



Community Bulletin

“Carry - In Carry - Out” Policy Initiated at Park

In February 2006, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will initiate a new “carry-in carry-out” trash policy for the following areas of the park: Potoma Wayside, Maryland Heights, Dam 3, and the River Access Parking Lot. Individuals using these areas are advised of this change in policy.

The “carry-in carry-out” trash policy is a change implemented to make the park maintenance program more

efficient and promote public stewardship of our natural resources.

The new policy will:

- Create a partnership between visitors and the environment.
- Reduce the cost of maintenance.
- Improve the appearance of these areas by removing trashcans that detract from the beauty of the natural environment.

• Save wildlife by ridding areas of trash items that injure waterfowl and threaten other wildlife.

The new policy is expected to bring positive results to outlying areas of the Park.

Restoration of John Brown Fort Foundations on Murphy Farm

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the restoration of the foundations that supported the John Brown Fort while it was located on the Murphy Farm from 1895-1909. The NPS acquired the Farm in December 2002. The foundation’s stone walls have deteriorated and will be restored by the Historic Preservation Training Center next spring in time for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 1906 Niagara Movement Convention. The draft EA will be

available for public review for a 15-day period beginning on January 16 and ending on January 31, 2006. Copies of the draft EA will be available in the Morrell and Brackett Houses on Fillmore Street or by contacting the Natural Resource Manager at (304) 535-6038.

Public Comment

You are invited to review and comment on the Draft 2006 National Park Service Management Policies at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/waso>

Comments may be submitted the following ways:

- Via the web page listed above. This is the preferred method.
- Via e-mail to waso_policy@nps.gov
- Via surface mail to Bernard Fagan, National Park Service, Office of Policy - Room 7252, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20240

For further information contact Bernard Fagan at 202-208-7456 or via e-mail at waso_policy@nps.gov

Comments are due February 18, 2006.

Battlefield Property Added to Park

A recent land transfer of the 70 -acre Ott farm has added a treasured historic resource to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Located on the north side of U.S. 340, this land, a part of School House Ridge, was the center of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson's line during the Battle of Harpers Ferry in September 1862. School House Ridge is considered to be the most significant battlefield in West Virginia.

The Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization, worked with the Ott family, owners of the land for more than 200 years, to secure an option to purchase the land. Park Superintendent Donald Campbell said, "I'm delighted to see that this land has been preserved." He went on to commend West Virginia congressional members, The Trust for Public Land, the Ott family and others in bringing this property under protection.



The Park is planning walking trails, outdoor exhibits, a parking area and restrooms along the School House Ridge Battlefield, which will greatly add to public enjoyment of the park.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 5 -2:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremony Black History Month Allies for Freedom room, 2nd floor John Brown Museum

February 5-28 - "Prepared for Success: A Shining Star of Storer College", a special exhibit for Black History Month features J.R. Clifford, first black attorney in West Virginia and leading figure in the Niagara Movement. Exhibit located on the 2nd floor of the John Brown Museum.

March
Women's History Month Celebration, "A Woman's Place: Harpers Ferry 1800-1931." Self-guided walking tour brochures will be available at the park visitor center desk. Brochures highlight locations in the town where Harpers Ferry women made their contribution to the town's history.

Holiday Schedule

The park will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25; and New Year's Day, January 1, 2005. Due to the federal holidays on December 26 and January 2, the park will be open on these dates from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association's Bookshop on High Street will also be closed on these holidays. This holiday schedule allows park and bookshop employees to spend time with their families.

For additional information regarding park schedules and events, please call the Visitor Center at 304-535-6298 or log on to the park's web site at www.nps.gov/hafe/