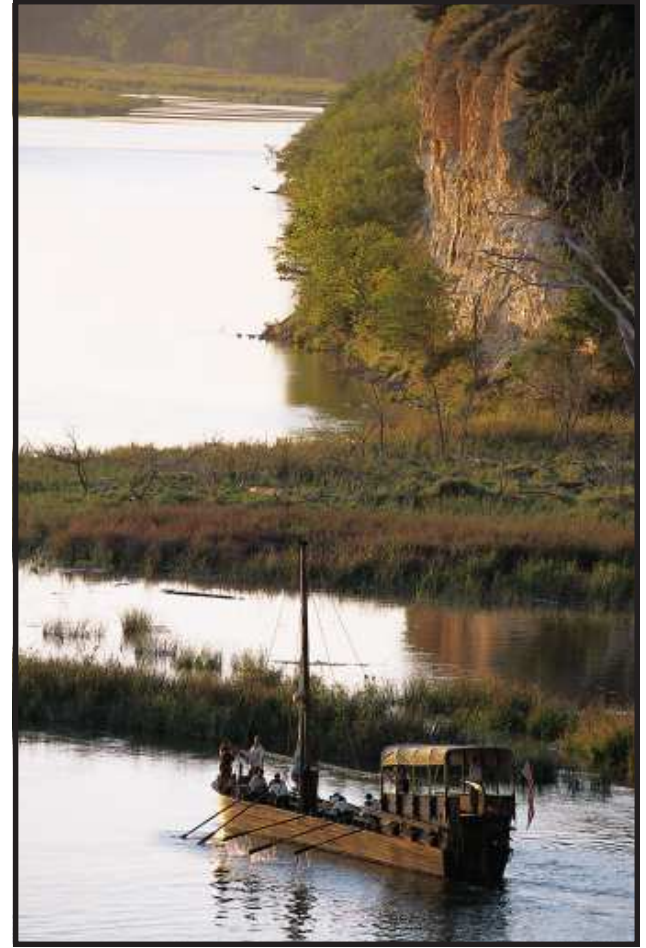
"We enjoyed the adventure of finding Private Shannon in Northeast Nebraska. Without the search, we would never have found the whimsical town of Winnetoon."
Butch and Sandy Spaulding, Council Bluffs, IA

"Not only is the idea of finding Private Shannon in each community like a life size version of 'I Spy' but seeing the landscaping each statute is put in brings out the individual qualities of each small community."
Chip Murrow - Community Forester with the Nebraska Forest Service

"The Shannon Trail! What a wonderful way to learn about one of the most interesting members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and see some marvelous Nebraska towns and meet great people at the same time. Traveling the trail and finding Shannon is a kick. This is a "must do" experience for all Lewis and Clark buffs. Enjoy!"

Best wishes, Hal Stearns
Western and Lewis and Clark Historian
Helena, Montana

FIND PRIVATE SHANNON



FOLLOW THE HISTORIC PRIVATE GEORGE SHANNON TRAIL

www.shannontrail.com
www.geocaching.com

Present Completed Card and Pick Up a **FREE Print** or Map at the:
Corps of Discovery Welcome Center
Located 2 miles South of Yankton on Highway 81
89705 Hwy. 81 • Crofton, NE 68730
402-667-6557 (for hours of operation)
cdwc@byelectric.com



WHO IS PRIVATE GEORGE SHANNON?

Private George Shannon was the youngest member of the Corps of Discovery expedition. On August 26, 1804 Shannon and interpreter George Drouillard were sent out to round up the expedition's horses near present day Wynot, Nebraska (near Goat Island). They were instructed to stay on the high lands and follow the expedition upstream.

The following day, Drouillard returned saying he couldn't find the horses or Shannon. For several days, men were sent out to look for him, with no result. It was during this time that Shannon was exploring Northeast Nebraska. On September 11 the keelboat crew spotted him on the shore, barely alive, waiting for a trade boat to pass and pick him up. During his 16 day ordeal he had eaten only wild berries and a rabbit he shot with a stick from his gun because he had ran out of ammunition.

