



Schedule for Homeschool Days, September 10 & 11, 2020

10:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Tour (Begins at Large American Flag)

In this entertaining half-hour tour, discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and all the great experiences Fort Ticonderoga offers today. Learn about the iconic battles of Carillon & 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 a.m. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Meet the British soldiers in 1774 with their muskets and bayonets. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss what traditions remained and what tactical innovations the British Army in North America adopted after the French & Indian War.

11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground: A Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins in the King's Garden)

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.

12 – 4 p.m. Heroic Corn Maze: A Corn Maze Adventure! New 2020 Design! (Corn maze near King's Garden)

Getting lost in this life-size puzzle is part of the fun as you look for history clues among towering stalks of corn! Find clues connected to Ticonderoga's history as you make your way through the maze. It is designed to be challenging but still allows visitors to exit quickly if needed. The maze is divided into two phases so you can customize your experience.

12:30 p.m. Guided Hike of the Carillon Battlefield Trail (Begins next to the Log House Welcome Center)

Follow one of our expert historians on a 1 ¾ mile hike around the Carillon Battlefield. Explore the vistas and earthen remains of French & Indian War and Revolutionary War battles.

2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

In addition to soldiers, a handful of British artillerymen maintained the guns of Ticonderoga, a legacy of the great campaigns of the French & Indian War. Discover the British naval training used to safely fire these cannons from the fort's walls.

4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance Witness to History Tour (Mount Defiance)

This graceful mountain overlooking Fort Ticonderoga played a pivotal role during the French and Indian War. Discover the legacy of Mount Defiance by 1774 and its exciting chapters to come in the Revolutionary War.

Historic Trades and Soldiers' Life Programming

Maritime Trades 11:30 a.m. -- 1:30 p.m. (Boat House near King's Garden)

Bateaux and bigger vessels were part each British garrison along vital waterways like Lake Champlain. Explore the carpentry, sail-making, and rigging work used to build and maintain these boats, even as shipwrecks loomed out of the lake in the King's Shipyard at Ticonderoga

Soldier's Dinner 12:00 p.m. (Parade Ground)

At the end of the French & Indian War, the British Army ordered soldiers to grow much of their food. See the great meals that soldiers could enjoy with army rations and fresh vegetables.

Soldiers' Gardening 2:30 -- 4:00 p.m. (King's Garden)

Get planting soldier! Gardening was a common military duty within the British Army, but after the French & Indian War, these gardens became more elaborate and important for keeping peacetime soldiers fed, wherever they served in America.

Ongoing Throughout the Day

Shoemaking (Parade Ground)

Every soldier paid for two pairs of shoes from their wages and replacement soles for repairs. Discover the trade of shoemaking and how soldiers brought this vital skill into the British Army to maintain their mates' shoes.

Tailoring (2nd Floor Officer's Barracks)

On the eve of the Revolutionary War, clothing British soldiers was an efficient science within the British Army. See how economy and comfort were balanced at the end of a tailors' needle in British garrisons all around the globe.

Musket Maintenance (Ground Floor Officer's Barracks)

Each shot of black powder fouled the muskets' moving parts and ate away at its metal, unless thoroughly cleaned. Watch as hot water, grease, and a little brick dust keep these weapons working; lock, stock and barrel.