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Lake George Battlefield Park operations coming to a close for third season

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The Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center completes its third season of operation this Sunday, Oct. 27, amidst a record number of visitors, a series of improvements both inside the Center and throughout the park, and plans for further program enhancements under the coordination of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance.

With one weekend remaining in the season, Alliance President John DiNuzzo reports that the alliance's total 2024 visitor center attendance of 3,492 represents a 45% climb over last year's figure of 2,409 on the same date, the alliance said in a press release.

Fresh additions which have elevated the visitor experience in the current season include two adjacent resin "Park Orientation" signs which interpret the role of the Battlefield Park during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, at the visitor center entrance.

According to Russell Bellico, a former Battlefield Park Alliance Trustee who remains active on its Curation Committee, French and Indian War exhibits in the visitors center were expanded by the addition of two circa 1758 13-inch diameter mortar bombs, which had been raised offshore from the park during the 1960s, a scale model of a colonial military bateau, a live edge waterfall entry table/desk of black walnut.

As the Battlefield Park prepares,



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A diorama of a failed attempt by British forces to take Fort Carillon from the French in 1758, which is housed at the lake George Battlefield Park Visitors Center.

under the leadership of the Town of Lake George, for the 2026 reinterment of 44 Continental soldiers and support personnel who perished here in 1776, DEC and the Alliance have been working closely to make needed improvements to walkways and to begin refurbishing the site's iconic statues.

"I can't say enough how beneficial our collaboration with DEC has been this year in giving this historic site the kind of attention it deserves," DiNuzzo said in a statement. "With the nation's 250th birthday in 2026 on the horizon, along with the soldiers'

reinterment and the existing remnants in the Park from two crucial 18th Century wars, Lake George Battlefield Park is poised to be a major national heritage destination for years to come."

The 250th anniversary of the Battle of Diamond Island will be in 2027.

The Visitor Center will be open each day this weekend (Friday through Sunday) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with some access if feasible, from November through April. Contact info@lakegeorgebattlefield.org for more.

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