

Harpers Ferry

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2012 Schedule of Events

March 31-April 1

Necessity The Mother of Invention

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Meet Harpers Ferry's industrial workers and citizens at special exhibits featuring the technological advances in health, food preservation, and arms production.

April 28-29

Bateaux on the Rivers: Highways of Trade 1812

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Join Virginia Canals and Navigation Society & Park Living History rangers for special exhibits, demonstrations, bateau and boatman camp and period music.

May 26 - 27

Stonewall Stopped: Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Learn about Gen. Rufus B. Saxton's successful defense of Harpers Ferry during Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign in 1862. Activities include: living history, ranger-led programs and family/youth activities.

June 16, 2012

In Defense of Our Nation: The Harpers Ferry Armory and the War of 1812

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Join us for ranger-led programs, recruiting for 1812 soldiers and civilians, flintlock firing demonstrations, family/youth programming, drama, and music. Featured highlights include John Douglas Hall as President James Madison and a musical presentation by David & Ginger Hildebrand presenting "Music of the War of 1812".

June 23 - 24

Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights 1862

Time: Firing Demonstrations at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Join the park's artillery crew as they demonstrate the power and intimidation of field artillery.

June 30

11th Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Camp Hill

The event and concert commemorate the internationally acclaimed and influential 1920 graduate of Storer College, Don Redman, featuring special guests alto saxophonist Lou Donaldson and bassist Ben Tucker accompanied by the Howard Burns Quartet.

June 30 - July 1

Celebrating the Glorious Fourth 1860

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Wonder at the innovations brewing at our Federal Armory and beyond. Special programs include "Reacting to the Raid: Gathering the Militia" at 2 p.m. and "Our Home Town Defenders" at 3 p.m.

July 7 - 8

I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers 1864

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Learn about Harpers Ferry's role in Union Gen. Philip Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign in 1864. 13th New Jersey will demonstrate Union army garrison duties. Costumed volunteers and staff will interpret civilian life under harsh military rule.

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July 21

Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson

Time: 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

An insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson.

August 4 – 5

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August 11 – 12

Medical Weekend: Giving Aid and Comfort

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

See living history volunteers as they portray medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War. Join ranger-led walking tours and military drill and firing demonstrations.

August 18 – 19

Bringing In the Harvest

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Join 19th-century Historic Foodways Expert Carol Anderson for this in depth look at how summer time harvest foods were preserved for winter consumption. Demonstrations include, pickling, drying, potting, and canning.

August 19

Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Murphy Farm & Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Retrace the 1906 footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of the John Brown's Fort in 1906. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

September 13 -15

Prelude to Freedom: The 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Parkwide

Join us for this special Civil War Sesquicentennial event. Activities include: living history, ranger-led programs and family/youth activities, special hikes, bus tours, lectures, panel discussion, and book signings. Maryland Campaign evening lectures on Thursday, September 13, feature Scott Hartwig and Saturday, September 15, Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust.

October 6

Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry

Time: 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Our 16th president comes to life as Jim Getty portrays Abraham Lincoln.

October 27

John Butler and the War of 1812

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Learn about African Americans in the War of 1812, specifically Harpers Ferry resident and free African American, John Butler, who served as a gunner on the US frigate United States in the naval victory against HMS Macedonian on Oct. 30, 1812. Includes recruiting for War of 1812 living history soldiers and civilians at Williamson's Tavern and historic flintlock firing demonstration.

November 3 – 4

Drink Your Apples: Roeder's Tavern Cider Making 1860

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Join living history rangers and foodways expert Carol Anderson for cider-making demonstration and fall food preservation.

December 1 – 2

Capt. Flagg's US Quartermaster City: Prospects of Peace Lower Town

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Learn the magnitude and scope of Harpers Ferry's role as Captain Flagg's 1864 US Quartermaster city that supplied Gen. Philip Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah Valley. Reflect on what the Civil War will determine; the Union of the States and eventual freedom of 4 million enslaved people.

Visit the Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop on Shenandoah Street.

Revenue generated from bookshop sales help fund park interpretive and educational programs. You'll find books, art, maps, posters, music tapes and CDs, historic photos, DVDs, games, puzzles, notecards, postcards and a terrific selection of children's books!

This Schedule of Events is made possible through the generous support of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association.

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