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Drink Your Apples! Roeder's Tavern Cider Making 1860

On Saturday November 3rd and 4th from 11am to 4pm, park visitors are invited to join the living history staff and volunteers as they demonstrate cider making at Roeder's White Hall Tavern on Potomac Street. This time-honored tradition produced the most popular 19th century beverage for man, woman & child. Make apple cider and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Harpers Ferry's White Hall Tavern proprietor, German immigrant Frederick Roeder, brought his brewing and baking expertise with him to America. Both processes were co-dependant on the cultivation and use of hops. Roeder's 1860 tavern offered patrons a fine assortment of distilled and fermented beverages.

Annual cider house pressings were consumed as fresh cider, fermented hard cider by the introduction of yeast, or distilled hard cider, a process that concentrated the alcohol content. Both alcohol methods preserved this popular fall beverage to be enjoyed far into the dark and cold winter days ahead.

For further information, call Harpers Ferry National Historical Park at (304) 535-6029.