



National Trails Day: Hike for Health and History

Lace up your hiking boots or just put on a comfortable pair of sneakers and head to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on Saturday, June 2, 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 6 guided hikes this day or explore on your own. Stop in our Trails Day Tent to find out more about our event partners—The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Appalachian Trail Museum Society, Potomac Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and Harpers Ferry Historic Town Foundation. Visit displays on the *10 Most Essential Items for Backpacking* and *How to Pack a Civil War Soldier's Pack*.

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

Guided Hikes:

12:00-1:00 and 3:00-4:00 School House Ridge South Walk—Rating: easy to moderate. Maximum .7 miles round trip. Meet at Cavalier Heights Visitor Center.

Along this ridge in September 1862, General Jackson deployed his artillery batteries to hold down the union defenders along Bolivar Heights, diverting Union attention to the north. He also ordered General A.P. Hill with 3,000 men and 20 pieces of artillery to march to the Shenandoah river and the heights beyond.

11:00- 12:00 Bolivar Heights Walk—Rating: moderate to strenuous. 1.6 miles round trip. Meet at Cavalier Heights Visitor Center.

During the Confederacy's first invasion of the North, on September 15, 1862, Maj. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson surrounded and captured the 12,500-man Union garrison stationed here. The Confederate campaign failed and presented Abraham Lincoln with the opportunity to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

1:00- 2:00 Murphy Farm Walk--Rating: moderate. 1.3 miles round trip. Meet at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center.

This trail takes you through the gently rolling fields of the Murphy Farm. This landscape, remarkably unchanged over the past two hundred years, bears silent witness to the hopes, dreams, fears

and struggles of previous generations. This singular plot of land is home, farm, battlefield and shrine—a place echoing with stories from the past.

2:00-3:00 Hike From the Camp Hill to Lower Town--Rating: moderate. Meet at Cavalier Heights Visitor Center.

During the Civil War, Harpers Ferry became one of many Union garrison towns where runaway slaves, or "contraband," sought refuge. Following the Civil War, New England Freewill Baptist missionaries acquired several vacant Armory buildings on Camp Hill and, in 1867, started Storer College, an integrated school designed primarily to educate former slaves, but open to students of all races and genders. Frederick Douglass served as a trustee of the college.

2:00-5:00 Loudoun Heights Hike—Rating: strenuous. Meet at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Office. The hike crosses the Shenandoah River and ascends the Appalachian Trail to a viewpoint overlooking the Shenandoah Valley. This hike will be led by volunteers from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.

Upcoming Events

June 23 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862 Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson's capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Witness the power of artillery that sealed the fate of the federal soldiers. Programs at 12 and 2 pm.

June 30 America's Picnic: Celebrating The Glorious Fourth A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Experience the patriotic passion of a traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

June 30 6:00 p.m. The Sixth Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert ➔ will be held on the grounds of Mather Training Center, former Storer College Campus. This is a free concert featuring special guests, Curtis Fuller, John Handy and 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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New Tours Offer Beautiful Views and Compelling Stories

Starting June 24 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., park staff will offer guided tours to seldom-visited areas with beautiful views and compelling stories.

11:00 a.m. *Civil War to Civil Rights*
Meet at the Visitor Center, board a park shuttle to the Murphy Farm, and discover stories of the families who witnessed history--John Brown's raid, Civil War battles, and civil rights commemorations of the Colored Women's League and the Niagara Movement. A short hike takes in one of the best views of the Shenandoah River in Jefferson County.

2:00 p.m. *Harpers Ferry from the Top Down* Meet at the Visitor Center, board a park shuttle to the Lockwood

House on Camp Hill. Topics covered include Armory history, Civil War action, and the birth of Storer College. Visitors may also meet park staff at the Lockwood House at 2:30 to begin tour. Hikes from Camp Hill down to Jefferson Rock and the Lower Town offer a tremendous view of the Potomac River water gap and the Blue Ridge Mountains. A great way to combine health and history before catching another shuttle from the Lower Town back to the Visitor Center.