



REAL TIME REVOLUTION® Signature Event: Fleet & Fortification: The Science of Defense
August 29 & 30, 2026

Saturday, August 29th:

9:30 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga Opens to Visitors

10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent: Fort Ticonderoga 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.

10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., & 3:30 p.m. Carillon Cruise (Boarding at Dock by King's Garden)

During this 75-minute narrated Carillon 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 with credit card purchase! *Additional ticket required. Tickets are available by visiting the Guest Service Desk in the Log House Welcome Center.*

11:00 a.m. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Explore the workings of the different flintlock weapons carried by Continental Army soldiers in 1776. Discover the arms and discipline of the Pennsylvanian soldiers drawn from Liberty Hill to guard the "Old French fort" each day.

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

Exhibitions staff will lead you on a guided tour of this remarkable museum's highlights. Begun more than a century ago, the Fort Ticonderoga museum has North America's largest and most important collection of 18th-century military material culture. Get the scoop on the most significant, rare, and interesting pieces on display.

11:30 a.m. Fife and Drum Parade to Lake Champlain (Begins at American Flag)

March along to the sound of Fifes and Drums down to the shore of Lake Champlain.

11:45 a.m. Outfitting the Fleet (Begins at Boat House)

As ships came off the stocks in the shipyard at Skenesborough, sailors rowed them to Ticonderoga to be rigged and armed. From guns to sails, see vessels equipped before joining the Continental Army fleet down the lake.

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

From military garrison gardens to a secluded colonial revival spectacle of color and light, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America and learn about the horticultural history of the Ticonderoga peninsula.

1:15 p.m. On Land & On Water (Begins at American Flag)

Discuss why Ticonderoga became the best ground to make a stand against the British Army in Canada in 1776. Discover how the industriousness of Continental Army soldiers on land and on water prepared an old French fort to defend the new cause of Independence.

1:45 p.m. Fife and Drum Parade to Liberty Hill Encampment (Begins at American Flag)

March along to the sound of Fifes and Drums to the Liberty Hill Encampment, west of Fort Ticonderoga.

2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Begins at Liberty Hill Encampment)

Examine how the Continental Army mounted old French and British guns within a host of new American fortifications. See the workings, power, and sound of these heavy cannons.

2:30 p.m. Building Liberty Hill (Recreated Redoubt)

Help Pennsylvania, New Jersey, & New England soldiers build fascines and stakes to hold earthen walls in our recreated redoubt. Discover the science of fortifications and the labor of liberty that allowed American soldiers to defend Ticonderoga in 1776.

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3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent: Fort Ticonderoga Guided Tour

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

Oh, the stories this graceful mountain could tell overlooking Fort Ticonderoga! Ascend to summit of Mount Defiance to get the birds-eye view of this epic military landscape and learn how this height shaped the fort's history.

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

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See the soldiers drafted into the Lake Champlain fleet practice firing their cannon from aboard the tight quarters of the decks of their ships. Discover how these crews learned how to fire their guns as their ships pitched up and down with the choppy waters of Lake Champlain.

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