



**Montcalm's Cross Visitor Schedule
Sunday, July 21, 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 Carillon Battlefield)

Watch as the French Forces of General Montcalm assemble on the parade of Fort Carillon (later named Fort 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 Fort 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 the great fort. Discover all of the exciting things to do during your visit!

11:00 am Musket Demonstration (At the Fort Demonstration Area)

Even in the wilderness, a soldier's world was siege and defense behind earthen or log walls. Discover the muskets of French soldiers and artillerymen and thrill at musket firing as the soldiers work together to hold their ground.

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

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

11:30 am Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (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 on display.

11:45 am Breaking Ground: A Tour of the Historic Gardens (Beginning 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 Artillery Barges Sighted! (Demonstration Area)

While columns of British soldiers marched towards the Heights of Carillon, British artillerymen and American Provincial soldiers rowed down the La Chute Bay. Watch as *Cannoniers* (French artillerymen) fire crucial shots from Fort Carillon, blocking the barges from landing and perhaps deciding the fate of the battle to begin to the west.

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.

1:15 pm Battle Briefing (Recreated French Lines)

Understand the lay of the land on July 8, 1758. See how 48-hours of work by French soldiers culminated in the French Lines. Discover how artillery shots from Fort Carillon helped secure French soldiers inside their elevated position. Explore the acts of heroism that made this 8-hour fight so famous.

1:30 pm Re-enactment Battle: Defending the French Lines, Defending New France (Recreated French Lines)

Secured behind logs stacked eight feet high, French soldiers fired for their lives to keep their foothold on the heights of Carillon. Watch the assault at the recreated French lines as waves of British and American soldiers rushed through French bullets in an attempt to dislodge this tenuously fortified position.

2:00 pm Raising Montcalm's Cross (Begins at recreated French Lines)

Just as General Montcalm raised a cross in thanks for the victory of his army in the Battle of Carillon, join Fort Ticonderoga as we raise Montcalm's Cross in remembrance of the lives lost and forever changed by this cataclysmic battle.

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

See 10:15 am description.

3:30 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