



The 1903 monument commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Lake George, portraying King Hendrik and William Johnson, is among the stops on the tour.

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As part of New York State’s “Path Through History Weekend” on October 8-9, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will conduct free guided tours through the Fort George/ Battlefield Parks on Saturday at 11 am and Sunday at 1 pm.

According to Dr. Russell Bellico, a trustee of the Battlefield Park Alliance and the author of several books about the region’s social, military and maritime history, “This site was a place of conflict and suffering from the Battle of Lake George in September 1755 up to the destruction of Fort George by the British in October 1780. Given the perspective of time, we can now better appreciate the Battlefield Park for its inspirational American history and inherent natural beauty.”

After having been the site of battles in 1755 and 1757, the base at the head of Lake George became the headquarters of the British as they prepared to launch attacks on the French at Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Montreal. In 1759, General Jeffery Amherst ordered a stone fort to be constructed, replacing a stockaded fort. During the War

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of Independence, the fort was the largest military hospital in North America.

In October, 1780, in the last encounter between the Americans and the British during the war, British Major Christopher Carleton raided Fort George. Americans who were not killed were captured and sent down the lake to Fort Ticonderoga, controlled by the British since 1777.

According to the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance, tour

guides will point out the stone ruins of Fort George, the burial place of four unknown soldiers who were killed in the 1755 Battle of Lake George, the Park’s historic statues and the events and historical figures they commemorate, and the remnants of hospitals and kilns that served soldiers during the two 18th century conflicts.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Visitors Center, which includes a wide array of artifacts uncovered by archaeological digs in the Park, is open from 10 am to 4 pm through Monday, October 10.

According to John DiNuzzo, the president of the Battlefield Alliance, the center also features newly created models that illustrate the forts and ships that were utilized by British and American soldiers, and related materials.

The Battlefield Alliance will resume its regularly scheduled, one-hour guided tours of the Park’s most important historic sites next spring.