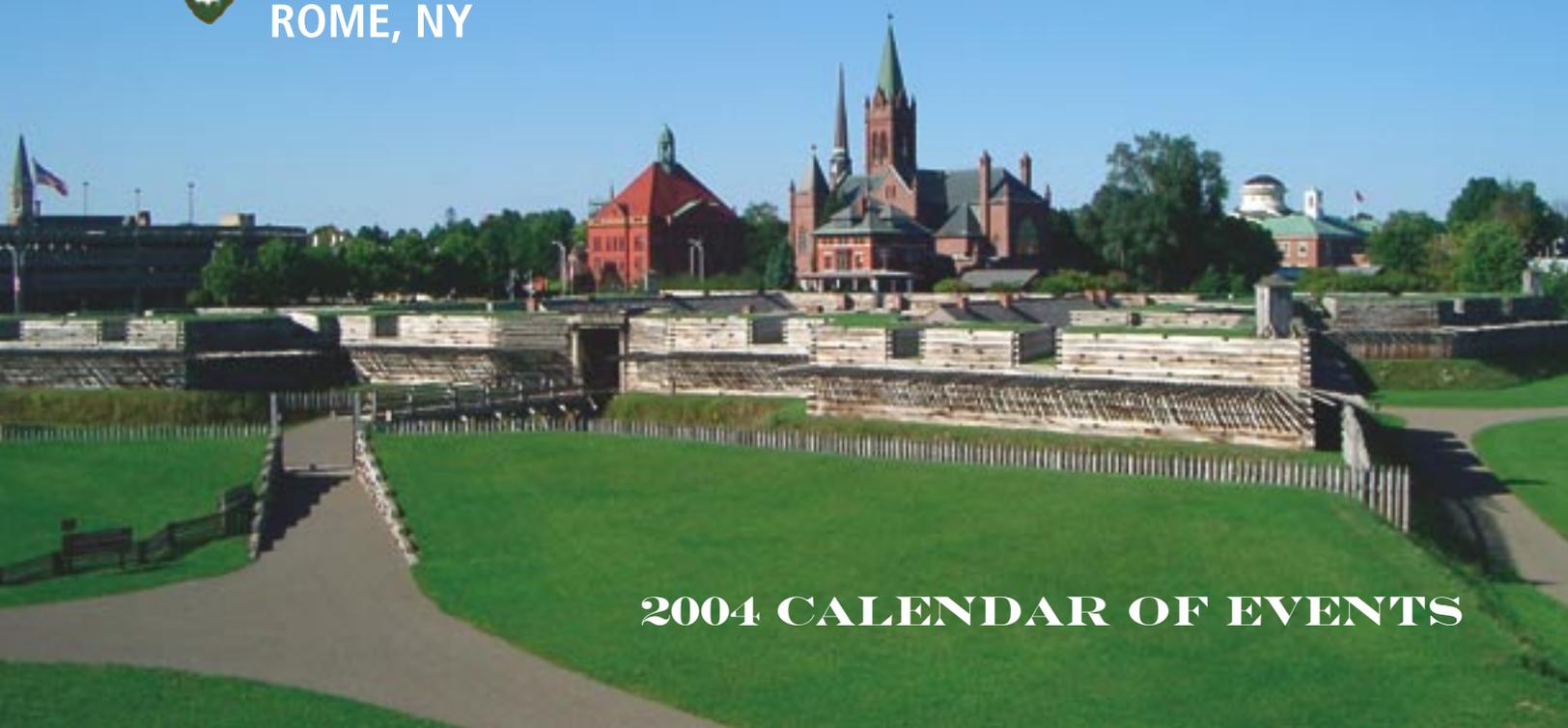


Visit



FORT STANWIX NATIONAL MONUMENT

Where Our Shared Heritage Comes Alive Every Day!
ROME, NY



2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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Visit Fort Stanwix National Monument, where our shared heritage comes alive and where you can explore the sights and sounds of the 18th century. Discover how people endured harsh lives along the Oneida Carrying Place, the superhighway of the 18th century, and how a strong American resistance at Fort Stanwix in 1777 contributed to victory at Saratoga – a turning point in the American Revolution. The National Park Service and our partners have planned a diverse array of special events and daily programs that will both entertain and educate visitors of all ages. From interactive programs to living history demonstrations and musical concerts there is a lot to do at Fort Stanwix. So come ***Experience Your America!*** at Fort Stanwix National Monument.

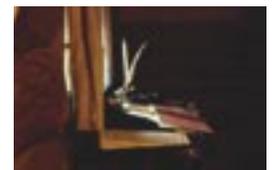
Things You Can Do Every Day

Plan Your Visit at the Visitor Center in the Gregg Barracks
Open Daily 9 am – 5 pm April 1 - December 31

- Check out our daily programs and special events detailed throughout this guide.
- Stop by our Eastern National Bookstore and pick up one-of-a-kind gifts and souvenirs.
- See “Siege-1777” a 20 minute film that tells the story of the events of the 1777 siege at Fort Stanwix.
- See changing exhibits and the fort diorama in the visitor center. See how the Mohawk Valley of New York was turned into disarray during the American Revolution.