Santee Sioux Pow Wow - Held in June at Santee
Ponca Pow Wow - Held in August at Niobrara



Ponca Earth Lodge Niobrara Native American Dancers

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway @
www.nebraskaoutlawtrail.org
National Missouri Recreational River
www.nps.gov
Check www.visitnebraska.gov to find:
• Local Museums • Hunting/fishing
• Local Festivals • Pow wows
• Antiques • State Parks @ www.ngpc.state.ne.us
Watch for Brown & White Lewis & Clark Historic Markers along the Trail

For more information on: Attractions, Lodging and the Private Shannon Trail, call: Corps of Discovery Welcome Center at 1-402-667-6557 E Mail: cdwc@byelectric.com

**SUPPORT THESE EVENTS AND
BUSINESSES ALONG THE
SHANNON TRAIL**

The numbers by the communities indicate his life from childhood (1. Verdigre) to his later life (16. Verdel)

1. VERDIGRE

“Nestled in the Valley of the Bohemian Alps”
ci.verdigre.ne.us

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Kolach Festival - each June
- Czech Opera House
- St. Wenceslas Church
- Heritage Museum
- Czech Meats and Bakery
- Wildwood Acres Park
- Verdigre Museum

206 Main Street • By Appointment Call 402-668-2813

Jedlicka Hardware Hank, Verdigre Bakery, Misty's Saloon, Jack's Qwik Shop, Cozy Corner Cafe, Frank's Food Mart, Country Creations.

2. CENTER

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Town created as the 'Center' of the county
- Knox County Seat
- Excellent Hunting
- The Stumble Inn Bar and Grill, Valverde Abstract Company.

3. WINNETOON

“World's ONLY Winnetoon”
gneuhaus@gpcom.net

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
 - Replica 1910 Village Street
 - Antiques, Gifts, Natural Foods
 - Homecooked meals at Elaine's Tavern
 - Winnetoon Museum
- 310 Main • Mon. - Fri. or by Appointment Call 402-847-3368
Winnetoon Mini Mall, Elaine's Tavern and Cafe.

4. CREIGHTON

“Home of the Berrypepper”
www.creighton.org

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
 - Santaland featuring animated light displays
 - Bruce Park Arboretum
 - Berrypepper Days each June
 - Creighton Historical Center, Inc.
- 716 Main Street • Open Tues. & Thurs. 10-12 & 2-4
Action Sports, Big Red Bottle Shop, Creighton Locker, Pronto, Shaffer's Mini Mart, Gragerts Grocery, Black Horse Inn & Drover Steakhouse, Special Place, Grand Central Restaurant.

5. WAUSA

“Swedish Capital of Nebraska”
www.ci.wausa.ne.us

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Swedish Smorgasbord 4th Saturday each October
- Ole' Open Golf and BBQ each 4th Saturday in July
- Classic Car Show and Labor Day Celebration held the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend
- Swedish Gifts, Foods and Meats
- Peter's Hardware, Viking Lumber, Main Street Grocery, Floral Touch, Big Red Mini Market, Wausa Locker, Wausa Cafe.

6. BLOOMFIELD

“The Busy City”

www.ci.bloomfield.ne.us

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- St. Andrews Grotto
- Knox County Fair each August
- Sally's Antiques, Gifts and Crafts
- Museum
- Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm LLC
- JB's Here 4 U, Gill Realty & Auction LLC, Country Market, The Monitor, Floral Fantasy, Family Variety, Curt's Lanes, Joan Thomsen Realtor Woods Brothers Realty, Time Out Lounge, Broadway Billies, B's Quick Stop.

Brochures Sponsored by



7. HARTINGTON

www.ci.hartington.ne.com

- Shannon Statue in Library & National Park Service Sign
- 1922 City Auditorium designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright
- 1885 Romanesque style Court House
- Candlelight Christmas Parade of Lights
- Museum with log cabin
- Cedar County Seat
- Arlo and Ann Wirth Art Gallery
- Cedar County Fair - July
- Nissen Winery
- Outdoorsmen Productions, D&J Variety, Scott's Package Liquor, Subway, Hartelco, Farm and Ranch Company, Stephanie Scoggan State Farm Insurance, Kruse Stained Glass, Etched Impressions by Angie, Bittersweet.

8. BOW VALLEY

- National Park Service Shannon Sign
- 'Cathedral on the Plains'
- 1800's Blacksmith Shop
- Northeast Nebraska Historic Church Tour - 402-357-3330
- Art Kathol Appliance, Inc., Clayton's Food, Service & Seed, Lila Schulte Driver Insurance Agency.

9. ST. JAMES

www.stjamesmarketplace.com

- National Park Service Shannon Sign
- Rose Gate Inn
- Green Diamond
- Brooky Bottom Recreation Area and Sportsmans Steakhouse
- St. James Marketplace - Handmade, homemade goodness and a source of local history books. Open weekends May through November with the Heritage Festival each September. It is on the National Historic Register and the Wiseman Monument is near St. James. Lewis & Clark Campsite where Pvt. Shannon was lost near here-Goat Island 1804.

