

Sound of 1776 Visitor Schedule August 5 & 6, 2023

10:00 a.m. Fort Opens to Visitors

10:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.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 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)

Explore the many flintlock arms carried by American soldiers defending Ticonderoga in 1776. After a summer of training and digging in, see why soldiers here said, "We have little to fear when once we get into the works."

11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Garden March (Begins at the American Flag)

Follow behind the Fifes and Drums down to the King's Garden with a musical escort.

11:30 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.

11:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens (Begins at the King's Garden Greenhouse)

From military garrison gardens to a vibrant Colonial Revival garden, explore one of North America's oldest cultivated landscapes. Discover the incredible story of America's first historic preservation effort, and the family home and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:30 p.m. Tunes of Ticonderoga (Parade Ground)

From reveille in the morning to tattoo at night, hear how drummers and fifers within the Continental Army regulated daily life in 1776. Explore how drumbeats, trilling fifes, and songs created an 18th-century world of military music.

1:00 p.m. Declaration of Independence (Parade Ground)

Word of the Declaration of Independence did not arrive at Ticonderoga until weeks after its signing. Witness the first time soldiers at Ticonderoga heard the immortal words of independence and discover what this meant for soldiers on the front lines of the Northern Continental Army in 1776.

2:00 p.m. "Point of War" (Recreated Redoubt)

Through the summer of 1776, American soldiers labored away building earthen fortifications to cover miles of ground. Learn how commands were beat by drums across great distances to coordinate the firing of muskets and cannons.

3:30 p.m. A Legacy of Music (Parade Ground)

Celebrate 50 years of Fifes and Drums at Fort Ticonderoga! Enjoy the favorite tunes of our Fifes and Drums from the decades and centuries since the Revolutionary War!

4:00 p.m. Witness to History Tour (Begins on Mount Defiance)

From America's first Navy on Lake Champlain to the miles of entrenchments across the peninsula, see the strategy of the American Army in 1776 to make their stand. View the epic landscape that shaped the history of a nation.

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

The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

Immensely powerful teams of oxen were vital to the Continental Army at Ticonderoga. Yoked oxen hauled logs miles from the woods surrounding Ticonderoga to build American fortifications. See teams of oxen in action and discover their work in the summer of 1776.

'Search for Liberty!' Hands-on Family Activity (Begins at Marquis Tent)

Take our fun hands-on exploration for all ages and experience the life of the Continental soldier at Ticonderoga in 1776! Discover historic trades that kept an American Army in the field and the daily tasks of soldiers here at Ticonderoga. Do them all and receive your Continental pay and proudly get the 'U. States' stamp.