



**Living History Event: The Noble Train Begins  
December 7, 2019**

**10:00 am Fort Ticonderoga Opens to Visitors**

**10:15 am Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the 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 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 Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

How do you know a gun barrel won't blow up? Learn about the process of proofing, using two to three times a cannon or mortar's normal charge to test its strength. See how this process was vital for weapons destined for the siege of Boston.

**11:30 am Cannon, Mortar, & Howitzer? (Inside the Mars Education Center)**

Explore the three different types of artillery in the 18<sup>th</sup> century through premier examples from the Collections of Fort Ticonderoga. See the not-so-Knox cannons and the genuine article as you get the real stories of the incredible pieces on display!

**1:15 pm Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the large American Flag)**

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**2:00 pm Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

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**2:30 pm "*From Quebec, if in our hands*": Henry Knox and Cannon for Boston (Inside the Mars Education Center)**

Henry Knox famously moved nearly 60 tons of artillery from Ticonderoga to the American Army outside Boston, but where did these cannon come from? Common knowledge says Knox raided Ticonderoga's supplies, but General Washington's instructions gave Knox wide latitude to select suitable cannon for the army laying siege of Boston. Join Fort Ticonderoga Curator Matthew Keagle to explore the origin of Knox's "noble train of artillery" from Lake George to the seat of war in Canada.

**3:00 pm "*Depart this Place within Twenty-Four Hours*" (Parade Ground)**

Discover the Continental Army's complex relationship with the women of the army in this living history vignette. See the December orders of Fort Ticonderoga's commander go into effect, as he sought to regulate which women followed his garrison.

**4:00 pm Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors**

## Ongoing Programs 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **Laundry & Mending (Ground Floor Officer's Barracks)**

Follow the steps for the laundering and mending of soldiers' shirts, from wringing out water to making tiny stitches. Learn how followers delivered this vital service and the impact it had on keeping the young American army healthy.

### **Cannons for Boston (Parade Ground & Surroundings)**

See the process of moving and mounting artillery, through draft animals and manpower. See the simple machines and simple brute force needed to move these thousand-pound pieces of iron from place to place.

### **Officer's Quarters (Second Floor of the Officer's Barracks)**

Step inside the quarters of an American officer at Fort Ticonderoga and learn of the luxuries within. From beds to brandy, learn about officers' duties and comforts. See the administrative work that kept an army operating.

### **Carpentry (Parade Ground & Soldiers' Barracks)**

Watch wood chips fly as carpenters carve away at framing beams to repair that barracks of the fort. See how chisels, saws, and augers helped carpenter rebuild the old fort, even in the harsh winter months.

### ***ONE DAY ONLY Special Pop-up Exhibit (Mars Education Center First Floor Classroom)***

#### ***"Necessary for a people struggling for Liberty and Empire": Henry Knox's Reading List***

Before setting out for Ticonderoga John Adams inquired of Henry Knox what books he recommended American officers should read to learn the art of war. Knox's reply had to wait until he completed his expedition, but revealed his breadth of knowledge and printed military culture of the Atlantic World. This special pop-up exhibit pulls together Henry Knox's recommendations to John Adams from Fort Ticonderoga's rich collection of rare books.