



July 3-5, 2021 Independence Day Weekend 1776

Celebrate independence by exploring one of the greatest triumphs of 1776! All weekend long, meet the soldiers of the Northern Continental Army at Ticonderoga in 1776. See craftsmen in action busily working to resupply soldiers with clothing, shoes, and equipment. Watch as soldiers work to prepare cannons, ammunition, and themselves ready to stop an invasion by the British Army and its naval fleet on Lake Champlain.

10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

In this entertaining 30-minute tour, discover Ticonderoga's incredible history and learn about all of the great experiences we offer today.

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

Take a front row seat to discover how the American Army at Ticonderoga held the line of liberty in 1776. During this narrated and scenic boat tour, discover the monumental action required to fortify this strategic position on Lake Champlain. Learn about the extensive fortifications spanning both sides of the lake as American's dug in to hold the British at bay during this first critical year of the American Revolution while enjoying the beauty of America's most historic landscape from the water. Limited seating available, additional ticket required.

11:00 a.m. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Thrill at the crackle of muskets and learn how Continental soldiers and militia defended the line of liberty. Discover how military formations and fortified walls proved a sound defense.

11:30 a.m. A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins inside 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 on display.

11:30 a.m. Garden March (Begins at the American Flag)

Follow the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga down to the King's Garden. Enjoy your favorite 18th-century tunes and marches with this corps as your musical guide.

11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens (Begins at the King's Garden)

From military garrison gardens to a vibrant Colonial Revival garden, explore one of North America's oldest cultivated landscapes. Discover the incredible story of America's first historic preservation effort, and the family country estate and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:30 p.m. Music Demonstration (Parade Ground)

From the earliest patriotic songs which inspired a nation, to the everyday duties and marches that regulated army life, listen to the fifes and drums of the American defenders of Ticonderoga.

See the massed fifers and drummers of the many regiments who were charged with holding the British Army at bay.

1:00 p.m. Carillon Boat Cruise (Boat dock by the King's Garden)

See 10:30 a.m. description.

1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

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2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Recreated Redoubt)

The miles of entrenchments built by American soldiers in 1776 were armed with heavy cannons. See how skilled American artillerymen loaded and fired cannons from behind these fortified walls.

2:30 p.m. A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins inside the Parade Ground)

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3:00 pm Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

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3:30 p.m. Carillon Boat Cruise (Boat dock by the King's Garden)

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

From America's first Navy on Lake Champlain to the miles of entrenchments across the peninsula, discover the strategy of the American Army in 1776 to make their stand. View the landscapes that shaped the history of our nation.

Ongoing 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

Immensely powerful teams of oxen were vital to the American Army at Ticonderoga. Pairs of yoked oxen hauled logs a couple miles from the woods surrounding Ticonderoga to continue the construction of defensive works, see teams of oxen in action and discover their work in the summer of 1776.

'Search for Liberty!' Hands-on Family Activity (Begins at Marquis Tent)

Take our fun hands-on exploration for all ages and experience the life of the Continental soldier at Ticonderoga in 1776! Discover historic trades that kept an American Army in the field and the daily tasks of soldiers here at Ticonderoga. Complete all of the tasks to receive your Continental pay and proudly receive the 'U. States' stamp.

**SPECIAL EXHIBIT: A Patriot's Prize: Marinus Willett's Silver from the Robert Nittolo Collection
(Mars Education Center Atrium)**

See rare silver pieces owned by veteran of the 1758 Battle of Carillon, Continental Army Colonel, and later Mayor of New York City, Marinus Willett on special display this season only.