



**Living History Event: 1775 British Prisoners of War
Saturday, November 11, 2023**

In this one-day living history event, discover the stories of captured British soldiers and their families and their harrowing story as prisoners of war. Following American victories at forts along the Richelieu River in the fall of 1775, British soldiers with their families were caught in a rapidly developing conflict and faced an uncertain future as they were marched south to Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Explore their perspective during this living history event and explore a glimpse into their tenuous situation as prisoners of war even before the Revolutionary War officially was declared.

10:00 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga Opens to Visitors

10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at Large 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)

From civilian firelocks to old French and British muskets, learn about the arms carried by American soldiers in 1775. Discover the surprising discipline of the newly-raised Continental Army.

11:30 a.m. “No Person May Forget the Rights of Mankind and the Principles of Englishmen”

See British prisoners of war arrive to Fort Ticonderoga and begin their march south to Connecticut. Delve into the Continental Army’s treatment of these British soldiers and their families who were captured at Forts St. John and Chamblee.

12:00 p.m. My Dinner with André? (Mars Education Center Great Room)

From mid-October through December of 1775, hundreds of British prisoners and their families streamed south into the Champlain Valley and through Ticonderoga while in captivity. Join Fort Ticonderoga’s Curator to explore a reported encounter between Henry Knox and John André set in the midst of this movement of prisoners, and follow the historian’s approach to unraveling the past.

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

See description for 10:15 a.m.

2:00 p.m. “Entertain’d at the Public Expense” (Begins on the Parade Ground)

Discover the complex consequences of victory, as captors and captives dine at the same table. See how rank and class transcended sides, as officers from the British and Continental Army enjoy the company of their fellow Englishmen, separate from their soldiers.

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

See description for 10:15 a.m.

3:45 p.m. "Proceed With the Prisoners with All Possible Dispatch" (Parade Ground)

Learn more about the 'parole' of British officers which allowed them to visit their families in colonies claimed by the Continental Congress, as British soldiers with their wives and children prepare for their journey to Connecticut. See these prisoners draw provisions and load their baggage as their guard prepares to escort them south.

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

Ongoing 10:00 a.m.--3:45 p.m.

British Prisoners of War (Ground Floor of the Soldiers' Barracks)

Meet British soldiers and their families captured during the Northern Continental Army's 1775 campaign into Canada. Explore the complexities of taking prisoners even before war was declared and the challenge faced by the once common kindred. From a prisoner's perspective, explore what lies ahead for captured soldiers and their families.

The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

Learn about the training, driving, and lives of oxen, whose pulling power moved the materiel of war. Discover the treks along portage roads that brought barrels of food northward and British prisoners' belongings south

"Laundry" (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Never underestimate the importance of a clean shirt! Discover the process of laundering soldiers' shirts in the 18th-century military. Join the women of the British Army as they continue this vital task despite being prisoners of war.

"The Officers are to be treated with The Utmost Attention & Politeness" (Second Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Step inside the quarters of a Continental Army officer at Fort Ticonderoga and see the administrative work that kept an army operating. From beds to brandy, learn of the luxuries that Continental Army officers' shared with captured British officers in November 1775.