



**Living History Event: 1774 His Majesty's Garrison of Ticonderoga**  
**April 7, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

In this one-day living history event, Fort Ticonderoga will portray 1774 with peacetime garrison life in British North America on the eve of the Revolutionary War. Examine daily life of British soldiers and their families tending to activities like cooking, shoemaking, and carpentry. Discover family life for the British garrison in 1774 and the roles and the many challenges for women and children.

**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. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss how a peacetime army kept its soldiers ready for any conflict abroad or hostilities from within.

**11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins on 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.

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

*See 10:15 a.m. description*

**12:30 p.m. The Sun, Moon, & St. George's Star (Mars Education Center Great Room)**

Discover how the period of the Revolutionary War featured a revolution in astronomy & physics. Try out the practical math of gunnery, the same math used to plot the orbit of planets in 1774.

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

In addition to soldiers, a handful of British artillerymen maintained the guns of Ticonderoga, a legacy of the great campaigns of the French & Indian War. Discover the British naval training used to safely fire these cannons from the fort's walls.

**2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins on Parade Ground)**

*See 11:30 a.m. description*

**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' Quarters)**

On the eve of the Revolutionary War, clothing British soldiers was an efficient science within the British Army. See how economy and comfort were balanced at the end of a tailor's needle in British garrisons all around the globe.

### **"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.

### **Soap Making (Parade Ground)**

How did soldiers of the British Army keep their linens clean? Watch as the women of the 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot turn ash and fat into soap for the laundering of shirts, shifts, and bed linens.

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

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

### **Carpentry (Parade Ground)**

Watch wood chips fly as carpenters furnish the barracks of the fort with new furniture. See how chisels, saws, and augers helped carpenters refit soldiers' barracks into apartments for them and their families.

### **Livestock (Around Fort Ticonderoga)**

See Red Devon oxen in action, hauling supplies for the British garrison at Ticonderoga. Discover how cattle, horses, and sheep were a common part of the peacetime landscape surrounding Fort Ticonderoga.