



## Americas 250 Anniversary Events, Sites & Museums

The [Capital Region of New York](#) is a focal point for the **America 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial Anniversary** commemorations, with numerous events scheduled for March 2026 and throughout the anniversary year.

### Events

#### Spring

- **March 2026 through 2027** - [Schenectady Historical](#) marks America's 250th birthday with variety of programs.
- **March – April** - [Clermont State Historic Site \(March 7, 2026\)](#): "America 250: The Livingstons of Clermont in 1776" event exploring the role of the Livingston family.
- **May 2–3** - **Turning Point Symposium**: A two-day event in **Saratoga**, featuring renowned historians and a guided bus tour of the 1780 Ballston Raid.
- **May 15 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** - [Wine and Walk: Beyond the Pines](#)
- [Schenectady Historical Society Programs](#): Various programs and events throughout 2026 focusing on local history related to the founding of the nation.
- **Events from March 25<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>** - [Saratoga 250 Events \(2026-2027\)](#): Commemorating the Battles of Saratoga, with various local initiatives and, further out, a "Drums Along the Mohawk" celebration in Cohoes (August 2027).

#### Summer

- **June 13th, 2026 - 6:00pm–10:00pm** - Albany Institute's Museum - [Museum Gala 2026](#): Held at Forts Ferry Farm in Latham, this event will celebrate the 250th anniversary with a theme based on the nation's founding, featuring dining and entertainment.
- **4th on the Third**: An Independence Day celebration at the historic Mabee Farm Historic Site in Rotterdam Junction on July 3, 2026, featuring living history and fireworks.
- **Friday, July 10** - [Schenectady County SummerNight \(2026\)](#) - A major downtown Schenectady block party incorporating 250th anniversary themes.

#### Fall

- **Saratoga 250th Reenactment**: A massive five-day commemoration of the **Battles of Saratoga** scheduled for October 7–11, 2027.

## Other areas:

- **July 4, 2026 - [Sail4th 250](#)** - America welcomes the tall ships of the world to the Port of New York and New Jersey for a universal celebration of America's 250th anniversary!
  - Happening July 3-8, 2026, the event will feature the largest international flotilla of tall ships and naval vessels ever assembled. Highlights include:
    - An International Aerial Review, headlined by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels
    - A prestigious International Naval Review
    - A magnificent parade of historic tall ships from more than 30 nations
    - A specially-scheduled Fleet Week that will bring sailors and ships to New York City
    - The tributes continue with parades, concerts, cultural festivals, and public access to these majestic vessels at multiple points along the harbor.
- **July 4 - [FourLeaf Air Show](#)**: Soar to new heights at the FourLeaf Air Show at [Jones Beach State Park](#). This specially scheduled show will take place alongside [Fleet Week New York](#), and will feature the United States Navy Blue Angels, joined by a lineup of military performers and renowned aerobatic performers.
- **July 11-12 – [Washington County NY History Festival](#)** - opportunities to learn about local and national history while enjoying hands-on experiences including living history demonstrations, displays, kids' activities, live music, wagon rides, food vendors, and more.

## Historical Sites

### War Sites

- [Fort Ticonderoga \(Ticonderoga, NY\)](#): Visit the site captured by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold in May 1775, marking the first offensive victory for the American forces.
- [Old Stone House Historic Interpretive Center \(Brooklyn, NY\)](#): Discover the site of the war's largest battle, the Battle of Brooklyn.
- [Saratoga National Historical Park \(Stillwater, NY\)](#): Walk the grounds where the American triumph at the Battles of Saratoga became known as the "Turning Point of the Revolution."
- [Fort Stanwix \(Rome, NY\)](#): Learn how American troops successfully held off the British in August of 1777, making it the only American post to never surrender throughout the entire war.
- [Washington's Headquarters \(Newburgh, NY\)](#): Stand in the spot where General George Washington made impactful contributions that shaped the American republic at the nation's first publicly-owned historic site.
- [Federal Hall National Museum \(New York, NY\)](#): The site where George Washington took the oath of office as the first president of the United States and home to the first Congress, Supreme Court, and Executive branch offices.
- Explore even more revolutionary history at [New York State Parks and Historic Sites](#) with ties back to the war, from Oriskany Battlefield to Crown Point, Fort Montgomery and many more. "Our History" kiosks present interactive video displays that highlight New York's role in the American Revolution, through a more inclusive narrative with diverse perspectives and digital artifacts.

