



**Battle Reenactment: 1759 Battle on Snowshoes**

**March 9, 2024 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

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

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

Examine the historic walls and landscape of Fort Carillon (later named Ticonderoga) to explore its early years as a remote and vital French outpost. Imagine the snow-drifted walls and barracks alive with activity in the winter of 1759 as its soldiers sortied to meet Robert Rogers' patrols.

**11:00 a.m. French Soldier Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

Meet the French soldiers picked to be part of *Piquets*, impromptu companies to guard Fort Carillon over the winter of 1758-59. See the workings of the French soldiers' musket and how they fired together by *Peleton* or by file to hold the front line in the defense of French Canada.

**11:30 a.m. Live from the Grand Scout of 1759 with Rogers' Rangers (Virtual Only)**

See the actual battlefield where Robert Rogers' met the winter guard of French Fort Carillon. Discover the diverse background of Rogers' 358-man scouting party as well as the diverse background of his own Independent Companies of Rangers.

**12:00 p.m. Music Demonstration (Parade Ground)**

Hear the steady cadence kept by drummers of the French Army. Whether waking up the garrison or signaling an attack, discover how the sound of drums regulated the daily life of French soldiers.

**1:00 p.m. Battle Briefing: Your Guide to the Re-enactment (Begins at Large American Flag)**

Join this must-attend talk to get the inside scoop on the 1759 Battle on Snowshoes. Set the scene at Fort Carillon on March 7, 1759 and follow a French wood cutting party down to frozen Lake Champlain. Discover how a routine errand for firewood erupted into a desperate firefight on the ice. \* **Winter Footwear Recommended.**

**1:30 p.m. Re-enactment Battle "We Stripped Off our Blankets, and ran Down Upon Them" (Lower Reenactment Area)**

Witness Rogers' Rangers spring their ambush upon the French wood cutting party and see how French Canadians, French Regulars, and allied Native American warriors rushed to extract their comrades from danger. See Rogers' scouting party face possible capture as they fight to escape encirclement.

**3:00 p.m. A chanter En Bonne Compagnie: To Sing in Good Company (Inside Mars Education Center Great Room)**

Join French soldiers keeping the traditional songs of French Canada alive. Sing along to traditional folk songs passed down generation to generation until their publication in Quebec in 1759.

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

On-going 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

**Carillon Cuisine (Parade Ground)**

See how French soldiers cooked dried and salted rations into steaming pots of soup to share with their fellow soldiers in the tinned-iron mess bowls they shared. With crop failures in Canada and the strangle of a British blockade, see what game could be bartered from French Canadians to provide a filling meal.

**Firewood (Parade Ground)**

By March 1759, a Fort Carillon spring was around the corner, but firewood wasn't. Watch French soldiers saw through logs and split firewood and discover how the need for firewood required crossing Lake Champlain for fresh forest.

**Shot for the Coming Siege (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

As soon as General Abercrombie's British Army retreated up Lake George in 1758, preparations began for the next British attack in 1759. See French Artillery *Cannoniers* at work fashioning jagged metal *Mitraille* and straw *Bouchon*, essential supplies to keep the British at bay when the siege begins in 1759.

**Soldier's Quarters (Ground Floor the Soldiers' Barracks)**

Which is more important to you: staying warm or personal space? See how French soldiers lived in their quarters inside the barracks and see how messes of soldiers worked together to keep each other in fighting shape.

**Officer's Quarters (Second floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

*Nine Livres per cup of coffee!?* Discover how rampant inflation and a British blockade left French officers in Canada deprived by 1759. See the few luxuries French officers could still afford as they remained on-duty at Carillon.