



1759 Siege of Carillon Battle Reenactment

July 20-21, 2024

Saturday, July 20

10:00 a.m. Inspection of the Armies (Inside Parade Ground and at British Camp)

See the French Forces of General Francois Charles de Bourlemaque assemble on the parade of Fort Carillon (later named Ticonderoga) for inspection as the British advance closer. Within the camp of General Jeffrey Amherst, British soldiers and American provincial sentinels assemble in preparation for their advance on Fort Carillon.

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 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. 1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Narrated Carillon Cruise (Carillon Boat Dock near King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated boat tour, our friendly and experienced staff will guide you through centuries of Lake Champlain's stirring maritime heritage. Panoramic mountain vistas will surround you and sonar readings present unforgettable images of shipwrecks. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks are available for sale on board! *Additional ticket required. Tickets are available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.*

11:00 a.m. "...from All Embrasures." (Begins on Parade Ground)

Watch final preparations at Fort Carillon to fire back at the advancing British. See the women of the French army sew *sac a terre*--the sandbags of the 18th Century--as soldiers and *cannoniers* prepare cannon, shot, and planking for a withering fire at the right time.

11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Parade Ground)

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11:30 a.m. Garden March (Begins at Large American Flag)

Follow the massed drummers of the French Army as they provide a musical escort from Fort Carillon to the King's Garden.

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

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.

12:15 p.m. Battle Briefing: Your Guide to the Reenactment (Begins at Large American Flag)

Explore Fort Carillon on July 23, 1759. Discover why the French chose to build this Fort and how it was constructed. Discuss General Jeffrey Amherst's plan to prevent the mistakes of 1758 as he advanced towards Ticonderoga with his 11,000-man army of British and American provincial soldiers.

12:30 p.m. Fife & Drum Parade to Reenactment Battlefield (Begins at Large American Flag)

Follow the massed drummers of the French Army as they provide a musical escort from Fort Carillon to the reenactment battlefield.

1:00 p.m. Reenactment Battle: The Advance from Lake George (Saturday Woods Battlefield)

Watch as British regulars, American provincials, rangers, and Native American warriors push from Lake George to capture the Heights of Carillon. Watch French soldiers trade ground for time, as they carefully stall the British advance in preparation to defend Fort Carillon.

1:30 p.m. "...Usefull in the Service of the Artillery and Other Public Works" (Adjacent the British Camp)

The British Army used all the vast resources at their disposal to lay siege to French Fort Carillon. Watch as British and American provincial soldiers begin their siege trenches, using everything from cannons to empty food casks.

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

5:00 p.m. Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors

8:00 p.m. "The French kept firing with their cannon all night..." (Begins next to Log House Welcome Center)

In this special evening tour, experience the 1759 Siege of Carillon based on the eyewitness accounts on both sides of the lines. See the British and American provincial soldiers continue to dig their cannon batteries and

guard their position even as mortar bombs fall along with the darkness. Tour the covered way that surrounds Fort Carillon, as French artillery fires from new positions arrayed strategically against the British. *Additional ticket required. Tickets are limited and available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center or visiting www.forticonderoga.org.*

Sunday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Inspection of the Armies (Inside Parade Ground and British Camp)

See the French rear guard of Captain d'Hebercourt assemble on the parade of Fort Carillon (later named Ticonderoga) for inspection as they continue to hold back a British army twenty times their size. Within the camp of British General Jeffery Amherst, British soldiers and American provincial sentinels tighten their siege and prepare to bombard Fort Carillon.

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11:00 a.m. "...the Utmost Vigor During the Entire Course of the Siege" (Begins on Parade Ground)

Tour Fort Carillon through the eyes of French military engineers. Watch as French cannon continue to fire away at the entrenching British, as you explore the strengths and weaknesses of this French Fort in action.

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Join this must-attend talk to understand the reenactment battle. Explore the last days of Fort Carillon, as the French prepared to evacuate, even as they continued to fire at the encircling British.

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1:00 p.m. Reenactment Battle: “Alarm’d in the Night” (Sunday Reenactment Battlefield)

French soldiers sortie out from Fort Carillon one last time to disrupt British progress on their entrenchments and cannon batteries. After initially faltering from the surprise, British and American provincial soldiers regain their position and the work of the siege continues.

1:20 p.m. 24-tons of Gunpowder (Sunday Reenactment Battlefield)

As the French cannons go silent, three French deserters reveal to the British that a fuse is burning ever closer to the powder magazine within Fort Carillon.

1:40 p.m. Reenactment Battle: “Attacking Them on Their Retreat from the Fort.” (Inside King’s Garden)

From the shore of Lake Champlain, watch British and American provincial soldiers attempt to stop the column of retreating French bateaux headed down Lake Champlain to Crown Point.

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