

Welcome!

TO FORT TICONDEROGA



2020 Site Map & Daily Schedule

Ticonderoga's Epic Saga



- **1609** Samuel de Champlain battles native warriors on the Ticonderoga shore.

French and Indian War

- **1755** French forces build Fort Carillon at Ticonderoga.
- **1757** More than 8,000 French, Canadian, and Native forces leave Carillon to attack British Fort William Henry.
- **1758** On July 8, in America's bloodiest battle until the Civil War, nearly 16,000 British troops suffer almost 2,000 casualties assaulting French positions.
- **1759** Another English advance forces the French to blow up Fort Carillon's powder magazine and retreat. The fort is renamed Ticonderoga.

Revolutionary War

- **1775** In May, Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold's men capture the fort's small British garrison. In December, Henry Knox takes the captured artillery to relieve the Siege of Boston.
- **1776** After a failed invasion of Canada, American forces dig in at Ticonderoga. The American army and navy hold the line for liberty.
- **1777** General John Burgoyne's British offensive forces the American evacuation of Ticonderoga, but Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga, N.Y.
- **1781** British forces arrive in October and begin rebuilding part of the ruined barracks before withdrawing to Canada.
- **1783** General George Washington visits the unoccupied fort while waiting for the final peace treaty to be signed.

War of 1812

- **1814** An American victory in September at Plattsburgh, N.Y., prevents another British advance on Ticonderoga.

Preservation and Museum Founding

- **1820** 200 years ago, merchant William Ferris Pell purchased the fort property, the earliest act of preservation of its kind in the United States.
- **1909** Sarah and Stephen Pell initiate one of America's earliest restoration efforts and the Fort Ticonderoga Museum opens to the public.



The King's Garden

Celebrate 200 years of
landmark preservation efforts

Fort Ticonderoga's historic gardens celebrate our incredible 18th-century history, landmark 19th-century preservation, and monumental 20th-century restoration. In addition to the formal Colonial Revival King's Garden, five other gardens demonstrate the peninsula's layers of horticultural history. Join a tour or roll up your sleeves to dig into hands-on garden programs.

Heroic Corn Maze—New 2020 Design!

Getting lost in this life-size puzzle is part of the fun! Your knowledge of Fort Ticonderoga's history will guide you through the towering corn stalks. The maze is divided into two phases so you can customize your experience.

Open August-October, check availability on website.





Boat Tour

Fort Ticonderoga welcomes visitors aboard the tour boat *Carillon*!

Enjoy gorgeous vistas of Vermont's Green Mountains and New York's Adirondacks during a 75-minute narrated boat cruise aboard the *Carillon*. Learn about Lake Champlain's centuries of stirring maritime and military heritage. Tours are offered throughout the day, Tuesday-Sunday, and select Mondays from May 22 - October 16, 2020. A selection of snacks, soft drinks, and regional beers and wines are available for purchase.

Sunset Cruises are offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, June 20 - August 8, and at 6 p.m., August 15 - September 5. Tickets are available for purchase online, at the Log House Welcome Center, or by calling 518-585-2650.

Ask about group tours and charters!

Blackout dates may apply. Boat access includes stairs.



Immerse yourself in Ticonderoga's rich collections from the Colonial Wars, Revolution, and beyond!

Explore one of North America's finest collections of 18th-century military material culture. Art, weapons, and equipment from North America and Europe, displayed in the Soldiers' Barracks exhibit areas, document warfare in Colonial and Revolutionary America. Explore

the largest collection of 18th-century artillery in this hemisphere, mounted on Fort Ticonderoga's walls. Try your hand at gunnery skills in The Artillery Laboratory interactive space!



« Discover the surprising history of the American militia in a new exhibition in the Mars Education Center. Featuring more than 100 artifacts, many on display for the first time ever.



Visit Mount Defiance for a birds-eye view of Ticonderoga's epic military landscape and discover how this summit shaped America's history

The *Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour* is offered each day at **4 p.m.** The picnic pavilion located on the summit is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy one of America's most historic landscapes. Hike up the mountain or make the easy drive to the top. Savor the spectacular beauty of this remarkable and historic view. Access to Mount Defiance is included in a Fort Ticonderoga General Admission Ticket or can be purchased separately at the base of Mount Defiance, a short drive from Fort Ticonderoga, located at 72 Defiance Street, Ticonderoga. Driving directions are located on the opposite side of this brochure, and can be provided at the Log House Welcome Center.

