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Monument to four unknown soldiers who died at the 1755 Battle of Lake George.

"Path Through History" to Wind Through Battlefield Park

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Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about some of the region's earliest military casualties during a special guided tour at Lake George Battlefield Park as part of New York state's annual Path Through History Weekend.

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance will present "The Fallen Heroes of Lake George Battlefield Park" on June 20, with tours departing from the park's Visitor Center at 11 am and 1 pm. The free program is one of hundreds of events held statewide through the I Love NY Path Through History initiative, which highlights sites and stories that shaped New York and the nation.

According to the alliance, the tours will focus on two burial sites within the park: the graves of four unidentified soldiers who died during the 1755 Battle of Lake George and a memorial honoring 44 individuals associated with the Continental Army who died of smallpox in 1776 at the Fort George military hospital.

Andrew Menzie, director of historic interpretation at Fort William Henry, discussed the upcoming program during a recent episode of the alliance's "Lake George Battlefield Moments" podcast. The tour will explore the circumstances

surrounding the deaths of those buried in the park, where and when their remains were discovered, and the ceremonies that accompanied their reinterment.

The event comes just weeks after the reinterment of 44 Revolutionary War-era individuals at a new memorial in the battlefield park. Their remains were discovered in 2019 during construction work in the village of Lake George and were later studied by researchers at the New York State Museum before being returned to the battlefield for burial with military honors in May.

Organizers said displays at the Visitor Center will help tell the stories of the soldiers and others whose sacrifices occurred during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The battlefield park preserves significant military sites associated with both conflicts and is designated as an official New York State Path Through History location.

Lake George Battlefield Park, operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, contains monuments, archaeological sites and interpretive exhibits related to more than two centuries of military history in the Lake George region.