



**Living History Event: “Necessary for the Rigour of the Climate”
January 18, 2025 | 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Experience Fort Ticonderoga during its last winter with a British garrison. See how soldiers worked to repair this aging French & Indian fort as cold weather set in. From firewood to fur caps, examine British military preparations for winter serving in the colony of Canada.

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

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

Meet British soldiers in 1774 with their muskets and bayonets. Discover the basic training British soldiers exercised daily to maintain their professional bearing during peacetime.

12:30 p.m. Music Demonstration (Inside Mars Education Center Great Room)

From battle to barracks life, explore the role of fifers and drummers in the British Army. Learn the meanings behind the many tunes and how they were used in a British Army defending their empire around the globe.

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

See 10:15 a.m. description

**2:00 p.m. “Every Soldier to be taught to fire Ball in all Directions, till he is a good Marksman”
(Begins in the Demonstration Area)**

The British army expected every soldier to be an excellent shot! Go beyond loading and firing and explore the training British soldiers underwent to be ready for any conflict abroad or hostilities from within.

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

See 10:15 a.m. description

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

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

Shoemaking (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

British soldiers paid for two pairs of shoes and two pairs of replacement soles each year from deductions from their wages. Discover the trade of shoemaking and how soldiers brought this vital skill into the British Army to maintain their mates' shoes.

Tailoring (Second Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

From leggings to fur caps, clothing British soldiers for winter was an efficient science on the eve of the American Revolution. See how economy and comfort were balanced at the end of a tailor's needle on the shores of frozen Lake Champlain.

"A Knife and Place for Each Man" (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)

Step inside Fort Ticonderoga's Mess Room and discover how a peacetime garrison ate their meals in a respectable manner. Although not the kitchen, discover why one of the women of the garrison would be cooking within this pre-designated space.

A Family's Quarters (Ground Floor Soldiers' Barracks)

See the simple comforts of the family quarters of peacetime garrison life. Learn how women employed by Ticonderoga's Barrack's Master outfitted the barracks with proper bedding.

Woodcutters (In Front of the Fort)

Whether stoves, hearths, or clay fireplaces, soldiers needed firewood to keep warm in the winter. Watch the soldiers' section, split, and stack wood to stockpile enough fuel to keep the garrison warm. In this fun hands-on soldiers' life program, try your hand at cutting logs or splitting wood!

Artillery Artificers (Powder Magazine)

Explore the British powder magazine and the stockpile of powder and ammunition left over from the French and Indian War. Meet a gunner from the Royal Artillery stationed at Fort Ticonderoga to maintain its cannon in case they ever had to fire in anger again.