

Harpers Ferry

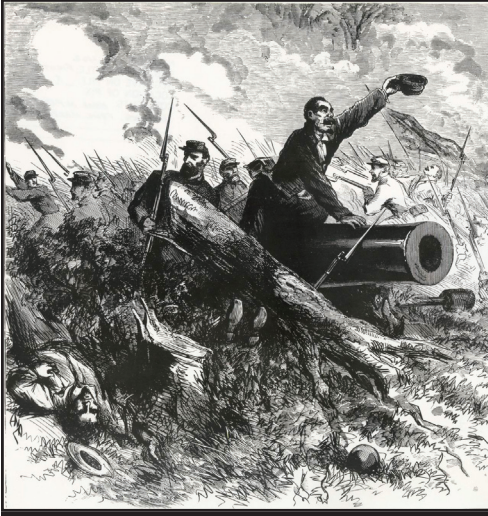
October 15-16, 2011

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights



In early October 1861, union sympathizer and mill owner Abraham Herr provided 20,000 bushels of wheat from his Virginus Island mill to Union Colonel John W. Geary. This action infuriated Confederate Colonel Turner Ashby, who called the gift of wheat intolerable “depredations” against Virginia. Retaliation was inevitable.

At 7:00 a.m. on October 16, 1861, exactly two years after John Brown raided Harpers Ferry, 500 soldiers

led by Ashby attacked Geary’s line on Bolivar Heights. The Southerners forced their enemy back into the town of Bolivar. Throughout the morning, Ashby ordered repeated assaults on the Union position. The fighting lasted over six hours with Geary’s force of 600 ultimately repulsing the Confederates with an assault on their left flank, thus forcing Ashby into full retreat. The victors planted Union flags on the heights. Days later, Confederates disguised as civilians returned and set fire to Herr’s Mill.

Schedule of Events: Saturday, October 15

Subject to change

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Information & Orientation Tent open
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent and Family & Youth Tent open
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program - Information Tent
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program - Information Tent
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Wildcat Band Concert - Living History Tent
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	War on the Border: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program (starts in Lower Town)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<i>West Virginia and the Civil War: Mountaineers Are Always Free</i> by Mark A. Snell Event Tent
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Artillery & Small Arms Firing Demonstration - Living History Tent
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program - Information Tent
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<i>Trembling in the Balance: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal During the Civil War</i> by Timothy Snyder - Event Tent
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	War on the Border: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program (starts in Lower Town)
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wildcat Band Concert - Living History Tent

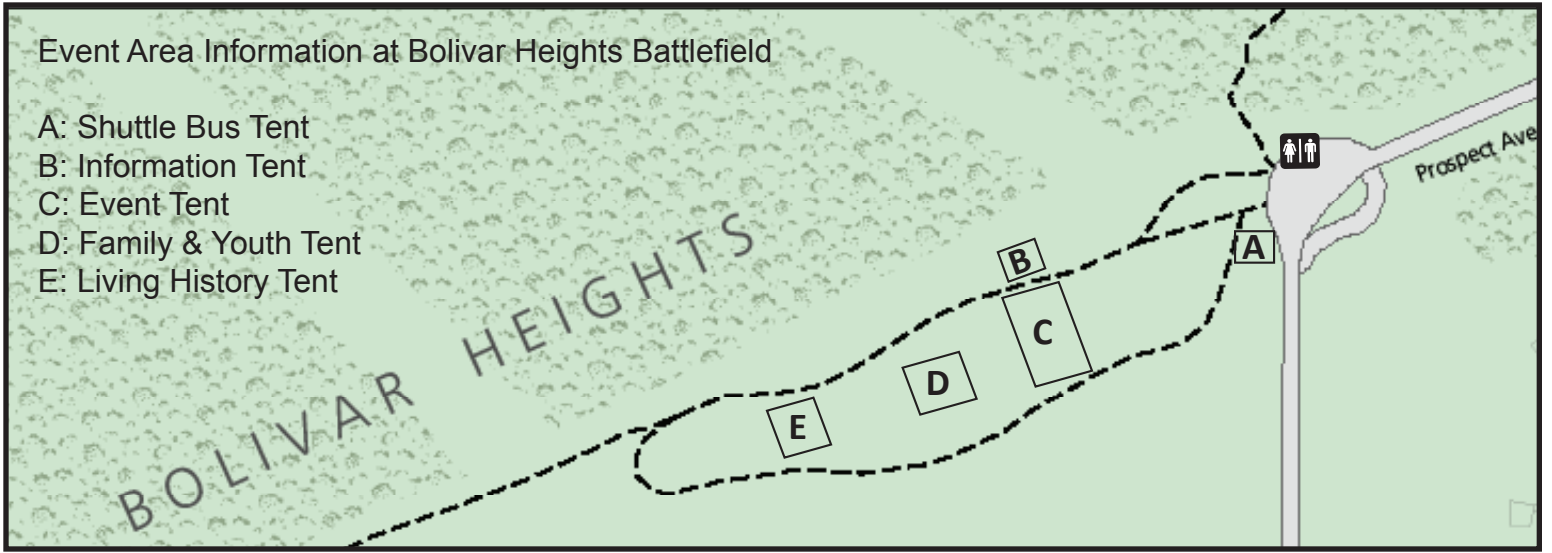
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For information on upcoming park events and programming please go to www.nps.gov/hafe.



Event Area Information at Bolivar Heights Battlefield

- A: Shuttle Bus Tent
- B: Information Tent
- C: Event Tent
- D: Family & Youth Tent
- E: Living History Tent



A: Shuttle Bus Tent

Shuttles run from 10 to 6

B: Information Tent (open 10 - 5)

Event Programs
Park Information
First Aid

C: Event Tent (open 10 - 4)

Historical Association Bookshop Sales
Author Presentations/Booksignings
Archeology Exhibit
1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Panel

Sunday only:

USPS Anniversary Cancellation Station
Songs of the Civil War @ 12:30

D: Family/Youth Tent (open 10 - 4)

Telegraph Station
Battle Discovery
To Arms!
Bivouac the Battlefield
Wonder Wall

E: Living History Tent (open 11 - 4)

Community Sentiment: The War Begins
Battlefield Cooking Demonstrations
Uniform Display

Saturday only:

Wildcat Band Concert @ 12 and 4

Sunday only:

Home Front Concert @ 1 and 4

Schedule of Events: Sunday, October 16

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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Information & Orientation Tent open
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10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program - Information Tent
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	USPS Anniversary Cancellation Station Opening With Postmaster Karen Brady & Remarks by Mayor Hardy - Event Tent
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	In the Shadow of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program - Information Tent
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Songs of the Civil War Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino - Event Tent
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	War on the Border: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights Ranger-guided program (starts in Lower Town)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Home Front Musicians: The Gallant 28th NY - Living History Tent
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	JUST PUBLISHED! <i>The Harpers Ferry Anthology: Civil War-era Stories by Park Rangers & Volunteers</i> edited by Cathy Baldau, published in memory of David L. Larsen, (contributors will be on site to sign books)
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Small Arms Firing Demonstration - Living History Tent
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