



**Defiance & Independence Battle Re-enactment
July 24-25, 2021**

Saturday July 24th

9:30 am Fort Ticonderoga Opens to Visitors

10:00 am Inspection of the Armies (Inside Fort Parade Ground and at British Camp)

Watch as the American officer of the day inspects the Continental Army's guard details before they take up their fortified positions around Fort Ticonderoga. Inside the British bivouac, see their advanced guard inspected before marching to harass and observe the Continental Army's pickets.

10:15 am Key to the Continent Guided 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 am *Carillon* Boat Cruise (Boarding at Boat Dock by King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated *Carillon* tour, our friendly and experienced staff will guide you through centuries of Lake Champlain's stirring maritime heritage. Panoramic mountain vistas will surround you and sonar readings present unforgettable images of shipwrecks. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks are available for sale on board! *Additional ticket required. Tickets are available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.*

11:00 am Ropes, Levers, Pulleys, and Gins (Begins at Demonstration Area, Ends at Recreated Redoubt)

Have you ever wondered how artillerymen could lift heavy cannons onto their carriages? See how common farmers and typical tradesmen used human-powered simple machines and complex 'engines' to move even the heaviest of guns at Ticonderoga.

12:15 pm Battle Briefing: Your Guide to the Re-enactment (Begins at Large American Flag)

Join this must-attend talk to better understand the battle. Explore Ticonderoga in July of 1777 and discover how American forces held off a huge British Siege for nearly a week.

12:30 pm Fife & Drum Parade to Re-enactment Battlefield (Begins at Large American Flag)

Follow the massed fifes and drums from the Continental Army out beyond the recreated redoubt.

1:00 pm Re-enactment Battle: Evacuate Mount Hope (Below Recreated Redoubt)

Watch as American soldiers retreat back from their entrenched camp on Mount Hope with the British advanced guard in hot pursuit. See Continental regulars and militia keep their order and discipline despite attacks from loyalists, native warriors, and British infantry and cannon.

1:30 pm "The Shot Came Our Length..." (At Recreated Redoubt)

After British forces drive in the American pickets from Mount Hope see how the American artillery answered back. Watch as cannons lining the fortification open up against the Advancing British forces. Hear the deafening sound of cannon fire as the Siege of Ticonderoga Begins!

2:00 pm Laundry (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)

Never underestimate the importance of a clean shirt! Discover the process of laundering soldiers' shirts and how 18th century armies employed camp women to do this vital task.

2:30 pm Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Parade Ground)

Exhibitions staff will lead you on a guided tour of this remarkable museum's highlights. Begun more than a century ago, the Fort Ticonderoga museum has North America's largest and most important collection of 18th-century military material culture. Get the scoop on the most significant, rare, and interesting pieces in the collection.

2:30 pm Garden March (Begins at Large American Flag)

Follow the military musicians of the American rear guard as they provide a musical escort from Fort Ticonderoga to the King's Garden.

2:45 pm Breaking Ground: A Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins in King's Garden)

Even on the eve of the American evacuation of Fort Ticonderoga, the army ordered daily fifteen men to tend the soldiers' garden. See the garden that was worth pulling precious men off the front lines and a garden that lived on with the ruins and reconstruction of the Fort.

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

See 10:15 am description.

3:30 pm Carillon Boat Cruise (Boarding at Boat Dock by King's Garden)

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4:00 pm Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour (On Top of Mount Defiance)

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

5:00 pm Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors

6:30 pm Sunset Carillon Boat Cruise (Boarding at Boat Dock by King's Garden)

Enjoy a relaxing summer evening aboard the *Carillon* tour boat and revel in the region's scenic beauty. Toast to the King's health with a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch as you discover Ticonderoga's rich maritime history. Let stories of armed schooners to Prohibition-era rum runners fire your imagination during your trip on Lake Champlain in this 1920s-style vessel. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, and signature cocktails, featuring Stonecutters Spirits are available for purchase! *Additional ticket required. Tickets are available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.*

Sunday July 25th

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11:00 am Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Earthworks defined the American defense of Ticonderoga. See a guard of soldiers behind a wall of earth create a rolling fire to hold their ground. Discover how bullets, powder, fascines and earth were the tools of the American soldiers' trade.

11:30 am "Breakfast on Chocolate" (Starts Inside Fort Parade Ground)

Soldiers cracked open crates and drew delicious rations of chocolate, as the Continental Army prepared to evacuate Ticonderoga by dawn. Smell the cocoa as soldiers sip this tasty but energetic breakfast of chocolate before facing the enemy. Proceed into the Mars Education Center to taste this favorite drink yourself and learn the incredible story of chocolate in the colonial world.

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1:00 pm Re-enactment Battle: "We Must March Back" (At Recreated Redoubt)

After being on guard all night, the Continental Army's rear guard holds their ground in order to allow the rest of the Army, including the wounded and the baggage, to retreat by boat. With the order to retreat, the rear guard begins to pull back, with the British advanced guard right on their heels.

1:30 pm "Yielded to his Majesty's Arms." (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)

As the British advanced guard rushes into an abandoned Fort Ticonderoga, there's no time for celebration. In this brief vignette, explore the challenges of peering through the fog of war to find the retreating American Army. Discover the challenges of translating languages and cultures in this diverse British force.

2:00 pm Re-enactment Battle: "Boats deeply laden with cannon, tents, provisions, invalids and women." (Inside King's Garden)

Watch the American Rear guard hold its ground as the army's sick soldiers, women, and children evacuate by boat. Watch the last soldiers of the Continental Army march off towards the bridge in this strategic retreat.

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