- Explore the fort on your own with our free self-guided walking tour. This tour will take you through the many areas within the fort’s walls and describe how the fort functioned during the 18th century.
- Ask about our Fort Trunk – perfect for visitors with children under 10 years of age!
- Become a Junior Park Ranger today by picking up your activity book in the visitor center.
- Sign your enlistment oath with a quill pen and declare your allegiance to the Crown or to Independence.
- Build your own fort in the visitor center.



★ Summer Daily Programs ★



June 26 – August 29

18th Century Artisan Demonstration
Daily 10AM
Southwest Casemate



Experience what life was like for the artisans in the fort such as blacksmiths and coopers in this hands-on program.

Historic Weapons Demonstrations
Daily 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Parade Ground
 See our park rangers in period clothing demonstrate Revolutionary War military weapons.



Gone But Not Forgotten
3:00 PM

Parade Ground
 Join the daily processional salute as we honor the sacrifice of previous generations.

★ Teacher Development Programs ★

Teacher Enlistment Day
Thursday, April 22nd
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM High school and middle school.
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Elementary school.

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center
 As part of National Park Week 2004, Fort Stanwix National Monument will be hosting a familiarization workshop for area teachers. The workshop will include a tour of Fort Stanwix, a presentation by teachers who have utilized the fort during this past school year and a discussion with National Park Service staff on the future of Fort Stanwix and the new Willett Center. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Eastern National – the operators of the Fort Stanwix bookstore. For more information and to reserve a space call Park Ranger Valerie Morgan at 315-336-2090. This workshop is recommended for in-service credit.

Fort Stanwix Research and Curriculum Project



Teacher Institute
Saturday-Sunday, April 24th-25th
Begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday and ends at 10:00 AM on Sunday

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center
 This 1-credit graduate or in-service course will immerse participants in a Living History study of a Revolutionary War Soldier. This course is based upon Joseph Plumb Martin's journal Private Yankee Doodle. This will be a 24-hour experience in the daily life of a common soldier. Participants will be uniformed and equipped as a soldier or camp occupant. Participants will erect a camp complete with tents, fire, cooking, musket drill and firing, button and ball molding, music, medicine, and journal writing. For more information and to reserve a space call Park Ranger Valerie Morgan at 315-336-2090.



Plus, there are all kinds of special events happening throughout the season.

See pages 3 thru 7 for details on unique interactive programs, reenactments, special talks and concerts.



★ Living History Programs & Encampments ★



watch as history repeats itself

1779 Clinton-Sullivan Campaign

Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Come visit the troops as they begin to train after a winter of rest. This year, Fort Stanwix will highlight the 225th anniversary of the 1779 Clinton-Sullivan Campaign.

French and Indian War Encampment

Saturday-Sunday, May 29th – 30th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM,

The British are coming - and the French! Come visit with the first troops that defended the Oneida Carry, and those who they are protecting the area against.

Willett's Sortie/Oriskany Day

Friday, August 6th, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

The Tryon County militia and Oneida Indian allies, coming to the aid of Fort Stanwix, were ambushed by British forces at Oriskany, and turned back at "the bloodiest battle" of the American Revolution. That same day, Lt. Col. Willett and 250 men triumphantly left the besieged fort and destroyed the Loyalist and British Native ally camp. The days



activities include: Oriskany Cannon Salute - 10:00 AM; Willett's Sortie Reenactment - 2:00 PM; Willett's Sortie, Including Me! (Children's Program) Begins at 1:00, runs through end of sortie; and the Solemn Ceremony at Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site at 6:00 p.m.

The Siege Ends

Monday, August 23rd, 10:00 AM

On this date in 1777, British forces under the command



of General Barry St. Leger ended the siege against Fort Stanwix. To commemorate this event, there will be a special flag-raising ceremony.

Native American Encampment

Saturday-Sunday, October 2nd-3rd, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Learn about the role of Native Americans in the American Revolution.

Treaty Day

Saturday, October 23rd, 1:00 and 3:00 PM

In 1784, the Six Nations and the United States ended the American Revolutionary War in upstate New York by signing a treaty at Fort Stanwix. Park programs will aid visitors in exploring the consequences of this treaty for the Indian Nations and the growth of the State of New York.

Mohawk Valley Fall Troop Muster

Saturday-Sunday, November 13th-14th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Over ten reenactment groups from around the Northeast will participate in this final encampment of the year. The weekend long event includes historic weapons firing demonstrations will be conducted, 18th Century military drill, open hearth cooking, guard duty, and other aspects of military life on the 18th century frontier.



