



Community Bulletin



Harpers Ferry Park Hosts National Trails Day

Lace up your hiking boots or just put on a comfortable pair of sneakers and head to Harpers Ferry NHP on Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for National Trails Day. Harpers Ferry Park has over 18 miles of hiking trails that include mountains, gently rolling fields and flat walking—trails for everyone. Join one of our guided hikes or explore on your own. Stop in at our Trails Day Tents at the park Green to find out more about our event partners—Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) & Harpers Ferry Historic Town Foundation. Contrast and compare items in a civil war soldier's pack versus a modern hiker's pack.

Harpers Ferry is located at the junction of two mid-Atlantic hiking trails—the C&O Canal towpath, which extends 184 miles from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland, and the Appalachian Trail, which runs more than 2100 miles from Georgia to Maine. Both trails are included in several of the guided hikes. If you choose to hike on your own, there are dozens of opportunities for self-guided hikes on the C&O Canal towpath, the Appalachian Trail, and several other “blue-blazed” trails that originate in Harpers Ferry or pass nearby.

If you plan to join one of our hikes, please come prepared with water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes.

Special Activities:

11:00 Walk Along the Appalachian Trail—Rating: Moderate. Distance: 1 mile. This guided hike of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail overlooking Shenandoah Street starts at the Appalachian Trail Visitor Center, 799 Washington St. and ends in the historic town.

12:00 Appalachian Trail in Historic Harpers Ferry—Rating: Easy. Distance: .25 mile. Meet on High Street at base of stone steps. Be the first to walk the newest section of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail while we unveil new signage designed to share the A.T. with visitors to the park.

1:00 Appalachian Trail Volunteer Celebration—Join us at the Appalachian Trail Visitor Center, 799 Washington St., for an ice-cream social as we launch the A.T. Volunteer Clearinghouse and celebrate the great work of Appalachian Trail volunteers.

Guided Hikes:

11:00-12:00 Virginus Island Walk—Rating: easy. Distance: .9 miles. Meet on the Park Green.

Archeological evidence of our park industrial and transportation story can be found along the trail.

12:00-2:00 Lower Town & Murphy Farm Walk—Rating: moderate. 1.3 miles round trip. Meet at the Park Green and at Cavalier Heights Visitor Center for 2nd “leg” of the hike. This trail takes you through the gently rolling fields of the Murphy Farm.

1:00-4:30 Maryland Heights Hike—Rating: strenuous. 4.5 miles round trip. Meet on the Park Green. Join Living History Volunteers of the Fencibles on a historic journey up the Maryland Heights military road to the Civil War Naval Battery.

2:00-3:00 Jefferson Rock, to town cemetery, to PATC High Acre House—Rating: moderate to strenuous. 1 mile. Meet at the Park Green. Take in the view that caused our 3rd President, Thomas Jefferson, to note the view is worth a voyage across the Atlantic.

3:00-4:30 Bolivar Heights Interpretive Loop Walk—Rating: easy. .5 miles round trip. Meet at Cavalier Heights Visitor Center for a shuttle ride to the Bolivar Heights Battlefield.

Summer Events

June 13-14 "Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862": Bolivar Heights Battlefield Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson's capture of the Union garrison. Programs at 12 noon 2pm & 3pm.

June 20- 21 Workshop "The Art of the Forge: Blacksmithing in the 19th Century" 10-4pm Learn the stock and trade of the early town's craftsmen. Workshop registration is limited to 10 students. Cost of \$100.00 covers instruction, coal and metal. To register, contact the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

June 27 - 8th Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards 6:00 pm on the grounds of Mather Training Center. Free concert features Phil Woods and Charli Persip with the Howard Burns Quartet.



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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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304-525-6881

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page
www.nps.gov/hafe/

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

July 4th "America's Picnic: Celebrating the Glorious Fourth!" 11-4pm A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

July 5 Workshop "Ices, Creamed Ice, and Custards" 2-4pm Roeder's Confectionery. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Workshop limited to 20 people: 16 yrs or older, 5.00. Under 16 free with paying adults.

July 11-12 "Giving Aid and Comfort: Medical and Relief Work during the Civil War" 11-4pm The living history volunteers will portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War.

July 18 - 19 "Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862" Bolivar Heights Battlefield. Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson's capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Programs at 12 noon 2pm & 3pm

July 25 "Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson & Lincoln" 1 and 3 pm An insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln & Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson. Arsenal Square

August 1-2 "I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers 1864" 11-4pm Members of the living history group 11th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties and maintaining military security in a occupied enemy town.

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August 15 - 16 "A Summer of Fire: Harpers Ferry 1864" 11-4pm Living history volunteers of the 42nd Pennsylvania and 20th Maine Hospital interpret the Union occupation of Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1864. Ranger guided historic weapons, drill and firing demonstrations will be featured.

August 23 Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort 8:30-11am Retrace the 1906 footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of the John Brown's Fort in 1906. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

John Brown's Raid Workshop

American Public University and Harpers Ferry NHP are partnering to present a site-based summer workshop and a graduate history course, *John Brown's Raid at Harpers Ferry*, for 4th - 12th grade teachers.

Exclusive this summer is a site-based summer workshop and an option to take a 3-credit graduate-level history course on John Brown's Raid.

APU Graduate Level History Course, HIST680 John Brown's Raid at Harpers Ferry: The course is 3 credits for 8 weeks online for only \$105. This course is limited to summer workshop participants. Registration deadline: Friday, June 26, 2009

Summer Workshop for Teachers:
Where: Harpers Ferry NHP
When: July 12-14
Cost: Free (accommodations/meals not included)

For more information about this course please visit http://www.apu.apus.edu/Natl_Park_Service_HF/index.htm