



Living History Event: 1774 His Majesty's Garrison of Ticonderoga
February 18, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In this one-day living history event, Fort Ticonderoga will portray 1774 with peacetime garrison life in British North America on the eve of the Revolutionary War. Examine daily life of British soldiers and their families tending to activities like cooking, shoemaking, brewing, and carpentry. Discover family life for the British garrison in 1774 and the roles and the many challenges for women and children.

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 & 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 (Begins on Parade Ground)

Meet British soldiers in 1774 with their muskets and bayonets. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss how a peacetime army kept its soldiers ready for any conflict abroad or hostilities from within.

11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (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, rare, and interesting pieces in the collection.

12:30 p.m. Music Demonstration (Inside Mars Education Center Great Room)

From battle to barracks life, explore the role of fifers and drummers in the British Army. Learn the meanings behind the many tunes and how they were used in a British Army defending their empire around the globe.

1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

See 10:15 a.m. description

2:00 p.m. Dinner! (Begins on Parade Ground)

Soldiers and their families expected a daily break upon hearing the drums play the tune "Roast Beef" signaling it was time for dinner. See soldiers brush their clothes clean, dawn their uniforms, and gather around a table together for a proper meal.

2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins on Parade Ground)

See 11:30 a.m. description

3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag)

See 10:15 a.m. description

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

On-going 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shoemaking (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

British soldiers paid for two pairs of shoes and two pairs of replacement soles each year from deductions from their wages. Discover the trade of shoemaking and how soldiers brought this vital skill into the British Army to maintain their mates' shoes.

"A Knife and Place for Each Man" (Second Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Step inside Fort Ticonderoga's Mess Room and discover how a peacetime garrison ate their meals in a respectable manner. Although not the kitchen, discover why one of the women of the garrison would be cooking within this pre-designated space.

Soap Making (Parade Ground)

How did soldiers of the British Army keep their linens clean? Watch as the women of the 26th Regiment of Foot turn ash and fat into soap for the laundering of shirts, shifts, and bed linens.

Spruce Beer (Parade Ground)

Even a peacetime army had to watch for scurvy and soldiers were encouraged to brew Vitamin-C rich spruce beer. See the process of cooking up this nutritious drink and a savory meal as part of daily garrison life.

A Family's Quarters (Ground Floor Soldiers' Barracks)

Step inside a family's quarters and see the simple comforts of peacetime garrison life. Learn how women employed by Ticonderoga's Barrack's Master outfitted the barracks with proper bedding.

Carpentry (Ground Floor Soldiers' Barracks)

Watch wood chips fly as carpenters furnish the barracks of the fort with new furniture. See how chisels, saws, and augers helped carpenters refit soldiers' barracks into apartments for them and their families.

Livestock (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

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.