

What is FFNHA?

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is an organization dedicated to telling the story of an area where the nation's struggles for freedom collided, inciting and fueling the bloodiest conflict ever fought on American soil—the Civil War. FFNHA works to build partnerships, provide resources, enhance historic landscape and stimulate economic development in order to highlight these nationally important stories about freedom, preserve the places in which the stories took place, and help local groups and individuals be stewards of these stories, connecting individual stories with the larger theme of the struggle for freedom.



Re-enactor Jim Beckner reads Order Number 11 during the Cass County, Missouri, Living History Festival held each October. Photo courtesy Cass County, Missouri, Historical Society.

How to Get Involved

- Attend monthly meetings
- Share your opinions
- Join the mailing list
- Spread the word
- Contribute financially
- Research your connections to FFNHA's stories
- Schedule an FFNHA presentation in your community



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National Heritage Area

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The frontier where a young nation's diverse definitions of freedom collided.



Building Awareness
Preserving our Place
Inspiring Respect
Empowering Residents

FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA COUNTIES
KANSAS: Allen • Anderson • Atchison • Bourbon • Chautauqua
Cherokee • Clay • Coffey • Crawford • Doniphan • Douglas
Franklin • Geary • Jefferson • Johnson • Labette • Leavenworth
Linn • Miami • Montgomery • Neosho • Osage • Pottawatomie
Riley • Shawnee • Wabunsee • Wilson • Woodson • Wyandotte
MISSOURI: Barton • Bates • Buchanan • Cass • Clay • Jackson
Johnson • Lafayette • Platte • Ray • St. Clair • Vernon

What is the status of FFNHA?



Living History Demonstration at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm. Photo Courtesy of Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm.

Freedom's Frontier is an organization working to empower individuals, communities and organizations with the tools they need to develop their cultural and historic assets.

FFNHA is

raising funds for a Management Plan to guide the organization for the next 10 years.

To ensure that this management plan is responsive to the needs of FFNHA's partners, we need your participation in raising awareness, in providing feedback on the management plan, and in raising funds to build a strong foundation for FFNHA. With these things in place, FFNHA will help the 41 counties, two states, our nation and the world better understand that precious value we call Freedom.

What is a National Heritage Area?

A National Heritage Area is a nationally-distinctive landscape shaped by natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources. Recognized by Congress, such areas tell a nationally important story through geography, man-made structures, and the traditions that have evolved within the landscape.

What are the advantages of being a National Heritage Area?

- Puts our region in the national spotlight
- Fosters regional partnerships
- Connects stories in a bigger picture
- Promotes economic development
- Fosters one's "sense of place"



Re-enactors stage a temperance rally in Lawrence, Kansas, during the 2004 Chautauqua. Photo Courtesy of Kansas Humanities Council.

- Involves citizens in caring for and managing the area
- Creates a better place to live

What is in our future?

FFNHA will serve as an umbrella organization under which all partners can feel comfortable telling their stories and working together.

As such, it will provide:

- Technical assistance
- Grants
- Cooperative projects like signage, tours, Web site, maps, brochures, etc.



Oliver Anderson House. Lexington, Missouri. Photo Courtesy of Battle of Lexington State Historic Site.

In order to reach these goals we must continue to raise money, establish a staff, implement the recommendations in our management plan, and keep in touch with our congressional delegation to request federal funding.

We want to provide visitors and residents with a complete experience, offering them multiple perspectives on the region's stories and instilling a sense of pride in this place and respect for all voices that share a story of freedom.