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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in the scenic "white rocks" section of the upper Missouri River, Citadel Rock is a dark conglomerate of Tertiary igneous rock which has been thrust upward through the white sandstone of the area. This tower of rock rises sharply to over 100 feet above the Missouri and constricts the river to its narrowest channel in this area, slightly over 300 feet.

There are actually two rocks, the smaller one being a replica of the larger about 40 feet high and located immediately to the north of the Citadel Rock. The land is quite dry and broken, with a sparse cover of sage, grasses and prickly pear cactus. Isolated Cottonwoods of various sizes are scattered along the banks of the muddy Missouri.

At a glance, this area appears essentially the same as it did when Lewis and Clark first noted the rock in 1805. The site is located on state school trust land and is being leased for cattle grazing. A closer inspection reveals that several improvements for this purpose have altered the appearance of this site to some extent. During the late 1960's the lessee dug a bulldozer trail which switch backs down the crest of the ridge from the plain above to the river's edge to provide access to water for his cattle. The entire length of the crest of the ridge was also fenced.

Today, the trail has washed out in several places and a new metal gate has been installed where the ridge meets the Citadel Rock. The Department of Fish and Game plans to remove the scars and fencing as soon as funds become available.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Citadel Rock has been a landmark and inspiration to travelers on the upper Missouri River since 1805. The rock was used to plot the course of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and was noted by Captain Clark as being "...a high steep black rock riseing from the waters edge." It was one of the features of the "white rocks" section of the upper Missouri that contributed to Lewis' immortal entry of May 31, 1805, in which he coined the now famous phrase "...seens of visionary enchantment..."

The rock was named by early fur traders who used it as a river landmark. Named prior to 1833, Prince Maximilian in his epic voyage to Fort McKenzie noted it on August 6th of that year. Citadel Rock was immortalized that day in a now famous sketch by Maximilian's talented artist, Karl Bodmer. Bodmer's sketch has been reprinted many times and Citadel Rock today serves to emphasize the accuracy and detail which made the artist Bodmer famous.

The rock inspired Maximili an to write of it again on his downstream voyage of September 16, 1833, when he ... "passed the Citadel Rock, to which we bid adieu for ever, not without regret."

Until the late 1800's, Citadel Rock was also a landmark to Steamboat travelers on the upper Missouri and is noted on most river maps of that era.

In 1967 it was declared a state monument to be maintained in its original state forever.



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