A Colonial Holiday

Saturday, November 27th, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Experience the holiday traditions of yesterday by joining us at Fort Stanwix. Music, other activities and more will bring the fort alive with holiday cheer.

Have a Park Ranger from Fort Stanwix visit your school or organization. Programs can be scheduled on their own or as an orientation to a visit at the fort. For more information, contact Fort Stanwix at 315-336-2090.

★ Special Talks ★

listen as history comes alive!



Drums Along the Mohawk **Tuesday, January 13th, 7:00 PM**

Rome Historical Society at 200 Church Street



Music played an important role in daily military life. Join Park Bill Sawyer as we look at this unique perspective of life at Fort Stanwix during the American Revolutionary War.

Archeology at Fort Stanwix **Saturday, February 28th, 1:00 PM**

Rome Historical Society at 200 Church Street

Archeology is the recovery and study of objects used by people in the past. Join Park Ranger Susan Jones as we explore how archeology has played a key role in uncovering the past at Fort Stanwix.



You Want to Bleed Me? **Saturday, March 20th, 1:00 PM**

Rome Historical Society at 200 Church Street

Join Park Ranger Valerie Morgan for this unique program exploring 18th century medical practices.

The History of **Fort Stanwix National Monument** **Thursday, October 21st, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Rome Historical Society at 200 Church Street

Join Historian Joan Zen Zen as she discusses her new book on how Fort Stanwix National Monument was established and its history as a unit of the National Park Service.



★ CONCERTS! ★



Dance and Be Merry **Saturday, May 29th,** **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center
18th century balladeer Linda Russell returns to Fort Stanwix for a concert of lively and educational colonial music. The concert concludes with an English Country dance, so bring a partner and your dancing shoes!

Honor America Days Syracuse Symphony Concert **Saturday, July 31st, 8:00 PM**

West Lawn

Start the day by watching the city's annual parade and in the evening bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a concert presented by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra.

A grand fireworks display concludes the concert as cannons, muskets and fireworks accompany the 1812 Overture and Stars and Stripes Forever.



Labor Day Concert **Sunday, September 5th, 8:00 PM**

West Lawn

End your summer with a great open-air concert on the lawn of Fort Stanwix. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy musical selections that pay a Labor Day tribute to the American worker. Fireworks will follow the concert.



The Taste of Rome Arts and Cultural Festival **Saturday-Sunday,** **September 18th and 19th**

West Lawn and Downtown Rome

Come enjoy the food and music of this annual downtown Rome tradition.



★ Interactive Programs ★



See history come alive!

Colonel Gansevoort Arrives

Monday, May 3rd, 10:00 AM

Parade Ground

Students from around the Rome City School District will portray members of the 3rd NY Regiment and share in the excitement as Colonel Peter Gansevoort arrives to take command of the fort.



A Soldier's Day

Saturdays, April-May and

September-October,

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to become soldiers in the 3rd New York Regiment. Experience a little bit of life 18th century style. Hands on activities include marching and drilling, guard and fatigue duty as well as simulated 18th century musket and cannon drills. Dress for weather. The



program is limited to 25 persons so please call 315-335-2090 to reserve your slot.

Saturday Family Fun at the Fort!

Saturdays in June and July, 12 noon - 2:00 PM

West Lawn

Every Saturday beginning June 5th through July 31st, visiting musicians and artists will enliven the grounds of Fort Stanwix. Families are invited to enjoy the music of the Mohawk Valley and make a craft to take home with them! This free program will take place rain or shine. Not only will the activities be fun, but also educational and related to the heritage and history of the Mohawk Valley.



Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, July 4th, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parade Ground

Plenty of activities will fill the fort as we celebrate our country's 228th birthday! Events include readings of the Declaration of Independence, children's programs and fife and drum music demonstrations.



New Citizen Naturalization Ceremony

Thursday, September 9th, 11:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Parade Ground

This annual event embodies the principals on which this nation was founded. Come celebrate with the newest citizens to the United States.

