



Monday, July 5, 2010

Today's Sign: Hancock

Today's Countersign: Adams (for this date in 1776)

Repeated Events

TIME	TOUR/EVENT
10:00 12:15 4:15	Fort Guided Tour — Learn about Ticonderoga's history from 1755 to the present on this walking tour. Begins at the base of the large U.S. Flag. In the event of inclement weather, this program will take place in the Officers' Barracks.
11:00 1:30 3:00	Artillery & Musket Demonstrations —Learn about the loading and firing of an 18 th -century cannon and musket. Demonstration area. Weather permitting.
11:30 1:00 3:30	Fife & Drum Corps Performance —The Fort Ticonderoga Fife & Drum Corps marches and plays 18 th -century music. On the Parade Ground of the Fort. Weather permitting.

Other Fort and King's Garden Events

TIME	TOUR/EVENT
10:30	Inspecting the Troops and Flag Ceremony — The Fife & Drum Corps are carefully inspected by the Drum Major on the Parade Ground, and then raise the 18 th -century flags on the walls of the Fort. Begins on the Parade Ground of the Fort. Weather permitting.
10:45	Garden and Estate Tour —Take a guided tour of the King's Garden and the Pavilion grounds. Begins at the base of the large U.S. Flag.
2:00	Fife & Drum Corp Marches to the King's Garden — The Fort Ticonderoga Fife & Drum Corps marches and plays 18 th -century music, including a performance in the King's Garden. Begins in the Demonstration area. Weather permitting.
2:15	Garden and Estate Tour —Take a guided tour of the King's Garden and the Pavilion grounds. Begins at the King's Garden following the Fife & Drum Corps performance.
2:30	Ghost Tour —Take a guided tour related to unexplained phenomena at Fort Ticonderoga. Begins at the base of the large U.S. Flag. In the event of inclement weather, this program will take place in the Barracks Room.
4:00	Flag Lowering Ceremony — The Fife & Drum Corps lowers the 18 th -century flags on the walls of the Fort. Begins on the Parade Ground of the Fort. Weather permitting.

ALL DAY TODAY

9:30 to 5:00	"The Face of War" —View this special exhibition focusing on the years 1758 & 1759 at Ticonderoga. Lower Level of the Mars Education Center.
9:30 to 5:00	"Pottery, Pork, and Pigeon" —View this new exhibition focused on the foods and table wares used by the 18 th -century soldiers at Ticonderoga. Far left door on the 1 st floor of the Enlisted Men's Barracks.

TODAY FOR FAMILIES

10:30 to 11:30	Bag It! Learn basic sewing techniques and take home a small bag. In the 1 st Floor Classroom in the Mars Education Center.
12:00	Take Care! Are you willing to join the garrison at Ticonderoga? Fall in on the Parade Ground to learn the drill used by troops here during the 18 th century. On the Parade Ground of the Fort. Weather permitting.
12:00 to 1:00	Tri-Corns. Create your own paper version of a tri-corn hat to take home. In the 1 st Floor Classroom in the Mars Education Center.
12:30 to 3:30	Making Sense of Lavender. Learn the uses of lavender throughout history, and clip your own sprigs to make a scented sachet to take home. In the King's Garden. Weather permitting.
1:45 to 3:30	Bundle Up! Try on some typical clothes that children in the 18 th century might have worn. Great photo opportunity! In the 1 st Floor Classroom in the Mars Education Center.
3:45 to 4:45	Let's Play! Try your hand at 18 th -century games. On the Parade Ground of the Fort. Weather permitting.

233 Years Ago Today

In the British Camp at Mount Hope, July 5, 1777

But it seems the Americans have employed their utmost industry where they are in the greatest force, upon Mount Independence, which is extremely lofty and circular. On the summit of the mount they have a star fort made of pickets, well supplied with artillery, and a large square of barracks within it . . . fortified as the enemy are, nothing but a regular siege can dispossess them.

*Thomas Anburey of His Majesty's 29th Regiment of Foot
in a letter to a friend*

Visit the King's Garden

Open 9:30 – 5:00

Flower of the Week: Hollyhock

Come see the hollyhocks in the King's Garden in bloom.
At the King's Garden. Follow the path from the Demonstration Area down to the garden.

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Please note:

- ❖ **No smoking, food, or beverages are allowed beyond Admissions.**
- ❖ **For your own safety, please stay off the walls and cannon.**
- ❖ **Please turn off your cell phone while on guided tours or in the Museum.**

Welcome to Fort Ticonderoga and the King's Garden

Brief History of Fort Ticonderoga

Fort Ticonderoga is where American Liberty begins! The scene of one of America's earliest military encounters between Europeans and Native Americans and the place where American tourism was born, Ticonderoga or the "land between the waters" was the gateway through which nations passed in war and in peace. For a generation spanning the French and Indian War and the American Revolution this remote post on Lake Champlain guarded the narrow water highway connecting Canada with Britain's American colonies. Whichever nation controlled Ticonderoga controlled America.

During the French and Indian War Britain and France fought to possess Ticonderoga as a launching point for each nation's aims of continental conquest. In the American Revolution Fort Ticonderoga was the scene of America's first victory in its struggle for independence and the United States' northern stronghold protecting New York and New England from British invasion from Canada.

As peace came to the region at the end of the American Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga fell into ruin. Because of its reputation as the critical military stronghold on Lake Champlain, legions of visitors began to venture to Ticonderoga to see for themselves the remains of the famous "old stone fortress." Through the leadership of the Pell family, Fort Ticonderoga remained accessible to tourists throughout the 19th century. In 1908 the family began the process of restoring the Fort and at the same time setting the example that would help launch the historic preservation movement in America. The Pell family's legacy lives on in their restored formal pleasure garden, the King's Garden, located behind The Pavilion near the shore of Lake Champlain.

Today, Fort Ticonderoga educates people from all nations on the events that took place here that changed the course of world history forever. Engaging exhibits, lively interpretive programs, and insightful seminars keep Ticonderoga's history alive. Come experience for yourself the stories that made America free at *America's Fort*, Fort Ticonderoga!

Officers' Barracks

- The ground floor of this building houses an extensive weapons collection highlighting the many types of muskets and swords used in the French & Indian War and American Revolution.

Enlisted Men's Barracks

- Three floors of exhibits featuring artifacts related to key events in Ticonderoga's history.
- Don't miss the museum's newest exhibit "Pottery, Pork, and Pigeon: The 18th-Century Menu at Fort Ticonderoga" located on the ground floor, east end of the building.

Mars Education Center

- Twelve-minute orientation video on the history of Fort Ticonderoga located on the ground floor classroom.
- Don't miss the award-winning exhibition "The Face of War: Triumph & Tragedy at Ticonderoga, 1758-1759" in the downstairs exhibition room.
- **Restrooms are located on the ground floor of the building.**

