



## **Memorial Day Weekend Visitor Schedule May 23 & 24, 2026**

Join Fort Ticonderoga on Memorial Day weekend to remember the service of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who gave their all on the very grounds where so many American soldiers fought and sacrificed. Join the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga for a special commemorative ceremony on Sunday. Experience service for Continental Army soldiers in May 1776, from their weapons to their rations, and learn about what they believed would come from their sacrifice in the name of liberty. All day long, watch as these Continental soldiers ply their civilian trades and help support the American defense along Lake Champlain.

### **10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the 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 and 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 *Saturday Only* (Begins on the Parade Ground)**

Explore the workings of the different flintlock weapons carried by Continental Army soldiers in 1776. Discover how a small guard of New Yorkers received and employed these weapons as they kept boats wagons rolling northward to thousands of Americans in Canada.

### **11:00 a.m. Memorial Service *Sunday Only* (Parade Ground)**

Witness a funeral procession as Continental Army Soldiers pay respect to one of their own. Pay respect and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice soldiers in 1776 made to secure our liberty today.

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

**11:30 a.m. Garden March  
(Begins at the American Flag)**

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

**11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens  
(Begins at the 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 country estate and gardens emblematic of that legacy.

**1:00 p.m. Narrated *Carillon* Boat Cruise  
(*Carillon* Boat Dock by the 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.*

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

**2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration  
(Begins on the Parade Ground)**

Cannon were at the heart of Fort Ticonderoga's story in 1776, with its big guns liberating Boston and defending the new nation. Examine how the Continental Army mounted old French and British guns within a host of new American fortifications. Discover the struggle to deliver cannons to Ticonderoga and Lake Champlain in 1776

**2:30 p.m. A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum -- See 11:30 a.m. description.**

**2:45 p.m. Breaking Ground Tour: A Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Gardens -- See 11:45 a.m. description.**

**3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour -- See 10:15 am description.**

**3:30 p.m. Narrated *Carillon* Boat Cruise -- See 1:00 p.m. description.**

**4:00 p.m. Witness to History Tour (Begins Atop Mount Defiance)**

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