

Memorial Day Weekend Visitor Schedule May 25 & 26, 2024

Fort Ticonderoga will pay tribute to the men and women who lost their lives during the American Revolution. During this weekend-long commemoration, discover the story of the Continental Army at Ticonderoga in 1777, as they prepared to defend against British invasion from the North. Join a hive of activity as citizens-turned-soldiers build extensive lines of defenses across the Ticonderoga peninsula and beyond to try to secure this vital stronghold from the British. Throughout the weekend, witness the labor of liberty as soldiers from the Continental Army bring to life this defining story through military drills, fife & drum performances, historic trades, and fatigue duties such as carpentry.

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 Saturday Only (Demonstration Area)

Earthworks defined the American defense of Ticonderoga in 1777. See how Continental Army soldiers could hold their ground, firing from behind a wall of earth. Discover how bullets, powder, fascines, and earth were the tools of the American soldiers' trade.

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service Sunday Only (Begins inside the Parade Ground)

Join the procession of a Continental Army Soldier's funeral and see him laid to his final resting place. Pay respect to the numerous soldiers who did not receive a proper burial at Ticonderoga in 1777 and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice they made to secure our liberty today.

11:30 a.m. A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins inside the 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, & interesting pieces in the collection on display.

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

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

11:45 a.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 country estate and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:00 p.m. Flag Raising Ceremony atop Mount Defiance *Sunday only* (Begins atop Mount Defiance at 72 Defiance Street)

Join Fort Ticonderoga and the Ticonderoga American Legion as we renew our American flag atop Mount Defiance, as a salute to all those who have fallen in the service of this nation. From this breathtaking vista, remember their sacrifice with a 21-gun salute.

1:00 p.m. Carillon Narrated Boat Cruise (Carillon boat dock by the King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated *Carillon* tour, our friendly and experienced staff will guide you through centuries of Lake Champlain's stirring maritime heritage. Panoramic mountain vistas will surround you and sonar readings present unforgettable images of shipwrecks. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks are available for sale on board with credit card purchase! *Additional ticket required. Tickets are available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center or as available online.

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

See 10:15 am description.

2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Recreated Redoubt)

Cannons armed key points along the miles of entrenchments built by American soldiers in 1776 and 1777. See how skilled American artillerymen loaded and fired cannons from behind these fortified walls.

2:30 p.m. Hut Building (Adjacent to Recreated Redoubt)

Help us make history and grab a mallet or saw and try out timber framing! Work along Continental Army Soldiers to build simple wooden soldiers' huts as they continue to hold the line for liberty in 1777.

2:30 p.m. A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins inside the Parade Ground) See 11:30 am description.

2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens (Begins at the King's Garden Greenhouse) See 11:30 am description.

3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the American Flag) See 10:15 am description.

3:30 p.m. *Carillon* Narrated Boat Cruise (*Carillon* boat dock by the King's Garden) See 1:00 pm description.

4:00 p.m. Witness to History Guided Tour (Begins atop Mount Defiance at 72 Defiance Street) From America's first Navy on Lake Champlain to the miles of entrenchments across the peninsula, discover the strategy of the American Army in 1777 to make their stand. View the landscapes that shaped the history of our nation.