



**Living History Event: The Noble Train Begins
December 16, 2023**

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

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

How do you know a gun barrel won't blow up? Learn about the process of proofing, using two to three times a cannon or mortar's normal charge to test its strength. See how this process was vital for weapons destined for the siege of Boston.

11:30 a.m. Cannon, Mortar, & Howitzer? (Inside the Mars Education Center)

Explore the three different types of artillery in the 18th century through premier examples from Fort Ticonderoga's collections. See the not-so-Knox cannons and the genuine article as you get the real stories of the incredible pieces on display!

12:30 p.m. Music Demonstration (Parade Ground)

Listen to stirring tunes that eased the drudgery of a long march or the many calls that regulated activity at the fort. Learn about the important role of fifers and drummers within the Army in 1775.

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

See 10:15 a.m. description.

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

See 11:00 a.m. description.

2:30 p.m. "From Quebec, if in our hands": Henry Knox and Cannon for Boston (Inside the Mars Education Center)

Henry Knox famously moved nearly 60 tons of artillery from Ticonderoga to the American Army outside Boston, but where did these cannon come from? Common knowledge says Knox raided Ticonderoga's supplies, but General Washington's instructions gave Knox wide latitude to select suitable cannon for the army laying siege of Boston. Join Fort Ticonderoga Curator, Dr. Matthew Keagle, to explore the origin of Knox's "Noble Train of Artillery" from Lake George to the seat of war in Canada.

3:00 p.m. "Depart this Place within Twenty-Four Hours" (Parade Ground)

Discover the Continental Army's complex relationship with the women of the army. Hear the December orders of Fort Ticonderoga's commander go into effect, as he sought to regulate which women followed his garrison.

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

Ongoing Programs 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beds, Bolsters, and Beyond! (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

From making new mattresses to laundering old ones, see the work it took to outfit the barracks with proper bedding. Learn how women of the army provided this vital service to keep the Continental garrison at Ticonderoga in good health.

Cannons for Boston (Parade Ground & Surroundings)

See the process of moving and mounting artillery, with draft animals and manpower. See the simple machines and brute force needed to move these thousand-pound pieces of iron from place to place.

Officers' Quarters (Second Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Step inside the quarters of an American officer at Fort Ticonderoga and learn of the luxuries within. From beds to brandy, learn about officers' duties and comforts. See the essential administrative work that kept an army operating.

Carpentry (Parade Ground & Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Watch wood chips fly as carpenters build sleds for hauling cannon from Ticonderoga. Discover the importance of these versatile vehicles through the winter months in the North Country.