The gate to Mount Defiance is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gold coin can be used for access. Large buses and RVs not permitted.

Daily Schedule

2020 is the Year 1774! Every day offers great events at Fort Ticonderoga and every year is a new experience.

Key to the Continent Guided Tour - 30 minutes

Daily, 10:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3 p.m. (Begins at large American Flag)

In this entertaining tour, discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and all the great experiences Fort Ticonderoga offers today. Learn about the iconic battles of Carillon and Ticonderoga that occurred in 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.

Family Guided Tour - 15 minutes

Daily, July 1 – August 25, 10:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. (Begins at the Soldiers' Barracks)

In this fun, active tour, explore the history of this great fort and discover all of the exciting things to do during your visit!

Musket Firing Demonstration - 25 minutes

Daily, 11 a.m. (Demonstration Area)

Meet British soldiers in 1774 armed with muskets and bayonets. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss how the British Army in North America adopted tactical innovations after the French & Indian War.

Cannon Firing Demonstrations - 25 minutes

Daily, 2 p.m. (Demonstration Area)

A handful of British artillerymen maintained the guns of Ticonderoga. Discover how British naval training was used to safely fire cannons from the fort walls.

Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens - 30 minutes

Daily, 11:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. (Begins in the King's Garden)

From military garrison gardens to a secluded Colonial Revival commemorative spectacle of color and light, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America. Discover the Ticonderoga peninsula's layers of horticultural history.

Fort Ticonderoga Museum Tour - 30 minutes

Daily, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Begins on 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 and rare pieces in the collection.

Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour - 30 minutes

Daily, 4 p.m. (Atop Mount Defiance, located at 72 Defiance Street)

This towering mountain overlooking Fort Ticonderoga played a pivotal role during the French & Indian War. Discover how Mount Defiance also impacted 1774 and other exciting chapters of the Revolutionary War.

Carillon Boat Tour - 75 minutes

May 22 - June 21, 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

June 23 - August 16, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

August 17 - October 16, 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

(Boarding begins at the Carillon Boat Dock near the King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated Carillon tour, our friendly and experienced staff will guide you through Lake Champlain's centuries of stirring maritime heritage. Panoramic mountain vistas will surround you and sonar readings will present unforgettable images of shipwrecks below. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks is available for sale on board with credit card purchase! Schedule subject to change, blackout dates apply. Additional ticket required.

Ongoing Programs and Outdoor Recreation

Soldiers' Dinner

At the end of the French & Indian War, the British Army ordered soldiers to grow a large portion of their food. See the great meals that soldiers could enjoy with army rations and fresh vegetables.

Musket Maintenance

Each shot of black powder fouled a musket's moving parts and ate away at its metal, unless thoroughly cleaned. Watch as hot water, grease, and a little brick dust keep these weapons working lock, stock, and barrel.

Tailoring

By the eve of the Revolutionary War, the British Army had developed an efficient process for clothing its soldiers. See how economy and comfort were balanced on the end of a tailor's needle in British garrisons all around the globe.

Shoemaking

Every soldier paid for two pairs of shoes from their wages, but the King himself "donated" replacement soles for repairs. Discover the trade of shoemaking and how soldiers brought this vital skill into the British Army to maintain their mates' shoes.

Livestock

See Red Devon oxen in action, hauling supplies for the British garrison at Ticonderoga. Discover how cattle, horses, and sheep were a common part of the peacetime landscape surrounding Fort Ticonderoga.

Maritime Trades

Bateaux and bigger vessels were essential to British garrisons along vital waterways like Lake Champlain. Explore the carpentry, sailmaking, and rigging work used to build and maintain these boats in the King's Shipyard at Ticonderoga.

Soldiers' Gardening

Get planting soldier! Gardening was a common military duty for British soldiers, and after the French & Indian War, military gardens became more elaborate and important for keeping peacetime soldiers fed, wherever they served in America.