Constitution Week

September 17th - 24th

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center

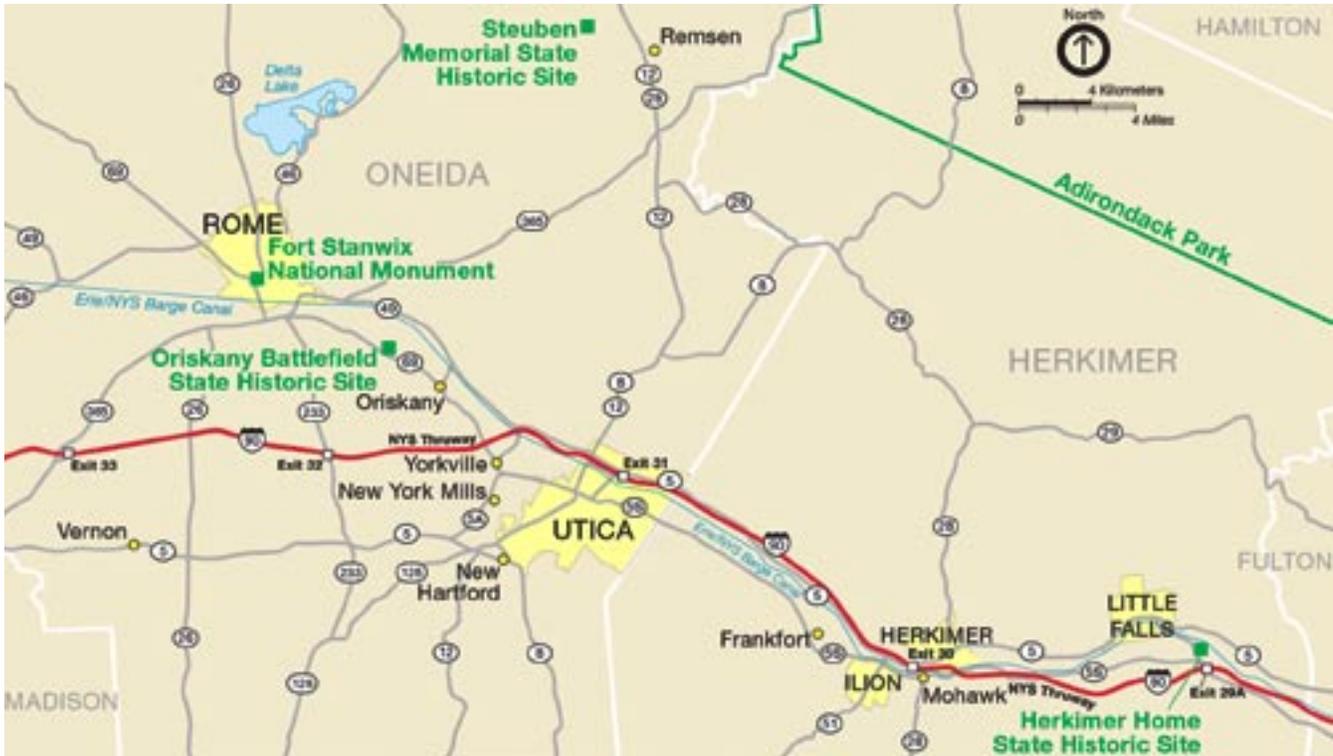
Step up and sign your name to the Constitution! This week celebrates the adoption of this important historical document. A reproduction copy of the Constitution will be on display, as well as other items from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.



For more information about Fort Stanwix National Monument and the interpretive programs being offered, please call (315) 336-2090 or visit the Park's web site at www.nps.gov/fost.

★ Fort Stanwix National Monument ★

part of the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor



★ Be sure to visit these other local attractions! ★

Extend your stay for more than a day!

Contact the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce at (315) 337-1700 for more information about these and many other attractions in Rome, New York:

- Rome Historical Society
- Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier
- Gravesite of Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance

Contact the Oneida County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (1-800-426-3132) for more information about these and other historical attractions, just a short drive from Fort Stanwix National Monument:

- Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site
- Steuben Memorial Historic Site
- Herkimer Home State Historic Site
- Shako:wi Cultural Center
- Delta Lake State Park
- Pixley Falls State Park



Enjoy museums, parades, nature walks, dinner theater, art exhibits, live theater, silent films, symphonies, festivals, concerts and so much more!

★ BECOME A VIP! ★



★ Join the Volunteer in Parks program. ★

Volunteer Enlistment Saturdays,

**January – March and September – October,
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Gregg Barracks Visitor Center



Be a part of Fort Stanwix National Monument! Join the Volunteer-in-Parks program and find out some of the many ways you can have fun while being of service to our National Parks.

18th Century Artisans Training for Volunteers Saturdays,

**January – March and
September – October,
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Southwest Casemate

For the people already enrolled in our VIP program, come learn 18th century techniques for various crafts, such as woodworking, blacksmithing and textile arts.



★ Coming in 2005! ★



The Marinus Willett Center

The Marinus Willett Center will provide visitor education and interpretation activities as well as museum collections space for over 400,000 museum artifacts. The Willett Center project represents a partnership between the National Park Service, the City of Rome, Oneida County, the State of New York and the Oneida Indian Nation. The new facility will be named after Marinus Willett who was second in command at Fort Stanwix in 1777 during the Revolutionary War. The facility will be located on the south grounds of Fort Stanwix National Monument. Included in the Willett Center will be new visitor orientation exhibits and audio-visual programming, visitor amenities (e.g. restrooms, bookstore sales area), meeting space, collections storage and workspace.

