



Girl Scout Day at Fort Ticonderoga **Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 9:30am-5pm**

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Heroic Corn Maze

Share time with family and friends while exploring this unique six-acre corn maze! The maze design reflects our 2024 theme: 1774, a fortification proudly under British rule. As you make your way through the maze, hunt for all the history-themed stamps along the way, and sign the wall of fame at the end!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bateau Row (Boat House near King's Garden)

Groups of 15-20 scouts at a time are invited to take a bateau ride, rowing together just like soldiers in 1774. Bateau rows take 30-minutes, including drawing life jackets, safety briefing, and rowing.

Rows are available every 30-minutes. Reservations can be made at the Officer of the Day Room, on the ground floor of the Soldiers' Barracks of Fort Ticonderoga. Must be 9 or older to attend. Please arrive at the Boat House 15 minutes prior to reservation.

10:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at Large American Flag)

Discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and the great experiences we offer. 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. Soldiers' Dinner (In the Parade Ground of Fort Ticonderoga)

At the end of the French & Indian War, the British Army ordered soldiers to grow much of their food. See the hearty meals that soldiers enjoyed with army rations & fresh produce.

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

Meet the British soldiers in 1774 with their muskets and bayonets. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss what traditions remained and what tactical innovations the British Army in North America adopted after the French & Indian War.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Musket Maintenance (Powder Magazine)

Each shot of black powder fouled the muskets' moving parts and ate away at its metal, unless thoroughly cleaned. Watch as hot water, grease, and a little brick dust keep these weapons working; lock, stock, and barrel.

11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Beginning 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: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins at the Green House)

From military garrison gardens to a Colonial Revival Garden, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America. Discover the layers of horticultural history of the Ticonderoga peninsula.

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bateau Row (Boat House near King's Garden) *See 10:00 a.m. description.*

1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour *See 10:15 a.m. description.*

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 cannons from the fort walls.

2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum *See 11:30 a.m. description.***2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens** *See 11:45 a.m. description.***4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance Witness to History Guided Tour (Atop Mount Defiance)**

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. Mount Defiance is located at 72 Defiance Street. The token you received upon arrival allows you access to drive up the mountain; otherwise, you are welcome to walk up.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Livestock & Dairy (Parade Ground)

Meet the livestock that women shepherded at Ticonderoga. Try out churning, the way to turn perishable milk into store-able butter.

Ongoing Throughout the Day

Shoemaking (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

Examine the construction of British soldiers' shoes in 1774 and discover the science of recreating original shoes from shipwrecks. Flex the supple calfskin of shoe uppers and rap on the hard soles as you explore how these shoes were repaired wherever soldiers marched or rowed.

Tailoring (2nd Floor Officers' Barracks)

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

Soldiers' Gardening (King's Garden)

Gardening was a common military duty within the British Army, but after the French & Indian War, these gardens became more elaborate and important for keeping peacetime soldiers fed, wherever they served in America.

Candle Making & Laundry (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)

Help craft candles from tallow—rendered fat—just as women in the British Army made extra money by helping light fortress barracks. Also, help laundresses boil and clean shirts, mattresses and other dirty linens. Learn the importance of clean laundry and how women of the army were paid for their work.

Nursing (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

Explore the tools and supplies used by nurses, skilled professionals within the Army. Learn about the different herbs used in common medicines and disinfectants.

Playing the Past: Junior Badge Booklet (Begins at the Log House Guest Service Desk)

Learn how girls and women in 1774 lived, worked, and played! Women with the British Army performed many important duties such as laundering or nursing. Juniors can work toward their Playing the Past badge while witnessing these duties in action!

LOOKING AHEAD! Every year is a new experience at Fort Ticonderoga! Join us again next year and step into the first year of revolution at Fort Ticonderoga in 1775!