



Living History Event: Proceed to Canada with all Possible Expedition

March 26, 2022 | 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Discover how veteran & newly recruited American soldiers at Fort Ticonderoga survived the harsh winter in 1776. Watch as oxen trudge through mud and snow, dragging sleds of supplies and hauling timber to carpenters. Lend a hand to New York soldiers as they unload and repack provisions and ammunition onto sleds for the besiegers of Quebec. Observe men build & repair bateaux as they anticipate the thawing of the rivers and lakes mere months away. Explore Fort Ticonderoga as soldiers and artisans diligently work to keep the American cause alive. See reinforcements pass through Fort Ticonderoga on their way to bolster the Army in Canada.

****Appropriate footwear is highly recommended for undetermined walking conditions****

10:00 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga opens to visitors

**10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour
(Begins at the 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 and 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 a.m. Musket Demonstration
(Demonstration Area)**

Witness veteran soldiers from 1775 drill alongside new recruits fresh for the fight in Canada in 1776. Discover the many different arms carried by New York and Connecticut soldiers, and the battle behind the front lines to supply them.

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reefing Hooks, Caulking, and Mallets
(Boathouse in the King's Garden area)**

Spring will come again and a fleet of bateaux must be ready to move men and material. Smell the tar and turpentine and try your hand at caulking, sealing the seams on these flat-bottom boats to be ready for spring.

1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour
See 10:15 a.m. description.

**2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration
(Demonstration Area)**

How do you know a gun barrel will not blow up? Learn about the process of proofing, using two-to-three times a cannon or mortar's normal charge to test its strength. Discover how Conductor of Artillery, Hubbard Brown, tested artillery and loaded sleds destined for Quebec with the firepower to drive the British from the city.

3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour
See 10:15 a.m. description.

3:30 p.m. Strike the Camp (In front of the fort)

In March 1776, Ticonderoga was a stop along the way for soldiers headed towards the Continental Army in Canada. From taking down shelters to loading equipment and supplies onto sleds, witness the preparations made to continue the march of these reinforcements north.

3:45 p.m. “Proceed to Canada With All Possible Expedition” (In front of the fort)

With supplies loaded, watch as soldiers resume their march to Canada. Follow soldiers as they begin their long journey to bolster the siege lines around Quebec.

4:00 p.m. Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors

Ongoing 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“The Market for Produce Goods” (In front of the fort)

See the market of local farmers and families as they setup to sell foodstuffs to the soldiers at Fort Ticonderoga. Discover how this common occurrence before the war grew dramatically in 1776 along with the American Army at Ticonderoga.

“A Room for Myself and a Few Others, But No Conveniences” (Second Floor of the Officers’ Barracks)

Whether reenlistments or resupply, an officer’s work was never done. Explore the military situation in March 1776 and the challenges for new officers like Fort Ticonderoga’s Conductor of Artillery Hubbard Brown.

Carpentry (Parade Ground)

There was an entire company of carpenters employed by the army at Ticonderoga. See woodchips fly as they turn freshly fallen trees into square timbers for a new dock at Ticonderoga.

The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

See the vital power of oxen as they move supplies into stores at Fort Ticonderoga and load cannon to be taken into Canada.

Woodcutters (Parade Ground)

Whether stoves, hearths, or clay fireplaces, soldiers needed firewood to keep warm in the winter. Watch soldiers section, split, and stack wood to stockpile enough fuel to keep the garrison warm. In this fun hands-on soldiers’ life program, try your hand at cutting logs or splitting wood!

The Laboratory & Public Store (Ground Floor of the Officers’ Barracks)

A successful siege of Quebec relied on receiving ammunition and supplies from the stores of Fort Ticonderoga. See soldiers at work fashioning grape and canister shot, essential supplies to keep the Northern Continental Army’s guns firing.