

Harrisburg-Hershey Civil War Round Table Field Trips

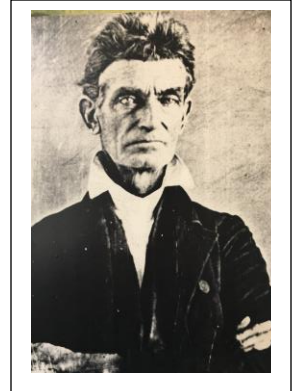
In the Footsteps of John Brown

Saturday, May 3, 2025 ~ \$95.00 per person

Depart: Lower Dauphin High School 7:00 AM ~ Camp Hill Shopping Center 7:30 AM ~ Sheetz, York St., Gettysburg 8:00 AM

Please join the *Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables* on Saturday, May 3, 2025 as we follow in the footsteps of John Brown, with Dennis Frye, the leading expert on Harpers Ferry, as our guide. This trip will take us to a number of sites we did not have enough time visit on our last field trip to Harpers Ferry in May 2019.

John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, which took place in October 1859, was an effort by the ardent abolitionist to incite an armed slave revolt by taking over the town's arsenal and armory. Brown's raiding party of 22 was subdued by a company of U.S. Marines, led by First Lieutenant Israel Greene. Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Lee was in overall command of the operation. Our tour will begin at the Kennedy Farm north of Harpers Ferry where Brown and his men holed up for several months prior to their raid while collecting arms and ammunition. Our guide will then lead us on a comfortable walking tour (3/4 mile) of the Lower Town. This will include sites associated with the John Brown raid including John Brown's Fort, the US Armory and Arsenal, and the B&O RR Potomac River Bridge at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, which Brown's raiders crossed on their way into Harpers Ferry. After lunch in Harpers Ferry overlooking the Potomac River, our guide will take us to Charles Town, West Virginia, where Brown was incarcerated, tried, and hanged. We'll visit the Jefferson County courthouse and museum, which has a great Brown collection, in addition the site of his execution.



Recommended reading: Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny, Harpers Ferry Under Fire – A Border Town in the American Civil War, and Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth and Machination, all by Dennis E. Frye. "John Brown's Raid Handbook" by The National Park Service, "Midnight Rising – John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War" by Tony Horwitz, "To Purge This Land with Blood: A Biography of John Brown" by Stephen B. Oates, and John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War, and Seeded Civil Rights, by David S. Reynolds.

OUR GUIDE: Dennis E. Frye served as Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park for 20 years and earned the Department of Interior's highest honor, the "Distinguished Service Award." Dennis has authored 11 books and 129 articles; his most recent book is Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny. Dennis is a nationally known preservationist, having served as a co-founder and past president of both the Civil War Trust and the Save Historic Antietam Foundation. Dennis is a tour guide in demand, leading programs for the Smithsonian, National Geographic, *The New York Times*, and dozens of universities and Civil War organizations. Dennis also has made frequent national television appearances, including on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, C-SPAN, A&E, Fox News and Voice of America, and he has helped produce Emmy Award-winning programs on John Brown and Antietam. He has addressed more than 150 Civil War Round Tables during his 40 years as a lecturer and battlefield guide, and guided our group on four previous field trips. He is back by popular demand.

REGISTRATION FORM

The price of this field trip is \$95.00 per person. This includes round-trip motor-coach transportation, lunch, driver tip, guide honoraria and entrance fees. To register, complete the form below and mail to: **Steve Williamson, Harrisburg CWRT, 121 Windrush Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9236**. Your \$25.00 deposit will hold your seat with the \$70.00 balance due not later than April 3, 2025. Cancellations received before April 3rd will receive a full refund. Cancellations after April 3rd will receive a refund ONLY if the open seats have been filled. **Make checks payable to: HCWRT**. Questions: contact Steve Smith at 717-433-0209 or email: smith337@erau.edu, Ricky Hollis at 717-805-7502 or email: rickyhollissr@gmail.com, or Steve Williamson at 717-580-0443 or email: steve.williamson.WCCS@outlook.com.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City-ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____ # of seats: _____

Pick-up points (check one): [] Lower Dauphin High School, Hummelstown at 7:00 AM

[] Camp Hill Shopping Center at 7:30 AM

[] Sheetz gas station, York Street, Gettysburg at 8:00 AM