



REAL TIME REVOLUTION® Signature Reenactment Event: Noble Train Begins
December 6, 2025

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

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

A victorious Northern Continental Army in Canada sent a stream of captured artillery back to Ticonderoga, joining the guns already stockpiled from the French & Indian War. Watch New York soldiers examine these guns for fatal faults before scaling them, cleaning them with the explosive force of gunpowder.

11:30 a.m. Henry Knox: Autodidactic Artilleryman (Inside the Mars Education Center)

Henry Knox employed one of the other great revolutions of the 18th century, the transmission of technical and theoretical knowledge through books. Join Curator, Dr. Matthew Keagle to explore Knox's ability to develop his skills through print, linking together the knowledge of the Western world and beyond. Learn about how the practical knowledge of the artilleryman was disseminated through printed volumes in the museum's collection.

12:30 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

See 11:00 a.m. description.

1:00 p.m. Cannon, Mortar, & Howitzer? (Inside the Mars Education Center)

Explore the three different types of artillery in the 18th century through premier examples from the Collections of Fort Ticonderoga. See the not-so-Knox cannons and the genuine article as you get the real stories of the incredible pieces on display!

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

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2:30 p.m. "From Quebec, if in our hands": Henry Knox and Cannon for Boston (Inside the Mars Education Center)

Henry Knox famously moved nearly 60 tons of artillery from Ticonderoga to the American Army outside Boston, but where did these cannon come from? Common knowledge says Knox raided Ticonderoga's supplies, but General Washington's instructions gave Knox wide latitude to select suitable cannon for the army laying siege of Boston. Join Fort Ticonderoga Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle to explore the origin of Knox's "noble train of artillery" from Lake George to the seat of war in Canada.

3:00 p.m. “the work of 43 men for 2 days” (Begins on the Parade Ground)

Washington dispatched Colonel Henry Knox from Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 16, armed with cash and the credit of the Continental Congress. See Henry Knox’s work to carefully account for soldiers’ labor with the New York officers that commanded them. Examine Henry Knox’s skill at that work as it reflected his ability as Washington’s able engineer.

4:00 p.m. Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors**Ongoing Programs 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.****Beds, Bolsters, and Beyond! (Ground Floor Officer’s Barracks)**

From making new mattresses to laundering old ones, see the work it took to outfit the barracks with proper bedding. Learn how women of the army provided this vital service to keep the Continental garrison at Ticonderoga healthy.

Cannons for Boston (Parade Ground & Surroundings)

See the process of moving and mounting artillery, through draft animals and manpower. See the simple machines and simple brute force needed to move these thousand-pound pieces of iron from place to place.

Officer’s Quarters (Second Floor of the Officer’s Barracks)

Step inside the quarters of an American officer at Fort Ticonderoga and learn of the luxuries within. From beds to brandy, learn about officers’ duties and comforts. See the administrative work that kept an army operating.

Carpentry (Parade Ground & Soldiers’ Barracks)

Watch wood chips fly as carpenters continue to repair Fort Ticonderoga’s barracks. See the work to fix wagons & tumbrels to keep cannons and supplies rolling along the portage from Lake George to Lake Champlain.

The Journey Continues Sunday December 7th**11:00 a.m. The Noble Train to Lake George (Begins in the Town of Ticonderoga)**

Join Fort Ticonderoga as we assemble the largest number of period vehicles since 1775, pulled by oxen and horses, to recreate the first leg of Henry Knox’s journey. Beginning at the corner of Montcalm Street and Champlain Avenue, follow along as we bring cannons to the shore of Lake George, where Henry Knox loaded his cannons onto three boats for the sail up the lake and on to the Siege of Boston. Celebrate the beginning of this remarkable achievement, one that culminated in the liberation of an American city, inspiring a nation towards independence.