

Scots Day at Fort Ticonderoga! June 16, 2018

9:30 AM Fort Ticonderoga opens for Visitors

10:00 AM Opening Ceremony and Flag-Raising
(Begins at the American Flag)

10:15 AM Key to the Continent Guided Tour
(Begins at the American Flag) In this entertaining 30-minute tour, discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and all the great experiences Fort Ticonderoga offers today. Learn about the iconic battles of Ticonderoga within the French & Indian War and the Revolutionary War. Explore groundbreaking preservation and reconstruction efforts that allow Fort Ticonderoga to bring to life its heroic tales today and for generations to come.



11:00 AM Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area) In close engagements on water and land, British Sailors and Soldiers could fire a rain of bullets. Discover how both services of Royal Navy Sailors and British Soldiers mastered the use of the musket to defend boats and fortifications.

11:20 AM Procession to the Scottish Cairn (Departs from the Demonstration Area immediately following the Musket Demonstration)—Ascend the Heights of Carillon with representatives of the Black Watch, and representatives of the clans. Follow to the Black Watch Cairn, built in 1997 as a memorial to the soldiers for the Black Watch who died attempting to overtake the French Lines in 1758.

11:30 AM Cairn Memorial Ceremony (Black Watch Memorial Cairn on the Carillon Battlefield)

11:30 AM Fort Ticonderoga Guided Museum Tour (Begins on 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.

11:30 AM Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens (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 of horticultural history of the Ticonderoga peninsula.

11:45 AM Carillon Battlefield Tour (Begins at the Black Watch Cairn) Tour the Carillon Battlefield with a soldier of the Black Watch, whose legendary sacrifice charging the French Lines helped immortalize the battle world-wide. Discover how this battlefield preserves both the memory and the remains of this battle.

12:00 PM Border Collie Demonstration (Field on the left side of the exit road) Join Jim McRae of Green Acres Farm and his Border Collies as they demonstrate sheep herding. See these real working dogs show their skills to move herds of sheep from pasture to pasture.

12:00 PM Leatherstocking District Pipe Band Concert (Performance on the Parade Ground)

Enjoy Scottish bagpipe and drum favorites from the Leatherstocking Pipe Band of Oneonta, New York inside the stone walls of the barracks of Fort Ticonderoga.

12:30 PM The Rare Flag of the Royal Highland Emigrants (Mars Education Center Second Floor Classroom) As the highlight of the *1781: A War Not Yet Won* exhibit in the Mars Education Center, this presentation led by Curator Matthew Keagle will focus on the fascinating story of the Royal Highland Emigrants and the rare example of their camp color, on display for 2018. *Made possible, in part, by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County & a 2018 Making of Nations Grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership.*

1:00 PM Leatherstocking District Pipe Band Concert (Performance on the Parade Ground)
See 12:00 for description.

1:15 PM Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)—*See 10:15 am description.*

1:45 PM Border Collie Demonstration (Field on the left side of the exit road)—*See 12:00 pm description.*

2:00 PM Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area) Royal Navy sailors were both masters of the sail and masters of the great guns. Witness how sailors brought naval gunnery skills from ships onto land at Ticonderoga. Experience the meticulous procedure designed for loading and firing cannons safe on sea and land.

2:30 PM Narrated Timeline of Scots Military History (Parade Ground) From the great campaigns for the British Empire in the 18th century to contemporary fights in the Middle East, explore the service and equipment of Scots soldiers throughout history.

3:00 PM Key to the Continent Tour (Begins at the American Flag)—*See 10:15 am description.*

4:00 PM Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour (On Mount Defiance) Get a birds-eye view of America's most historic landscape and waterway! As Fort Ticonderoga relives 1781, join this tour and imagine a sea of canvas tents on land and sails on Lake Champlain. Discover the sweeping saga of Ticonderoga surrounded by the stunning scenery between the Green Mountains of Vermont and the Adirondack Mountains.

4:30 PM Closing Ceremony and Flag-Lowering (Begins at the Large American Flag)

5:00 PM Fort Ticonderoga closes to Visitors

Throughout the Day

- Take a *Carillon* Boat Cruise at 1:00 PM or 3:30 PM or come back this evening for a 6:30 Carillon Sunset Boat Cruise! Reservations can be made the day-of at Guest Services in the Log House Welcome Center or in advance by calling 518-585-2821.
- Visit the clan and organization tents. (Located on the lawn by the Log House Welcome Center).
- Visit our historic trades, museum exhibitions, and the King's Garden.