



Saturday, August 2, 2025

Welcome to Old Sturbridge Village, a recreated 1830s rural New England town! This weekend we are hosting our Redcoats and Rebels event. Guest reenactors will allow visitors to step into the Revolutionary War time period and experience daily life, cannon demonstrations, a fashion show, and even a battle! Please note the Woodland and Pasture Walks are closed today. The Village will be open until 6:00 p.m. Enjoy your visit!

Redcoats & Rebels Programming

How to get the most out of your visit:

- You may want to consider finding a battle viewing spot approximately 30 minutes before the battle begins. Look for signage at Blacksmith field (#37) and near Grist Mill (#40).
- The Freeman Farm area (#34 and #39), Pottery Shop (#32) and District School (#31) will be inaccessible to visitors between 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. due to the battle.

Throughout the Day:

Visit the following Tradespeople (near the Horsesheds):

- **AHL Tailoring**
- **Basket and Broom**
- **Big Bear Trading Company**
- **JD Chandler**
- **Najecki Reproductions**
- **Wm. Booth, Draper**

Internal only: 9:00 a.m. Combined Officer's meeting
(near the Blacksmith Shop, #39).

Throughout the Day: Colonial Era Crafts & Displays:

Join the Lebanon Towne Militia as they showcase everyday activities in camp with the soldiers and followers, demonstrate leather working, gourd carving and gunsmithing, play tabletop games of the 18th century and more (near the District School, Building #31).

10:00 a.m. Battalion Formation for Allied Forces
(sets up near the Center Meetinghouse, #6, and ends up in Bixby Field, next to Building #36).

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. There are Spies Among Us: Rumor has it the British Army is on the move. Assist the Continental Army's Intelligence officers as a spy - move through both friend and enemy camps, uncover British secrets, and discover where the army is heading next before time runs out! (Scavenger Hunt for Spies of All Ages) (in front of the Asa Knight Store, Building #10).

10:30 a.m. Learn to March: Join Soldiers from the Crown Forces as they teach visitors how to maneuver together as a single unit (by the British Camp). (near the Miner Grant Store, Building #18).

10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Musket Demonstration: Watch our interpreters load and fire a flintlock musket (behind the Cabinetmaking Shop, Building #7).

11:00 a.m. The Styles of the Day: Come see a comparison of fashion in women's clothing from the 1770s and the 1830s and learn about why the changes in fashion occurred. Hosted by Larissa Sasgen of the Lexington Minutemen and Abby Duell of Old Sturbridge Village. (in the Center Meetinghouse, #6).

11:30 a.m. What Did They Wear? (British Edition): Come join Crown reenactors up at the Center Meetinghouse while they show off and discuss what was commonly worn by their officers and enlisted men. (in the Center Meetinghouse, #6).

1:00 p.m. Learn to March: Join Soldiers from the Allied Army (French & American) as they teach visitors how to maneuver together as a single unit (by the Allied Camp, near Friends Meetinghouse, Building #5).

1:00 p.m. Artillery Demonstration: Come see and listen to the roar of the cannon as these powerful guns are fired into the sky (at the Blacksmith Field, next to Building #37).

2:00 p.m. Battle: Redcoats vs Rebels (*Weather permitting*)
(at the Freeman Farm Fields, #34).

*Note: battle viewing areas are designated by signage at the Grist Mill field and Blacksmith field

3:30 p.m. Apples and Hard Cider: Then and Now
(at the Cider Mill, #16).

4:00 p.m. A British Kit: Every wonder what a British soldier carries with him? Come see members of the 4th King's Own Regiment of Foot unpack a kit and converse about why each item is important! (near the Miner Grant Store, Building #18).

5:00 p.m. Tour of the Allies Camp: Learn how Soldiers, their wives, children, and other Followers lived while the Army was active on campaign. Check out tents, meal preparation, and more (meets at the Law Office, Building #11).

5:30 p.m. Tour of the British Camp: Learn how Soldiers, their wives, children, and other Followers lived while the Army was active on campaign. Check out tents, meal preparation, and more (meets at Thompson Bank, Building #19).

5:30 p.m. Spirit of '76 Fife & Drum Music: Come listen to fife and drum music of the American Revolution performed by Lebanon Towne Militia's fife and drum corps Spirit of '76 (near the Center Meetinghouse, Building #6).