



Homeschool Day at Fort Ticonderoga
Friday, September 8, 2023 | 10am-5pm

10:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at Large American Flag)

Discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and the great experiences we offer. 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!

10:30 a.m. Carillon Boat Cruise (Carillon Boat Dock near the King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated boat cruise on Lake Champlain, panoramic mountain vistas surround you while sonar readings present unforgettable images of shipwrecks.

Reservations are required. Visit the tent outside of the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise to purchase tickets. *Additional fee required. Additional cruises are offered at 1:00pm and 3:30pm by reserving in the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise. Tickets are sold on a first-served basis.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soldiers' Dinner (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)

For British regulars and American provincial soldiers alike, see the challenges of cooking dinner on campaign. Enjoy the sights and smells of fires burning within the camp kitchen behind the front lines at Ticonderoga in 1760. Discover how British naval power on the Atlantic Ocean spelled defeat for the French but a feast for the British and American soldiers who were serving King and Country.

11:00 a.m. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Thrill at the flash of musketry and discover the British muskets, also known as the "King's Arms," stocked by the thousands at Fort Ticonderoga. See the workings of these flintlock weapons and how British regulars and American provincial soldiers employed them in 1760.

11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Musket Maintenance (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

Each shot of black powder fouled the muskets' moving parts and ate away at its metal, unless thoroughly cleaned. Watch as hot water, grease, and a little brick dust keep these weapons working: lock, stock and barrel.

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

11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins in the King's Garden)

From military garrison gardens to a secluded colonial revival commemorative spectacle of color and light, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America. Discover the layers of horticultural history of the Ticonderoga peninsula.

10:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Heroic Corn Maze

Share time with family and friends while exploring this unique six-acre corn maze! The maze design reflects our 2023 theme: 1760, a fortification proudly under British rule. As you make your way through the maze, hunt for all the history-themed stamps along the way, and sign the wall of fame at the end!

12:30 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Bateau Row (Boat House near King's Garden)

This homeschool family exclusive opportunity provides a new perspective of the Ticonderoga peninsula as you row across Lake Champlain in our reproduction 18th-century bateau (a flat-bottomed boat).

Reservations are required. For ages 9 and up. Visit the tent outside of the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the row to purchase tickets. *Additional fee required.

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

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

The French still posed a threat to newly rebuilt Fort Ticonderoga in 1760. Discover the big guns that defended the fort's walls and how British and American provincial soldiers employed these cannon on land and lake in the final push into French Canada.

Soldiers' Gardening 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (King's Garden)

As the British Army prepared to advance North on Lake Champlain, soldiers sowed a vast variety of vegetable seeds in the King's Garden. Explore the importance of soldiers' gardens to the British, and how the captured French *Jardin du Roi* grew fresh, flavorful produce for British and American provincial soldiers at Ticonderoga in 1760.

2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum *See 11:30 a.m. description.*

2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens *See 11:45 a.m. description.*

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

4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance Witness to History Guided Tour (Atop Mount Defiance)

See the commanding view of Mount Defiance over Ticonderoga and learn how this vantage point shaped events in the French & Indian War. Explore the exciting chapters to come for Mount Defiance during the Revolutionary War. Mount Defiance is located at 72 Defiance Street. The token you received upon arrival allows you access to drive up the mountain; otherwise, you are welcome to walk up.

Ongoing Throughout the Day

Shoemaking (Inside Soldiers' Barracks)

Examine the construction of British soldiers' shoes in 1760 and discover the science of recreating original shoes from shipwrecks. Flex the supple calfskin of shoe uppers and rap on the hard soles as you explore how these shoes were repaired wherever soldiers marched or rowed.

Tailoring (2nd Floor Officers' Barracks)

Discover the leather breeches, Indian leggings, and other garments that set apart British soldiers in North America from their comrades fighting in Europe in 1760. Discover the practices of clothing repair and recycling that were part of the success of British Arms.

Maritime Trades (Boat House near King's Garden)

Discover the race against time at the King's Shipyard of Ticonderoga as American provincial soldiers prepared the British fleet for the campaign down Lake Champlain into the heart of French Canada. Explore the carpentry, sail-making, and rigging work used to build and maintain bateaux to move soldiers and supplies to victory in 1760.

***In His Majesty's Service* Scavenger Hunt**

Make the most of your Homeschool Day with *In His Majesty's Service*, an engaging Student Scavenger Hunt! Explore Fort Ticonderoga's exhibits and talk with our living history staff to find the answers to questions about the many layers of Fort Ticonderoga's story.

LOOKING AHEAD! Every year is a new experience at Fort Ticonderoga! Join us again next year and step into British-held Fort Ticonderoga in 1774!