

Project

Mill Ditch Park
Lewistown, Montana



Owner
City of Lewistown, MT
c/o Lewistown Port Authority
Lewistown, MT 59457

Completion Date
2008

Project Cost
Not Available at the
request of the Owner

Work Responsible For
100% of Site Work

Consultants
Chalmers & Associates

Description

The Mill Ditch Park was a collaborative effort by the Lewistown Port Authority in association with MT Fish Wildlife and Parks, DNRC, Lewistown Alive, Veterans Park, the local trail group & the Yogo Inn. The project's goals were to take a vacant parcel adjacent to a flood control ditch and create a new entry to historical downtown Lewistown. In addition, other key goals were to create a new trail head & Main Street trail crossing, new visitor center, additional public parking, historic kid's fishing pond, an area for farmer's market and beautification of the flood control channel for Spring Creek. Several meetings were conducted with all interest groups and the public to identify opportunities and constraints for each group. The final project program addressed the key issues for each special interest group and created a phased plan allowing the funded trail system to proceed.

The final Master Plan included a safe trail crossing on Main Street with stone archways announcing arrival to Lewistown's historic district. Other key park components included a fishing pond, picnic area, parking and farmer's market venue, visitor center and interpretive boardwalk above the flood control ditch.

