



**Montcalm's Cross Visitor Schedule
Saturday, July 20, 2019**

On July 5, 1758 nearly 16,000 British and American soldiers under the command of General James Abercrombie embarked in over 1,000 boats from Lake George to crush the French at Fort Carillon (Ticonderoga). This was the largest army ever assembled in North America by that time and after landing, pushed toward the French forces. In the meantime, less than 4,000 French troops, commanded by the Marquis de Montcalm, prepared a defensive breastwork on the heights of Carillon, west of the fort itself. There, on July 8, the British made their attack. Beginning just after noon, waves of British and American troops threw themselves at the French lines hoping to break through, and were repulsed each time. The fighting raged until nearly nightfall, and at the end of the day, Montcalm's French defenders still held their positions. The fighting had cost the British alone nearly 2,000 men, killed and wounded. It had been the bloodiest battle of the 18th century in North America. Ticonderoga had earned a nearly mythical reputation that would secure its place in the history for centuries to come.

9:30 am Fort Ticonderoga opens to visitors

10:00 am Inspection of the Armies (Inside the fort and on Carillon Battlefield)

Watch as the French forces of General Montcalm assemble on the parade of Fort Carillon (later named Ticonderoga) for inspection and to receive orders for these climactic days of 1758. At the temporary camp of General Abercrombie's British and Provincial Army, soldiers and sentinels assemble to prepare for their advance on Fort Carillon.

10:15 am Key to the Continent: Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

Explore Carillon in the summer of 1758! Discover how the French held this outpost for four years in their defense of New France. Examine the challenges facing General Montcalm as he prepared to stop the largest British Army ever assembled in North America.

10:30 am *Carillon* Boat Cruise on Lake Champlain (Begins at the boat dock by the Pavilion)

Enjoy sweeping vistas of Vermont's Green Mountains and New York's Adirondack Mountains during a 75-minute narrated boat tour aboard the *Carillon*. 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. Embark on this unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages! A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks available for purchase!

Additional ticket required.

10:40 am Family Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

In this fun, active tour, explore the history of this iconic fort. Discover all of the exciting things to do during your visit!

11:00 am Music Demonstration (Parade Ground)

Hear the music of the French Army in motion to stop the British. Meet the *Tambour*, the drummers and fifers of the French Army. Discover the regulation songs that could call French soldiers to fight, march, camp, or rally no matter where they fought for the King and his subjects.

11:30 am Raising Gage's Light Armed Infantry: Equipping the 80th Regiment of Foot for the Expedition Against Ticonderoga

By the end of 1757, Lord Loudoun approved the raising of a body of troops to act as rangers, yet still following the discipline of regular troops, creating a hybrid corps of "Light Armed Infantry." Join Director of Interpretation, Nicholas Spadone, to examine how the clothing, arms, and accoutrements of the 80th Regiment of Foot was adapted for service in the 1758 campaign.

11:30 am Garden March (Begins at the American Flag)

Follow the *Tambours* (Fifers and Drummers) of the French Army as they provide a musical escort to the King's Garden.

11:45 am Breaking Ground: A Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins at 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 home and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:30 pm Battle Briefing (Begins at the American Flag)

Set the stage for the exciting events of July 6, 1758! Discover who was in the lead of the British Army as it landed at the north end of Lake George. See why this intense skirmish of scouts helped shape the climactic battle of armies at Carillon.

1:00 pm Fife & Drum Parade to Re-enactment Battlefield (Begins at the American Flag)

Follow the *Tambours* of the French Army as they provide a musical escort to the re-enactment battlefield.

1:30 pm Re-enactment Battle: The Advance from Lake George Landing (Saturday Woods Battlefield)

Watch as General Lord Howe leads the advanced guard of the British Army from Lake George down through the tangled brush west of the La Chute River. See the deadly consequences of a brief encounter with a lost French patrol which killed Lord Howe, a famous commander of the British Army.

2:00 pm "It No Longer is a Matter of Making a Raid, but of Conquering or Being Conquered" (Carillon Battlefield)

The Death of Lord Howe

As the news of the death of Lord Howe sweeps the British command, discuss British strategy: how the high command will execute his plan for the invasion of French Canada. Learn what his leadership meant to this 16,000-man army and tactics and the attack on Fort Carillon.

"To Take Possession of the Sawmill": Preparing for a Siege

See how General Abercrombie's British army prepared to attack Carillon after capturing the *portage*-the vital road linking strategic lakes. Whether building barges or hauling cannon discover the engineering and effort needed to advance their attack.

2:30 pm Carillon Battlefield Tour (Starts in the British Camp)

Tour the Carillon Battlefield and its monument to the Black Watch, whose legendary sacrifice charging the French lines helped immortalize the battle world-wide. Discover how this battlefield's legacy carried into the Revolutionary War and memory today.

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

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3:00 pm Carillon Boat Cruise on Lake Champlain (Begins at the boat dock by the Pavilion)

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4:00 pm Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour (Pavilion atop Mount Defiance)

Oh, the stories this graceful hill overlooking Fort Ticonderoga could tell! Ascend to the summit of Mount Defiance to get the birds-eye view of this epic military landscape and learn how this height shaped the Fort's history.

5:00 pm Fort Ticonderoga closes to visitors