

Sound of 1776 Visitor Schedule July 27 & 28, 2024

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

10:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.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 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)

Explore the many flintlock arms carried by American soldiers defending Ticonderoga in 1776. After a summer of training and digging in, see why soldiers here said, "We have little to fear when once we get into the works."

11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Garden March (Begins at American Flag)

Follow behind the Fifes and Drums down to the King's Garden with a musical escort.

11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (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 on display.

11:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens (Begins at King's Garden Greenhouse)

From military garrison gardens to a vibrant Colonial Revival garden, explore one of North America's oldest cultivated landscapes. Discover the incredible story of America's first historic preservation effort, and the family home and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

12:30 p.m. Tunes of Ticonderoga (Parade Ground)

From reveille in the morning to tattoo at night, hear how drummers and fifers within the Continental Army regulated daily life in 1776. Explore how drumbeats, trilling fifes, and songs created an 18th-century world of military music.

1:00 p.m. Declaration of Independence Reading (Parade Ground)

Word of the Declaration of Independence did not arrive at Ticonderoga until weeks after its signing. Witness the first time soldiers at Ticonderoga heard the immortal words of

independence and discover what this meant for soldiers on the front lines of the Northern Continental Army in 1776.

2:00 p.m. "Point of War" (Recreated Redoubt)

Through the summer of 1776, American soldiers labored away building earthen fortifications to cover miles of ground. Learn how commands were beat by drums across great distances to coordinate the firing of muskets and cannons.

2:30 p.m. Hut Building (Adjacent to Recreated Redoubt)

Help us make history and grab a mallet or saw and try out timber framing! Work along Continental Army Soldiers to build simple wooden soldiers' huts as they hold the line for liberty in 1776.

3:30 p.m. A Legacy of Music (Parade Ground)

Celebrate 50 years of Fifes and Drums at Fort Ticonderoga! Enjoy the favorite tunes of our Fifes and Drums from the decades and centuries since the Revolutionary War!

4:00 p.m. Witness to History Tour (Begins on Mount Defiance at 72 Defiance Street)

From America's first Navy on Lake Champlain to the miles of entrenchments across the peninsula, see the strategy of the American Army in 1776 to make their stand. View the epic landscape that shaped the history of a nation.

Ongoing 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

'Search for Liberty!' Hands-on Family Activity (Soldiers Barracks)

Enjoy our fun hands-on exploration for all ages and experience the life of the Continental soldier at Ticonderoga in 1776! Discover historic trades that kept an American Army in the field and the daily tasks of soldiers here at Ticonderoga. Do them all and receive your Continental pay and proudly get the 'U. States' stamp.