



New Federal and Parks Pass Program Launched

Starting January 1, 2007 the National Park Service will participate in the new Interagency Pass Program. Participating agencies include the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. The new series of passes is known as *America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass*.

All National Parks Passes, Golden Eagle, Golden Eagle Hologram, Golden Access and Golden Age Passports will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass. Only paper Golden Age and Access Passports may be exchanged free of charge for new plastic passes.

The four passes in this program are:

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Annual Pass Cost \$80.00 This pass is available to the general public and provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of sale. The pass admits the pass holder/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas. (children under 16 are admitted free) The pass can be obtained in person at the park or via the

Internet at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>.

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Senior Pass - Cost \$10. This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Senior Pass provides a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50 percent price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Access Pass - Free. This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Documentation is required to obtain

the pass. Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician; document issued by Federal agency such as the Veteran's Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income; or document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Senior Pass provides a 50 percent discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50 percent price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Volunteer Pass - Free. This pass is for volunteers acquiring 500 service hours on a cumulative basis. It provides

access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of award. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas. Children under 16 are admitted free.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 2 p.m.
Opening Ceremony Black History Month Exhibit on Freeman Henry Murray on the second floor of the John Brown Museum

February 4-28, 2007 - "Pioneer for Freedom: Freeman Henry Murray", a special exhibit for Black History Month features Freeman Murray, leading figure in the Niagara Movement. Exhibit located on the 2nd floor of the John Brown Museum.



Train Station Restoration Nears Completion

The Harpers Ferry Train station restoration contract to restore the 110 year old station is nearing completion. The station restoration was undertaken by Lumus Construction and Facilities Services of Woburn, MA. Funding in the amount of \$1.9 million dollars was secured by U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd and a state grant of \$320,000 also funded the project begun in August of 2005. The station designed by well known Architect E. Francis Baldwin was constructed in 1894. In 1999, the station was named to the Top 10 Most Endangered Stations in America after it had fallen into serious disrepair over the years.

Campbell said, "Not all the plans for the station are complete. The National Park Service is now designing and fabricating an exhibit on the history of the B&O Station at Harpers Ferry that will

be housed in the building along with park information services and space that will be used by the Town of Harpers Ferry for community purposes.

Beginning on January 12, 2007, the NPS will open part of the building, the heated waiting room and restrooms, for early morning MARC commuters. Other parts of the building will remain closed until the NPS completes and installs exhibits and furnishings. The project also included the redesign of the station parking area, installation of new utilities, period lighting and landscaping that is nearing completion.

This spring, after all work has been completed, a ribbon cutting will officially open the station for use by commuters, Amtrak passengers, park visitors and patrons of local businesses.

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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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