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Carleton's Lake George Raid to be Commemorated, Oct. 8

By Mirror Staff

British Major Christopher Carleton's raids through northern New York in the aftermath of the Battles of Saratoga, while not lost to history, have long been overshadowed by other events of the 1780s, when the struggle for American independence shifted to the southern colonies.

One such raid occurred on Lake George on the morning of Oct. 11, 1780, forcing the surrender of Fort

George by its American commander, Capt. John Chipman. During the raid, twenty-seven Americans were killed, the only action during the entire campaign that resulted in significant casualties.

On Sunday, October 8, the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will dedicate a historical marker commemorating the raid. The 1 pm ceremony will be followed by a guided tour of the park that highlights sites associated with the

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raid.

The tour will be led by Patrick Niles, a trustee of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and licensed battlefield guide at the

Saratoga National Historical Park.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance has also announced that the park's Visitor Center, which the Alliance manages, will remain open through October 29. Hours of operation are Friday to Sunday,

10am to 4 pm.

Free guided tours of Battlefield Park are scheduled for every Saturday in October, departing the Visitor Center at 11 am.

"September and October are spectacular months to trek around our battlefield," said Bruce M. Venter, an Alliance Trustee and an expert on the military history of colonial America. "Visitors can hike through the battlefield and view the remains of Fort George and other remnants of the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, making it a great time to enjoy the colors of the season and learn about America's history."

