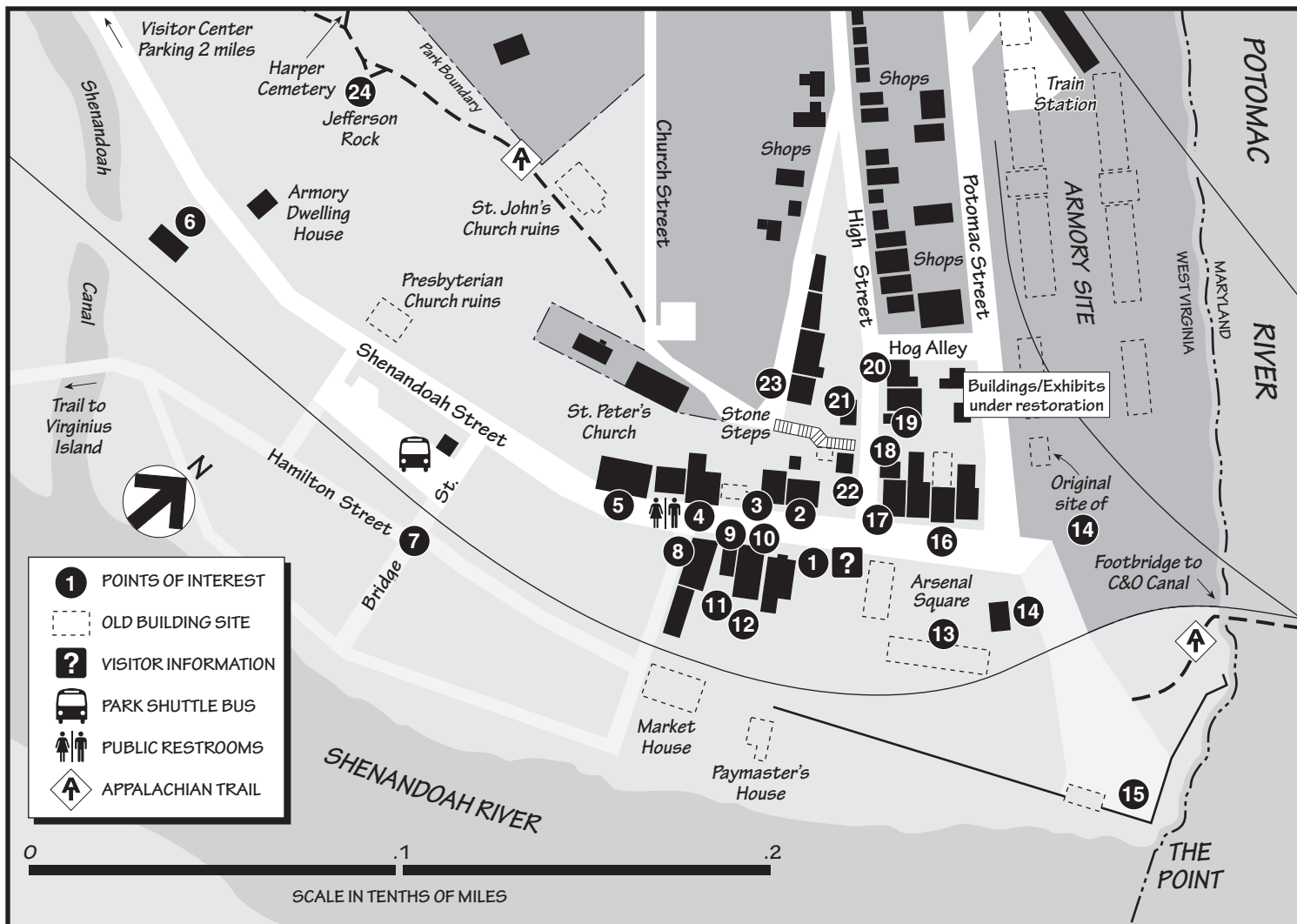


Lower Town Trail Guide



1 INFORMATION CENTER. Start your tour here with an introduction and an orientation to park stories and information.

2 RESTORATION MUSEUM. Explore “layers” of history in this building and discover how a building changes over time.

3 READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE, 1858-1860. A new innovation to the clothing industry, “ready-mades” replaced the need for tailor-made or home-sewn garments. Good fit was exchanged for quick service and merchandise could be bought off the shelf.

4 INDUSTRY MUSEUM. Industrial innovations coupled with transportation improvements gave rise to new businesses and manufacturing in Harpers Ferry. U.S. Armory technology and the machines that revolutionized the world of manufacturing are featured.

5 NATIONAL PARK BOOKSHOP. Visit the park bookshop for a fine selection of books, videos and prints of local and national interest.

6 BLACKSMITH SHOP. Experience some of the sights, sounds, and stories of a 19th century working class town.

7 HAMILTON STREET. Foundations mark the sites of pre-Civil War structures that once created a riverside neighborhood.

8 HARPERS FERRY: A PLACE IN TIME. Explore the growth of the town from past to present.

9 PROVOST MARSHAL OFFICE. As a military governor, the Provost Marshal replaced the civilian authority as mayor, judge, jailer and, if need be, executioner. This exhibit explores the role played by soldiers holding this position.

10 DRY GOODS STORE. Merchandise arrived daily by railroad and included such diverse items as clothes, hardware, liquor and groceries.

11 OFFICER’S QUARTERS. (Located on the second floor of the Dry Goods Store). This exhibit offers a glimpse at the accommodations of a military officer during the Civil War.

12 JAMES TAYLOR ROOM. (Located on the second floor of the Dry Goods Store). James Taylor, sketch artist for *Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*, stayed in this building between August and December 1864.

13 ARSENAL SQUARE. Arms produced at the Harpers Ferry Armory were stored in two brick buildings here—the Small Arsenal and Large Arsenal.

14 JOHN BROWN’S FORT. Originally the Armory’s fire enginehouse and watchman’s office, John Brown barricaded himself here during the final moments of his raid.

15 THE POINT. You are standing at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers. Three states are visible: Maryland on the left, Virginia on the right downstream of the first ridge, and West Virginia on the right and behind you.

16 JOHN BROWN MUSEUM. Explore the story of John Brown and the struggle over slavery.

17 WETLANDS EXHIBIT. Learn about the history and nature of this special resource along the bottomland of the Shenandoah River.

18 STORER COLLEGE MUSEUM. Find out about one of the first schools in the New South established for former slaves.

19 ALFRED BURTON JEWELRY STORE. Visit this frame building reconstructed from original historic fabric and discover the wares and tools of this local businessman.

20 CONFECTIONERY. Find out how the owners of this building were touched by war.

21 CIVIL WAR MUSEUM. Pinched on the border between North and South, four years of civil war virtually destroyed this town.

22 BLACK VOICES MUSEUM. Learn about the struggle to gain freedom from slavery and obtain dignity through education.

23 HARPER HOUSE. This is the oldest surviving building in Harpers Ferry. The lower level, just off the Stone Steps, exhibits an Armory Worker’s Apartment.

24 JEFFERSON ROCK. Here in 1783, Thomas Jefferson described this view as “worth a voyage across the Atlantic.”

Trail Information

Mostly level sidewalks and crushed stone footpaths. Beware of cobblestone gutters. The climb up the Stone Steps to the Harper House and Jefferson Rock is moderately strenuous. Watch out for traffic on Shenandoah Street, Potomac Street, and High Street. Allow about three hours for your walk through the Lower Town.