Centuries of Seeds and Stories

Let our friendly staff guide you to beautiful flowers and layers of history found in the King's Garden. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along brick paths in this 20th-century walled garden, a tribute to the soldiers who fought here and a testament to America's first historic preservation effort.

Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga

Daily, July 1 – August 25 (various locations)

Listen to stirring tunes that eased the drudgery of a long march, or the many calls that regulated activity in the fort. Explore how drumbeats, trilling fifes, and songs created an 18th-century world of military music.

Exhibits

Mars Education Center

Downstairs

A Well-Regulated Militia: Citizen, Soldier, and State *New in 2020!*

Follow the evolution and legacy of the American militia, from colonies to republic, in this new exhibit featuring rare and never-before-seen artifacts.

Main Floor

Sarah Pell's Struggle for History and Human Rights

Discover Sarah's pioneering role in historic preservation and women's rights.

Learn how the past informs our work in the present.

Upstairs

Between the Wars: British Ticonderoga 1759-1775

Explore the 15 years of British occupation of Ticonderoga between the French & Indian War and the Revolution.

Soldiers' Barracks

Ground Floor West

- Iron & Stone: Building Fort Carillon
- The Artillery Laboratory

Second Floor

- "It would make a heart of stone melt:"
Sickness, Injury, and Medicine at Fort Ticonderoga
- Bullets & Blades: The Weapons of America's Colonial Wars and Revolution
- Pottery, Pork, and Pigeon: Fort Ticonderoga's 18th-Century Menu
- A Ticonderoga Chronology

Third Floor

- Object Lessons: Perspectives on Material Culture
- Diorama-Rama: History in Miniature
- Ticonderoga, A Legacy



Special Tours & Evening Programs

- *Separate admission required*
- *Some tours require participants to climb stairs and walk on uneven surfaces*
- *For more information, visit the Guest Service Desk inside the Log House Welcome Center, call 518-585-2821, or visit fortticonderoga.org.*

Sunset Boat Cruise Aboard the Carillon

June 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22*, 29; September 5**

Let stories of armed schooners to Prohibition-era rum runners fire your imagination during your trip on Lake Champlain in this 1920s-style vessel. Toast to the King's health with a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch as you discover the anchorage of the British fleet. Revel in the natural beauty between the Adirondack and Green Mountains. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, and signature cocktails featuring local craft spirits are available for purchase! Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Carillon boat dock, located in front of the Pavilion. **Tours begin at 6 p.m.*

The Gossip Tour of Fort Ticonderoga

July 1, 15, 29; August 12

From high crimes to petty bickering, serving at Ticonderoga was full of drama. Drunken soldiers, stolen wives, unsolved crimes, and attempted murder were part of the experiences of the men and women stationed at Ticonderoga from 1755 to 1781. Join Curator Matthew Keagle for an adults-only walking tour of this often unglamorous, certainly untold, but juicy history. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tour begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Log House Welcome Center.

Ticonderoga Guns by Night

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20

The flash of musketry and the roar of cannon fire by night will captivate you in this unique 90-minute tour and demonstration of 18th-century firepower! The entrance gate will open at 7:30 p.m. and the tour will begin promptly at 8 p.m. at the Log House Welcome Center.

Arming the Redcoats

June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12

Go beyond the exhibit case and handle original artifacts that reveal the industrial systems employed by the British military. Limited to 6 participants. This program will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. in the Mars Education Center Lobby. **General admission ticket required.*

