

Two-day Battle Reenactment: Defiance & Independence Saturday July 22, 2023 (Day 1)

10:00 a.m. Inspection of the Armies (Parade Ground and British Camp)

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11:00 a.m. Nursing the Sick & Wounded of Ticonderoga (Begins on Parade Ground)

See the Continental Army's nurses in action as they care for the surprisingly large number of sick soldiers within General Arthur St. Clair's meager force. Watch preparations to evacuate the hospital before the British encircle American-held Ticonderoga.

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12:30 p.m. March to Re-enactment Battlefield (Begins at American Flag)

Follow the Continental Army hospital as they make their way to the portage road before Lake George is cut off by the British advance.

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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 p.m. "The Shot Came Our Length..." (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!

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4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance: Witness to History Guided Tour (On Top of Mount Defiance at 72 Defiance Street)

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5:00 p.m. Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors

8:00 p.m. "The Enemy Have Already Nearly Surrounded Us" (Begins at Log House Welcome Center)

In this special evening tour, experience the night of July 5, 1777 as the Continental Army put into action the orders of the Council of General Officers. Based on the eyewitness accounts, follow the preparations to evacuate Ticonderoga, without alerting the encircling British Army. *Additional ticket required.* Tickets can be purchased <u>online in advance</u> and, as available, can be purchased at the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.



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11:00 a.m. "We Invested Tyconderoga..." (At British Camp along Entrance Road)

Meet the British Army, with its German, Loyalist, and Native American Auxilieries as they prepare to lay siege to Ticonderoga. Discover life in the British camp for this diverse force, unaware that the American evacuation had already begun.

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1:00 p.m. 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.

1:40 p.m. 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.

2:00 p.m. Recapturing Fort Ticonderoga (Begins in King's Garden, ends on Parade Ground)

See the first British force enter Ticonderoga since May 1775—German soldiers for the Prinz Friedrich Regiment. See how these soldiers from the Duchy of Brunswick had the honor of taking up this storied fort.

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