



Community Bulletin

Visitor Access to Harpers Ferry Battlefield

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park proposes to provide visitor access to lands recently acquired to protect and interpret the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry. This is part of a larger program to expand visitor access to all areas of the park over the next twenty years.

The proposal includes construction of wayside exhibits and trails across agricultural lands on the Ott Farm, Perry Orchard and Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) property. New trails will connect with the existing trail on the park's Union Skirmish Line property. Scenic vistas will be created on these properties, as well as one new vista on Bolivar Heights. Historic fencing will be installed along the west line of Bakerton Road and around the Perry Orchard. Small parking lots will be constructed on the west end of the Perry Orchard, near the Murphy Farm house, and on the CWPT property east of the Ott Farm. Environmentally designed toilets would be provided near the Perry Orchard and CWPT parking lots. Woodland trails will be added to the Murphy Farm trail to provide access to Civil War earthworks and scenic viewing sites. Non-historic

structures would be removed to improve the 19th century agricultural landscape.

A map has been prepared that describes the location of trails, waysides, parking lots and other proposed improvements. Hard copies of the map are available by calling the park's Natural Resource Manager at (304) 535-6038. Digital copies can be e-mailed to interested parties.

The NPS is seeking public input on environmental issues to be addressed in an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will analyze alternatives and the potential environmental impacts that would result from the implementation of each alternative. If you have any comments at this time, please send them to the Natural Resources Manager, P.O. Box 65, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 or by email to bill_hebb@nps.gov.

When the draft Environmental Assessment is completed, it will be available for public review for 30 days.

Team Up to Clean Up Harpers Ferry Battlefield

Saturday, April 1, is the tenth annual Park Day. Please come help clean up the School House Ridge Battlefield at Harpers Ferry NHP. Starting at 9 a.m., volunteers will remove trash, fences, brush and downed timber in preparation for new trails and exhibits. Parking will be at the intersection of Bakerton Road and Highway 340. Park staff will be on site until 4 p.m. to coordinate the clean up. Volunteers should wear boots or sturdy shoes and be prepared to get dirty. Tools, trash bags and canvas gloves for adults will be provided by the park.

Park Day is an annual event sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT). This event will be held rain or shine. T-shirts provided by CWPT will be available to all volunteers.

Join the fun and share the good feelings that come from doing your part! Join us on April 1st. For more information, contact Park Ranger, David Fox at 304-535-6282 or by e-mail at david_fox@nps.gov

What's New in the Park?

Sewer Line Work on Potomac Street Beginning the end of March and into the first part of April, work on the sewer line tie in for the Train Station will be completed on Potomac Street.

Phase Two of Work on Shenandoah Street Contracting work in this phase includes mechanical and HVAC replacement, exterior drainage improvements, and exterior stucco of one building. Completion date is August 2006.

The Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop has returned to its location on Shenandoah Street. Fresh paint and new lighting showcase a complete selection of sales items. Springtime hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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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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Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop
304-525-6881 or 800-821-5206

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

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Niagara Movement Academic Symposium

An academic symposium entitled, "The Niagara Movement and the Dawning of Twentieth Century Civil Rights" will be held August 16-18, 2006 at Harpers Ferry NHP. The conference, held in the same buildings that hosted the Niagara Movement one hundred years ago, is sure to stimulate unprecedented academic research, scholarship and debate on the subject of equality. In addition to the presentation of papers, there will be guest speakers, discussions, dramatic presentations, interpretive exhibits and book displays.

Registration is required. Registration fee includes all sessions, performances, evening receptions and entrance into Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

Pre-registration (deadline June 30th) — \$35.00 per person. Registration received after June 30th will be \$70.00 per person.

Registration forms are available on line at www.nps.gov/hafe/niagara/pdf/niagara-registration.doc

For more information on the Niagara Movement Centennial Commemoration visit www.harpersferryhistory.org/

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 1 Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day

Volunteers interested in history and preservation contact David Fox at (304) 535-6282 or david_fox@nps.gov for more information.

April 8 Potomac Watershed Cleanup

Volunteers interested in the environment will remove unwanted trash at Harpers Ferry NHP. Contact David Fox at (304) 535-6282/david_fox@nps.gov for more information. 9 to noon

April 22 Hold the High Ground

Join living history volunteers on a program and hike to the Maryland Heights Naval Battery. Discover how soldiers felt about their duties and take in the breathtaking vistas.

MAY

May 13-14 From Citizens to Soldiers

The Southern Guard will portray a camp of mustering Virginia State Troops during the opening moments in the Civil War when citizens became soldiers and state militia became part of the Confederate army.

May 27-28 Defend and Protect: Arming the American Soldier

Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration.

JUNE

June 24 6:00 p.m. The Fifth Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert with Hank Jones, Jimmy Heath & the Howard Burns Quartet on the grounds of Mather Training Center.