



Community Bulletin



Where Does the Money Go: Entrance Fees at Work

Harpers Ferry was established as a National Monument in 1944 and became a National Historical Park in 1963. In 1986, a congressional act authorized the collection of fees at National Park Service areas. Fees were established at Harpers Ferry in February of 1987.

Park entrance fees support park preservation, education, and maintenance. They are valid for three consecutive days, beginning on the date of purchase, at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

Each year, approximately 400,000 visitors explore the history and natural beauty of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Restored structures, museum exhibits, wayside exhibits, trails, and educational programs bring

history to life for visitors from all over the United States and the world. As visitation increases throughout the National Park System, providing a safe and memorable experience for all visitors can present quite a challenge. Increasing demands are placed upon existing facilities, and new facilities and services become necessary. In order to keep pace with growing needs, many parks, including Harpers Ferry, participate in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), which replaced Recreational Fee Demonstration and National Park Pass authorities in 2005.

Under the FLREA, participating parks retain user fees collected, with a percent distributed among parks with the greatest need. With increased funds

available on-site, participating parks have begun to clear a backlog of maintenance projects, so that new projects and services may now be considered.

The benefits of the FLREA are visible at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Some improvement projects include:

Carpentry, painting and repairs to the John Brown Museum complex.

Installation of new lights in the John Brown Museum complex.

Creation of historically accurate items to be used in building restoration.

Historic landscaping in the Lower Town.

There are many ways to help and enjoy your national parks. At Harpers Ferry you can:

- Volunteer, maybe become a Volunteer of the Month!
- Donate to the park or Harpers Ferry Historical Association
- Purchase an item at the bookshop (proceeds support park programs.)

Thanks for helping out and being part of our team!

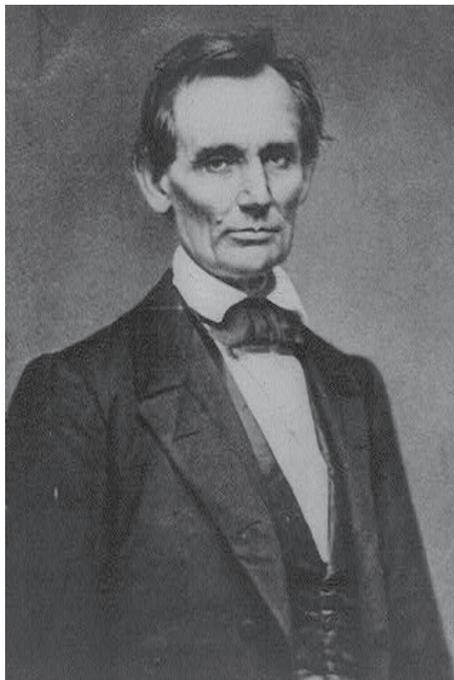
Black History Month Focuses on Lincoln at Cooper Union

In conjunction with Black History Month, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is pleased to announce its February 2010 schedule of events.

Throughout the month a special exhibit entitled *Abraham Lincoln at Cooper Union: Prelude to Emancipation* will focus on Abraham Lincoln's 1860 speech against the expansion of slavery.

On February 27, 1860, Lincoln presented his most influential and widely reported pre-presidential address at the Cooper Union Institute in New York City. This speech confirmed Lincoln's suitability as a presidential nominee while reaffirming his opposition to slavery.

This special exhibit will open on Sunday, February 7, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The pro-



gram will feature a presentation by Mr. Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States. Mr. Getty's presentation will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception opening this special exhibit.

For additional information, please call the 304-535-6029.

Spring Schedule of Events

March 6-7, 2010 – From Citizen to Soldiers: 1860 Camp of Instruction
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Harpers Ferry Park invites visitors to witness a special 150th Sesquicentennial Living History event with over 100 Virginia militia associated with the Living History Organization of the Chesapeake Volunteer Guard. They will portray diverse townspeople, men, women, as they react to the militarization of their society and support the evolution of these townspeople into soldiers.

March 13, 2010 - 19th Century Hot Frame Kitchen Gardening

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Learn how to extend your gardens' growing time from March to the first frost.

March 27-28 Women's History Month Program: Necessity the Mother of Invention

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: See Special exhibits and demonstrations featuring the town's manufacturing and technological advances in health, hearth, and home.

May 8 – Under Fire

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join Living History Park Rangers and Volunteers to Witness the power of the Federal Artillery that Defended Harpers Ferry. Artillery Demonstrations at 12, 2 and 3.

May 29-30 – Defend and Protect: Arming the American Soldier

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Special exhibits, historic weapons firing demonstration and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration. This program investigates how a young republic grew with industrialization, technology, innovation, national expansion, while wrestling with the challenges of mass immigration, free labor versus slavery, and religious prejudice. Visitors are invited to experience the skills necessary to be a musket lock plate armory worker and munitions workers.



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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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