10. WYNOT

AREA INCLUDES: WYNOT, ST. JAMES, BOW VALLEY, ST. HELENA

www.wynotnebraska.com

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Goat Island - historic campsite where Shannon was lost
- Wiseman Monument
- Brooky Bottom Recreation Area and Sportsmans Steakhouse
- Civil War Veterans Cemetery
- J & H RV Park
- Wynot Farm Store, Cedar Security Bank, Wynot Oil Company, Wynot Insurance Agency, B&B Locker, Cedar Security Insurance, Wynot Village Clerk, Wynot Sand and Gravel and Redi Mix, Blue Devil Bar, Jones Feed & Grain Truckin, Inc., Wynot Advertise, A Touch Of Health Massage & Bodywork.

11. ST. HELENA

- National Park Service Shannon Sign
- 4th of July Celebration
- Historic Iron Jail
- Community Ballroom with wooden floor
- St. Helena Store
- Historic Immaculate Conception Church
- St. Helena Park and Shelter

12. CROFTON

www.crofton-ne.com

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Lewis & Clark Lake and Gavins Point Dam
- Historic 1912 Argo Hotel
- Bald Eagle Nesting Site
- Corps of Discovery Welcome Center
- Lewis & Clark Weigand & Burbach Campgrounds
- Jeanne's Antiques
- WJ Ranch
- Argo Hotel Bed & Breakfast, Steakhouse & Lounge
- Countryside Gas and Go, Steffen's Service, Brett's Body Shop, Wiebelhaus Recreation, People's Grocery & Floral, Crofton Journal, CJ's at the Lake, Sprakel's Sport Stop

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Ashfall Fossil Beds
- Niobrara State Park
- Lewis & Clark State Park
- Ponca State Park
- Devil's Nest



Chief Standing Bear Bridge Niobrara



Larry Wright Ponca Tribe

13. LINDY

“Only Country Club without a Golf Course.”

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Service Sign
- Lewis & Clark campsite
- Devils Nest Historic Hideout of Jesse James
- Lindy Country Club Restuarant

14. SANTEE

www.santeedakota.org

- Shannon Trail Statue at Ohiya Casino & National Park Service Sign
- Ohiya Casino & Feather Hill RV Park & Gas located on Highway 12 - 5 miles East of Niobrara. Feather Hill Gas open 24 Hours. Call for info: 402-857-3338 or 402-857-3593
- Sioux Tribal Pow Wow each June
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Cultural Center in log building
- Santee Sioux Tribe Museum

425 Frazier Avenue N Ste 2, Santee, Nebraska

15. NIOBRARA

www.niobrara.ne.com

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Sign
 - Niobrara State Park - www.ngpc.state.ne.us
 - Oldest and newest town in Knox County
 - Standing Bear Bridge
 - Kreycik Riverview Covered Wagon Tours through Elk and Buffalo
 - Confluence of Niobrara and Missouri Rivers.
 - Walk to and Fish from Historic Railroad Bridge
 - Ponca Earth Lodge
 - September 4, 1804 Campsite
 - Niobrara Museum
- 2546 Park Avenue • Sat. & Sun. 11:00am - 3:00pm or By Appointment Call 402-857-3546
- Ponca Museum
- 2546 Park Avenue • Mon. - Fri. 7:30am - 4:00pm & Sat. - Sun. 10:00am - 4:30pm
- White Tail River Lodge B & B
 - Nostalgic Two Rivers Saloon Restaurant & Hotel
 - Farnik's Market, Moody Motors, Hilltop Lodge, Ole's Cafe, Trustworthy Hardware, Niobrara Village Clerk, Sportsmen's Bar, Farmer's & Merchants Bank, Olson Insurance, Fly Way Cafe, Niobrara Tribune, Niobrara Trading Post.

16. VERDEL

- Shannon Trail Statue & National Park Sign
- Only traffic light in Knox County!
- Bob Barker's Grandparents are buried in cemetery
- 10 miles from Old Baldy
- Blue Moon Resort (2 miles East, 1 1/2 miles North on Lazy River Acres road).

SHANNON TRAIL SERVICES

- 1) Verdigre
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Hospital Food Lodging Fuel

Camping Swimming Canoeing Hiking Golf Museum Airport