

**Defiance and Independence: July 21-22, 2018
Visitor Schedule**

Saturday July 21st

9:30 AM Fort Ticonderoga opens to visitors

10:00 AM Inspection of the Armies (Parade Ground and British Camp)

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10:45 AM Ropes, Levers, Pulleys, and Gins (Demonstration Area)

See how common farmers and typical tradesmen used human-powered simple machines and complex 'engines' to move even the heaviest of guns at Ticonderoga.

11:00 AM March to the Recreated Redoubt (Begins at American Flag)

Follow the American military musicians as they provide a musical escort from Fort Ticonderoga to the recreated redoubt for a cannon demonstration.

11:15 AM Cannon Demonstration (Recreated Redoubt)

Watch a cannon and its crew in their element, holding the British Army back with shots fired from the earthen walls of an earthen fortification known as a redoubt. Explore how the science of gunnery and field fortification were applied in the defense of Ticonderoga in July, 1777.

12:00 PM Battle Briefing: Your Guide to the Re-enactment (Begins at American Flag)

Join this must-attend tour to better understand the battle. Explore Ticonderoga in July of 1777 and discover how American forces held off a huge British siege for nearly a week.

12:30 PM Fife & Drum Parade to Re-enactment (Begins at American Flag)

Follow the massed fifes and drums from the Continental Army up to the real French Lines, renamed Liberty Hill by the Americans, where American cannon kept Burgoyne's Army at bay.

1:00 PM Re-enactment Battle: Evacuate Mount Hope (On the Heights of Carillon)

Watch as American soldiers retreat back from their entrenched camp on Mount Hope with the British advanced guard in hot pursuit. See Continental regular soldiers and militia keep their order and discipline despite attacks from loyalists, native warriors, and British infantry and cannon. Is General St. Clair consolidating his force or exposing his Achilles heel?

1:30 PM the Enemy All Around Us- The Siege Begins (Recreated Redoubt)

After British forces drive in the American pickets from Mount Hope, see how the American artillery answered back. Watch as cannon lining the fortification open up against the advancing British forces. Hear the deafening sound of cannon fire as the siege of Ticonderoga begins!

1:45 PM Meet the Soldiers of Two Armies (Recreated Redoubt)

Fifes & Drums

In a war of shot and shell, discover how military music was a vital tool in the army. From regulating a soldiers' day, to rushing men from their tents to take their stations in battle, discover the roles and sound of the army's fifes & drums.

The Rear Guard

What was it like to be on the front line opposite British regular soldiers and native warriors? Discuss with these Continental regular soldiers and militia what it was like to stand their ground in order to allow the rest of the army to retreat to safety.

Continental Artillery

Whether firing their cannon to hold strategic heights around Ticonderoga or saving an evacuating army, the fate of American soldiers was in the hands of Major Ebenezer Stevens' artillery. Discover how this new corps of professional artillerymen distinguished themselves and how tools like the chisel and paintbrush were just as important as shot and shell.

2:00 PM "Chocolate and the Army at Ticonderoga" (Begins on Parade Ground)

Explore how sutlers followed the army, selling all sorts of comforts to soldiers, including the ingredients for this delicious chocolate beverage. Proceed into the Mars Education Center to try samples of this historic beverage as you learn the incredible story of chocolate in the Colonial world.

2:30 PM Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Parade Ground)

Exhibitions staff will lead you on a guided tour of Fort Ticonderoga's remarkable museum highlights. Begun more than a century ago, the Fort Ticonderoga museum has North America's largest and most important collection of 18th-century military material culture. Get the scoop on the most significant, rare, and interesting pieces in the collection.

2:30 PM Garden March (Begins at American Flag)

Follow the military musicians of the American rear guard as they provide a musical escort from Fort Ticonderoga to the King's Garden.

2:45 PM Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins in King's Garden)

Even on the eve of the American evacuation of Fort Ticonderoga, the army ordered daily fifteen men to tend the soldiers' garden. See the garden that was worth pulling precious men off the front lines and a garden that lived on with the ruins and reconstruction of the fort.

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4:00 PM Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour (On Top of Mount Defiance)

Oh, the stories this graceful hill could tell overlooking Fort Ticonderoga! Ascend to summit of Mount Defiance to get the birds-eye view of this epic military landscape and learn how this height shaped Fort Ticonderoga's history.

5:00 PM Fort Ticonderoga closes to visitors

6:30 PM Sunset Boat Cruise (Carillon Boat Dock)

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening aboard the *Carillon* tour boat. Begin your cruise with a glass of Colonial-inspired punch to set the mood, and then let stories of armed schooners to prohibition-era rum runners fire your imagination during your trip on Lake Champlain in this 1920s-style vessel. Revel in the natural beauty of this lake set between the Adirondack and Green Mountains. An assortment of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks available for purchase! **Additional! Pre-registration and additional ticket required.**

6:30 PM "Where a Goat Can Go, A Man Can Go..." (On Top of Mount Defiance: Admission Required)

Drive up Mount Defiance to watch as gun crew from the Royal Artillery haul their cannon up to the summit, aiming them on the fort below. Hear the details of this decisive tactical stroke and thrill at a cannon demonstration in the evening light on this historic prominence.

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10:40 AM Family Guided Tour (Begins at American Flag)

Enjoy a fun, interactive overview of Ticonderoga's history. Explore all the armies that made Fort Ticonderoga their home including French, British, or American. Learn about the imposing fort's design and get the in-side scoop on all the great hands-on opportunities that make for a memorable visit for the whole family!

11:00AM Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Earthworks defined the American defense of Ticonderoga. See a guard of soldiers behind a wall of earth create a rolling fire to hold their ground. Discover how bullets, powder, fascines and earth were the tools of the American soldiers' trade.

11:15 AM Evacuating Stores (Begins at Demonstration Area)

Experience the chaos and confusion of the Continental Army's evacuation of Ticonderoga. Watch the army's quartermasters order soldiers to load up guns, clothing, and food immediately. With time ticking, see what supplies were vital, and what must be left behind.

11:30 AM Loading Bateau (In Front of Pavilion next to the King's Garden)

Cannon, tents, barrels, and boxes all made their way onto boats to be hauled off in the retreat. Watch as cranes and ropes hoist supplies onto small bateaux. Learn how these flat bottom boats successfully hauled off thousands of pounds of material.

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After being on guard all night, the Continental Army's rear guard holds their ground in order to allow the rest of the army, including the wounded and the baggage, to retreat by boat. With the order to retreat, the rear guard begins to pull back, with the British advanced guard right on their heels.

1:30 PM Raise the King's Colors (Parade Ground)

Fort Ticonderoga falls once more into British hands. Join the British advanced guard as they enter Fort Ticonderoga, quickly surveying what they have captured. Discover with them evidence of a hasty American retreat from this old historic fort. By land or by water?...How would you pursue the Continental Army?

2:00 PM Re-enactment Battle: “Boats deeply laden with cannon, tents, provisions, invalids and women” (King’s Garden)

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