Beneath the Fortress Walls

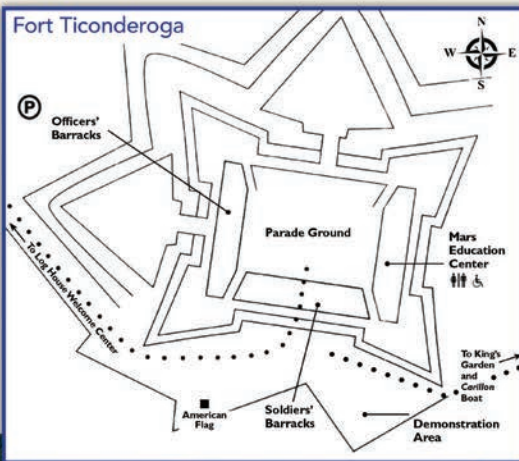
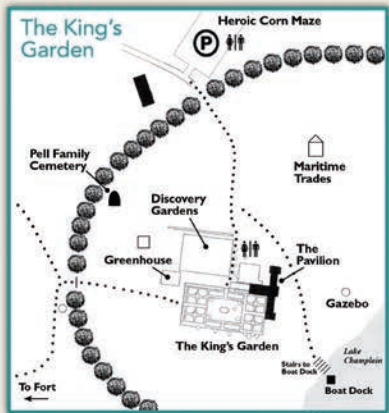
July 8, 22; August 5

Explore around, on top, and inside of the fort, including areas off limits to the general public, to find out Fort Ticonderoga's secrets. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tour begins at 6:30 p.m.

Cannons and Coffee

June 25, July 16, and August 6

Explore Fort Ticonderoga's world-class collection of 18th century artillery from a new perspective and be the first to enter Fort Ticonderoga with this special early bird program. Fresh hot coffee provided! **General admission ticket required.*



Directions to Mount Defiance from Fort Ticonderoga
72 Defiance Street, Ticonderoga, N.Y., 12883

1. Cross NY Route 22.
2. Turn left onto Champlain Avenue at traffic light. (Near Seneca Station)
3. Bear left onto The Portage.
4. Turn left onto Defiance Street.
5. Enter gate at base of Mount Defiance.

The road to Mount Defiance is not suitable for large buses and RV's

Fort Ticonderoga

Seneca Station

Mount Defiance



Shopping

Museum Store *Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Extend and enhance your Fort Ticonderoga experience by shopping our full selection of exclusive merchandise inspired by our history, collections, and beautiful landscape. In the Log House Welcome Center, you can choose from historically inspired games and toys, unique apparel, ceramics, edibles, jewelry, books, and more! Shop online at shop.fortticonderoga.org



Dining

America's Fort Café *Open daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

America's Fort Café features casual dining with stunning views of Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains of Vermont. Choose from farm-to-table King's Garden salads, delicious specialty sandwiches served on fresh bread, orders from the grill, and fort-inspired specials of the day. The Café serves local New York and Vermont

meats, cheeses, and produce, and offers regional beer, wine, and cider.

Visitor Services

Handicapped Parking is available at the fort and King's Garden parking lots.

Restrooms with handicapped accessibility are available at the Log House Welcome Center and inside the fort in the Mars Education Center. Porta-Potties are available at the King's Garden and Heroic Corn Maze.

Elevator access is available for additional exhibit and program accessibility in the Mars Education Center.

Pets must remain leashed and attended to at all times. Only service animals are allowed in the buildings, King's Garden, and on the *Carillon* tour boat.

Photo policy: Except when written permission has been granted, camera tripods, monopods, drones, and lights are prohibited on Fort Ticonderoga's property. Selfie-sticks are not permitted in the museum.

- Fort Ticonderoga is a smoke-free campus
- Food and beverages are not allowed inside fort buildings
- For your safety, please do not climb on the fort walls or cannons

***Fort Ticonderoga is open daily from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Entrance gate closes at 4:30 p.m.***

Be Part of the Action!

Become a Member of Fort Ticonderoga and receive:

- Admission to the Ticonderoga experience for one year
- Subscription to *The Haversack* newsletter
- 10% discount in the museum store
- Free or discounted admission to selected events
- 10% discount on general site admission for guests

Members visit multiple times to:

- Take a boat tour of Lake Champlain aboard the *Carillon*
- Enjoy our world-class exhibits
- Explore the beautiful King's Garden
- Interact with our dynamic museum staff
- Hike the battlefield trail
- Attend seminars and programs

To join: Contact Fort Ticonderoga at info@fort-ticonderoga.org, call **518-585-2821**, or visit the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.

Fort Ticonderoga is a non-profit educational organization and museum whose mission is to preserve, educate, and provoke active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations.



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