



Scots Day
June 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Scottish Clans, Culture, and Vendors

(Glacis of Fort Ticonderoga, adjacent Log House)

Discover your Scottish roots at one of several Scottish clan organizations. Discover the role of Scots today in communities across the northeast with Scottish cultural organizations. Shop for kilts, clothing accessories, & more!

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 & 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. Scots Soldier Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

From broadswords to bayonets, explore the arms of Scottish soldiers in the French & Indian War! See the workings of different patterns of the “King’s Arms” and how lessons from the French & Indian War informed British training going into the Revolutionary War. Discover how the arms and accoutrements of Scottish soldiers increasingly matched their English counterparts yet retained Scottish distinctions.

11:20 a.m. Procession to the Scottish Cairn

(Departs from the Demonstration Area immediately following the Musket Demonstration)

Ascend to the Heights of Carillon with representatives of the Black Watch and Scottish clans. Follow to the Black Watch Cairn, built in 1997 as a memorial to the soldiers for the Black Watch who died attempting to overtake the French Lines in 1758.

11:30 a.m. Cairn Memorial Ceremony (Black Watch Memorial Cairn on the Carillon Battlefield)

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11:30 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga Museum Tour (Begins 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 Tour: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens

(Begins at the 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 home and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:00 p.m. Highland Dance Performance (Mars Education Center Greatroom)

See the classic and contemporary movements of Highland Dance Vermont. Discover what makes Scottish highland dancers “As strong as a warrior and as graceful as a ballerina.”

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

See and hear the Fifes & Drums of the 26th Regiment of Foot--the Cameronians--who provided Fort Ticonderoga's last peacetime garrison. Discover the Scots duty songs, used by Scottish regiments of the British Army to communicate orders to soldiers and to regulate the military day.

1:00 p.m. Presentation of the Haggis (Begins at the Camp Kitchen)

Follow the sound of the bagpipes as we ceremonially march the haggis to the visiting clans and cultural organizations. Enjoy the Robert Burns poem, "Address to a Haggis," and a sample of this delicious Scottish delicacy.

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

See 10:15 am description.

2:00 p.m. Phileabegs to Breeches- Evolving Scots Uniforms (Parade Ground)

Explore the progression of Scottish uniforms in the British Army in the second half of the 18th century. From field modifications to fashion, see the changing silhouette of the Scots soldier.

2:30 p.m. Outlander Tour (Begins on the Parade Ground)

Fort Ticonderoga was featured prominently in Season 7, Episode 4 of Outlander. In this enjoyable 30-minute tour, discover the truth behind the drama and the real story of the 1777 Siege of Ticonderoga. Explore myths about this exciting battle and its connections to both Scottish history and the timelines of this popular show.

2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens

(Begins at the Garden Greenhouse)

See 10:15 am description.

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

See 10:15 am description.

4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance: Witness to History Tour (Atop Mount Defiance, located at 72 Defiance Street)

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.

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