

# Harpers Ferry

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



## 2013 Schedule of Events

**Exhibit:** *Forever Free: The Emancipation Proclamation: A New Birth of Freedom*

**Date:** February 3 - December 31      **Time:** 8am to 5pm

**Location:** Second floor of John Brown Museum

**Description:** This year long exhibit will highlight the refocused war effort and the Union commitment to ending slavery.

**Event:** *"Necessity: The Mother of Invention"*

**Date:** March 23, 24      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town

**Description:** Meet Harpers Ferry's industrial workers and citizens at special exhibits featuring the technological advances in 19th century clothing innovations, health, food preservation, and arms production.

**Event:** *"Bateaux on the Rivers: Highways of Trade 1812"*

**Date:** May 11      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Shenandoah River and Hamilton Street

**Description:** Step back to Harpers Ferry's early settlement when John Wager & Co Boating shipped flour and produce to Georgetown, Washington, and Alexandria Virginia. Experience the Town's early industry, trade, and transportation with the Park's Living History Staff and Volunteers & the Virginia Canals and Navigation Society.

**Event:** *"Living Antiques! Heirloom Garden Vegetables"*

**Date:** May 18      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town Paymaster Garden; Seed and Seedlings sales on Park Green through Association Bookshop

**Description:** Featuring 19th century horticulturalist expert Carol Anderson on site in the park's Historic Paymaster Garden to coach and assist in how to organically care for heirloom plants. Through the bookshop, purchase 19th century varieties of heirloom tomatoes, peppers, cabbage seedlings, and numerous heirloom seeds for May plantings. (Tender seedling plants cannot be shipped)

**Event:** *Defend and Protect. Arming America's Soldiers*

**Date:** May 25, 26      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town

**Description:** Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how these weapons were used by soldiers for national defense and exploration. See this armory town come to life as living history volunteers present the story of Harpers Ferry and the Industrial Revolution through historic weapons firing demonstration and other special activities.

**Event:** *The Birth of a State: 150th Anniversary of the State of West Virginia*

**Date:** June 22      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town

**Description:** This one day event will commemorate the birth of West Virginia in June of 1863. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs and family/youth activities.

**Event:** *First Alert: Harpers Ferry, the Gettysburg Campaign*

**Date:** June 23      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town

**Description:** This event will highlight Harpers Ferry's role in the Gettysburg Campaign. Activities will include living history, ranger conducted programs, and family/youth activities.

**Event:** *12th Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert*

**Date:** June 29      **Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Clarion Hotel & Conference Center Ballroom  
233 Lowe Drive, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

**Description:** This year's Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert will be held in Shepherdstown. Featured guests are jazz legends Buster Cooper and Eddie Gomez, with the Howard Burns Quartet. This event is sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and the Jefferson County NAACP in cooperation with the Don Redman Heritage Society of Piedmont, WV.

**Event:** *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

**Date:** June 29, 30      Demonstrations at 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm

**Location:** Bolivar Heights Battlefield

**Description:** Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

**Event:** *Electing to Leave: Steps to Statehood*

**Date:** July 6, 7      **Time:** 11am to 4pm

**Location:** Lower Town

**Description:** Visitors are invited to step into the role of voting Virginians in 1863 to experience a vote for the new State of West Virginia born out of the Rebellion. United States Troops guard the polls; issue the oath of allegiance, while Virginia State commissions run the polls.

**Event:** *Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights, 1862*

**Date:** July 13, 14      Demonstrations at 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm

**Location:** Bolivar Heights Battlefield

**Description:** Join the members of the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery.

