

Visitor's Schedule
Memorial Day Weekend
May 27-29, 2017

10:15 AM Key to the Continent Tour (*Begins at the American Flag*)

The weary American Army's retreat down Lake Champlain in the summer of 1776 ended here. Learn how General Gates turned a sick and beaten force into a sound defense at Ticonderoga. See how the old French fort bustled with activity as it was turned into the Great Camp at Ticonderoga.

11:00 AM Musket Demonstration (*Demonstration Area*)

Whether continental soldier, state soldier, or militia, each man defended his place in line by the end of a musket. See how time tested formations with fortified walls proved a sound defense at Ticonderoga.

11:00 AM MONDAY ONLY! Salute to the Soldiers (*Parade Ground inside the fort*)

Remember the sacrifice of American soldiers in a patriotic ceremony. Salute the service of our founding soldiers and all the men that fought for our independence since 1776.

11:30 AM Breaking Ground Tour (*Begins at the American Flag*)

From military garrison gardens to a secluded colonial revival commemorative spectacle of color and light, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America. Discover the layers and beauty of horticultural history of the Ticonderoga peninsula.

11:30 AM A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (*Begins inside the Parade Ground*)

More than a century of collecting has allowed Fort Ticonderoga to acquire North America's largest and most important collection of 18th-century military material culture. This guided tour will give you the scoop on the most significant, rare, and interesting pieces in the collection.

1:00 PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY M/V *Carillon* Boat Cruise (*Begins in front of the Pavilion, King's Garden*)

Explore Ticonderoga's incredible saga surrounded in stunning natural beauty during this 90-minute boat tour. Climb aboard the *Carillon*, a replica late 19th-century touring boat, and learn about the region's national importance and epic story as you relax on Lake Champlain. Sail the same shores that American sailors did in 1776.

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2:00 PM Cannon Demonstration (*Begins at the Recreated Redoubt*)

The miles of entrenchments built by American soldiers in 1776 were reinforced by heavy cannon. See how gunners aided by drafts from the infantry regiments loaded and fired cannon behind fortified walls.

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4:00 PM Witness to History Tour (*Begins on Mount Defiance*)

From America's first Navy on Lake Champlain to the miles of entrenchments across the peninsula, get a bird's eye view of the strategy of the American Army in 1776 to make their stand. Discover the epic landscape that shaped the history of a nation.

Ongoing Soldier and Followers' Life Programs

Earthworks (*Recreated Redoubt*)

Shovels, spades, picks and axes were the best defense the American Army had. Watch as soldiers dig in to arrange earth and saplings to structure walls tall enough and thick enough to stop an artillery barrage.

Traders and Hucksters (*Glacis, Adjacent the Log House*)

Entrepreneurs flocked to Ticonderoga in the summer of 1776 to sell food to soldiers. See how a markets regulated by the army and run by farmers profited both soldiers and sellers.

Soldier's Dinner (*Camp Kitchen in front of the fort*)

Spoiled pork and wet flour was not the most satisfying meal for soldiers. Yet, mess cooks turned less than appetizing ingredients into edible meals. Join the mess cooks at the camp kitchen to discover the diet of soldiers in 1776.

Tents and Ticks (*Officer's Barracks*)

See how the skill of tailors, and sailmakers created useful utilitarian items for the army. Watch stitch by stitch as hemp canvas is turned into tents for soldiers or bed ticks to sleep on.

Shoemaking (*Officer's Barracks*)

The stress on soldiers feet depended on the shoes he wore. Soldier's shoes wore away quickly from marching up rough roads or sinking deep in Lake Champlain. Discover how shoemakers with awl and thread kept the army on its feet.

Armourers (*Officer's Barracks*)

Whether cobbled together fowlers or old French muskets, constant maintenance was needed on soldier's firelocks. See how experienced armourers kept small arms of the army in working order.