



Boy Scout Merit Badge Ideas

FORT TICONDEROGA
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Here are some ideas for completing portions of Merit Badges at Fort Ticonderoga.

American Heritage:

Step 2: Explore the exhibits and learn about some of the historical figures who shaped America here!

Step 4: Learn about the construction, restoration, and current efforts at preservation here at Fort Ticonderoga. Check out the exhibit Iron and Stone to learn about how the landscape at Fort Ticonderoga is both similar and different from what it was in the 18th century.

Step 5: Listen to a performance by the Fife and Drum Corps, and learn about how they regulate the day at Fort Ticonderoga with music.

Bird Study:

Steps 5&6: Fort Ticonderoga is an excellent place to take your Birding Notebook! Visit Ticonderoga especially during the spring and fall migration. There are a variety of bird habitats on the Ticonderoga Peninsula, including open fields, thick brush, forests, and lakeside marshes. With a good field guide, you will be able to identify many birds by both appearance and song.

Canoeing: We offer canoe rentals at Fort Ticonderoga. You can begin your canoeing merit badge here, and work on Steps 3, 4, & 8, or just explore the Lake Champlain and the LaChute Delta. From our canoe launch you can experience both open lake paddling, and paddling through a river wildlife habitat.

Citizenship in the Nation: Step 2: Fort Ticonderoga is one of the first sites to be named a National Historic Landmark in the United States, and there is so much to explore here!

Cycling: Step 7: Fort Ticonderoga is a great destination for road biking! It's approximately 17 miles from Fort Crown Point to Fort Ticonderoga, and there are a myriad of other trails on the Lake Champlain Bikeways.

Journalism: Step 5: Fort Ticonderoga holds several large public events throughout the year that would be ideal for writing a news article on, and especially taking photographs of. See our [Events Calendar](#) for more information.

Leatherworking: Steps 2&5: Fort Ticonderoga's shoe shop is the perfect place to learn about historic shoemaking and leatherwork. Learn how shoemakers produced functional and fashionable shoes for military use.

Landscape Architecture: Steps 1 & 2: Visit the King's Garden at Fort Ticonderoga, designed by Marian Cruger Coffin. Ask the Gardeners to tell you about Coffin's intent and design, especially her use of color and space.

Photography: Fort Ticonderoga provides a wonderful canvas for photography. Whether you are interested in intricate detail shots, sweeping landscapes, or anything in between, Fort Ticonderoga offers amazing subjects to hone your photographic skill.