## Explore Indigenous History and Culture



Exploring Indigenous history and perspectives is essential to an accurate telling of the story of the American Revolution, and subsequent 250 years. November is [Native American Heritage Month](#), and New York State celebrates and honors the traditions, culture, and enduring contributions of [Native Americans](#) year-round.

- In Victor, the [Ganondagan State Historic Site](#), a National Historic Landmark, offers an immersive look into the original site of a 17th-century Seneca town. The on-site art & cultural center showcases the work and traditions of the Seneca and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people.
- In Manhattan, the [National Museum of the American Indian](#) invites you to explore the ongoing [Native New York](#) exhibit which asks and answers, “What makes New York a Native place?”
- In Howes Cave, the [Iroquois Museum](#), built to resemble an Iroquois elm bark longhouse, memorializes Iroquois history and culture through the world’s most comprehensive collection of modern Iroquois art.
- In Akwesasne, the [Akwesasne Cultural Center and Museum](#) showcases the vibrant culture of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) people through images, artifacts and interactive displays.

## Explore New York's Role as the Gateway to America



The Empire State has long been at the heart of the American immigrant experience. New York City's [Ellis Island](#), once the gateway for millions across the globe pursuing the American dream and now a living monument and museum, stands with the [Statue of Liberty National Monument](#) as powerful symbols of freedom, democracy, and hope for those who have made America their home.

In Oswego, the [Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum](#) preserves the stories of 982 refugees welcomed to the United States during World War II as “guests” of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and housed at [Fort Ontario](#).

In [Kingston](#), the [Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History](#) honors the legacy of the Jewish immigrant family, who operated a beloved neighborhood bakery for nearly a century, bringing bread and community to the working-class, largely immigrant Rondout district.

[Discover more immigration stories at museums and cultural centers across New York State.](#)

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITES IN NEW YORK STATE

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One-third of the Revolutionary War's battles were fought in New York and today that history is preserved and interpreted at forts, battlefields and historic sites across the state. Walk in the footsteps of those who fought at [Fort Ticonderoga](#) or in the [Battles of Saratoga](#), learn the stories of the daring women of the resistance and brave soldiers—including those of color—who joined the fight for American freedom from colonial rule, step inside the homes and headquarters of founding fathers, climb the steps of [Federal Hall](#), where the first presidential inauguration took place, and more.

## FORGE YOUR OWN PATH THROUGH HISTORY

Discover America's history by experiencing ours. [Underground Railroad](#) heroes and some of the nation's greatest [natural wonders](#), [Seneca Falls](#), or experience transportation history on the [Erie Canal](#). Learn about it all in New York State. Visit over 700 culturally and historically significant destinations throughout the Empire State. Choose from themes below for a trip to remember.

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## NEW YORKERS WHO CHANGED HISTORY

US Presidents, innovators, artists, activists and trailblazers have all called New York home. Explore their history and how they shaped ours at preserved estates, state parks, and historic sites.

Join us across the Empire State as historic sites, museums, battlefields and attractions welcome visitors to commemorate 250 years of history. [Events Calendar](#).

## Tours and Trails



Commemorate America's 250th anniversary with self-guided treks across New York State. In the Adirondacks, earn prizes along the [Lake Champlain Revolutionary Quest](#) as you journey back in time along a trail of forts, battle sites, and scenic landmarks where pivotal moments of the Revolutionary War unfolded. On Long Island, [Suffolk 250](#) leads you on an immersive tour of colonial-era homesteads and battlefield sites that come to life through reenactments, lectures, festivals, and family-friendly activities. Collect unique stamps as you visit each site using their free digital [Passport Book](#). In the Hudson Valley, raise a glass to history with [Commander in Cheers](#), an augmented reality experience featuring a pint-sized George Washington sharing tales of Dutchess County's revolutionary spirit. Simply scan the code on marked coasters in local pubs, restaurants, and breweries to hear each of six tales told by Tiny George. And in New York City, embark on the [NYC Revolutionary Trail: Echoes of Revolution](#), a riveting 16-stop walking tour from The Battery to Federal Hall that lets you relive historical moments from the founding of the United States at the exact sites where they happened using augmented reality and multimedia.