

XA Trip 2015: New York Frontier Warfare

Day One: Wednesday, August 19

Breakfast at Commons

9:45am: Load jitney and drive to **Fort Stanwix** [100 North James Street, Rome, NY 13440] // 20 minute drive

- Meet ranger at the visitor's center at **10:15am**. Walk to weapons demonstration first (at 10:45am), then ranger will give a guided tour of the Fort. Group will have time to explore the fort and the visitor's center on their own after tour.

Depart at 12pm and drive to **Oriskany Battlefield** [7801 NY-69, Oriskany, NY 13424]

Picnic Lunch at Oriskany Battlefield

1:30pm: Explore **Oriskany Battlefield**

- Ranger will meet group at parking lot/visitor center at 1:30pm for a talk and tour of the battlefield.

Depart battlefield at **2:30pm** and **drive to and overnight at Cornerstone Alliance Church** [178 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, NY 12883] // 2 hour 45 minute drive

Dinner at Cornerstone Alliance Church (food you brought)

Watch the Last of the Mohicans? (laptop?)

Day Two: Thursday, August 20

Breakfast at the church

- *Packed bagged lunch for afternoon*

9:15am: Drive to **Fort Ticonderoga** [100 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883] // 6 minute drive

- **9:30am:** Historical Introduction with guide Rich Strum (30 minutes)
- There is a general tour of the fort at 10:15am, if you want to join. Otherwise, you can take a self-guided tour of the fort.
- **12pm: Carillon Boat Tour** (when you arrive, ask for instructions on where to go to board boat) Reservation confirmation is in your trip info packet. (90 minutes).

Lunch on the boat (you are permitted to bring a bagged lunch and eat on board the boat).

Hike Mount Defiance

- It's about a 20-30 minute walk to the top for an average group. You can also drive to the top if you choose.
- There is a brief talk/tour at the top of Mount Defiance at 4pm (optional)

Other optional Fort Ticonderoga activities: there is a 2:30pm tour of "A Continent's Collections" (museum exhibit) that lasts about 20 minutes. You can also tour the grounds and garden.

Drive to **Hearthstone Point Campground** [3298 Lake Shore Dr., Lake George, NY 12845] // 1 hour drive

Dinner at campsite or out as a group in Lake George

Overnight at **Hearthstone Point Campground**

Day Three: Friday, August 21

Breakfast at campsite

Drive to **Fort William Henry** [48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845] // 11 minute drive

- **10am:** Guided tour of the Fort

Drive to **Saratoga National Historic Park** [648 Route 32, Stillwater, NY 12170] // 1 hour drive

Picnic lunch at Saratoga Battlefield

Tour the **Saratoga Battlefield** (no ranger)

Dinner at campsite

Overnight at **Hearthstone Point Campground**

Day Four: Saturday, August 22

Breakfast at campsite

Drive to **New York State Military Museum** [61 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866] // 30 minutes

- Tour at NY State Military Museum
- Open 10am - 4pm
- No admission fee
- 518.581.5100

Picnic lunch at NY State Military Museum

Drive to **Moreau Lake State Park** [605 Old Saratoga Road, Gansevoort, NY] // 22 minutes

- Hike at Cottage Park trail head (in moreau lake state park):
<http://www.saratoga.com/adventures/2008/10/spier-falls-area.html>
- Optional swim: there is a rope swing into the Hudson at the end of the trail

Drive to **Queensbury, NY** // 16 minutes

- Ice cream at **Martha's Dandee Creme** [1133 Route 9, Queensbury, NY]
- 518.793.0372

Drive to **Hearthstone Point Campground**

Dinner and overnight at Hearthstone Point Campground

Day Five: Sunday, August 23

Breakfast at campsite

Pack up campsite and drive to **Hamilton College campus** // 2.5 hours

- Unload gear [Glen House]

Lunch in Commons Dining Hall

- *Open 11:30am - 1pm*