



Homeschool Day: Friday, June 4, 2021

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.

10:30 a.m. Carillon Boat Cruise (Carillon Boat Dock near the King's Garden)

Explore Ticonderoga's history from the water aboard the *Carillon* tour boat! Let our friendly and experienced staff be your guide to Lake Champlain's centuries of stirring maritime heritage with panoramic vistas around you and a sonar view of shipwrecks below.

Reservations are required by visiting the tent outside of the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise. *Additional fee required.

Additional cruises are offered at 1pm and 3:30pm by reserving in the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise. Tickets are sold on a first-served basis and the boat has a capacity of 23 passengers.

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.

11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Beginning 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.

11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground: A Guided 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.

12:30 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 ¼ 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.

2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Beginning on the Parade Ground)

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

Mount Defiance is located at 72 Defiance Street. The token you received upon arrival allows you access to drive up the mountain, otherwise, you are welcome to walk up.

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.