

Hamilton War of 1812 Bicentennial

SIGNATURE EVENT: Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek

Historical Background

- The year 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek, one of the most important events in Canada's history.
- On June 5, 1813, approximately 3,500 American forces advanced as far as the Gage family homestead in Stoney Creek, now Battlefield House Museum & Park, and established camp for the night. A surprise night attack by the British was initiated in the early morning hours of June 6, 1813 from Burlington Heights (where Dundurn Castle now stands).
- Seven hundred British regulars from the King's (8th) Regiment of Foot and the 49th Regiment of Foot were supported by a small contingent of native warriors, led by John Norton, during the Battle of Stoney Creek. During an intense 40-minute battle, the British captured two American Generals and two field guns. The Americans were forced to retreat, never to advance as far into the Niagara Peninsula again.

Historical Facts

- On June 6, 1813, the Battle of Stoney Creek took place during the War of 1812
- The Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek is the longest continually run War of 1812 reenactment in North America
- Over 600 Re-enactors and Merchants are expected to participate in 2013
- The Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek is one of Festivals and Events Ontario's top 100 events in Ontario since 2004.

Site Information

- Nestled under the Niagara Escarpment, this historic site is located on 32 acres of park land.
- Battlefield House (Gage Homestead), captures the way of life during the early 19th century.
- The Gages worked the land with their ten children and became a strong voice in the hamlet of Stoney Creek. During the War of 1812, the family fled to the cellar as the Battle of Stoney Creek raged outside.

- The British victory at the Battle of Stoney Creek was crucial in preventing the Americans from seizing Upper Canada. The Battlefield Monument stands as a symbol of peace and commemorates those soldiers who died on June 6, 1813.

Event Information

- Discover Canadian heritage and re-live firsthand the thrill and pageantry of the battle that was the turning point of the War of 1812 and one of the most important events in Canada's history.
- Visit the encampment and mingle with early 19th century settlers and soldiers as they go about their daily life. Shop among one-of-a-kind merchants. Witness historical demonstrations of cooking, dancing, blacksmithing and much more. Enjoy food, games, and musical entertainment. Wander through the original 200 year old Gage homestead.
- Bring the whole family for games, food, demonstrations, musical entertainment, fireworks, and the Re-enactment itself.

Site: Battlefield House Museum & Park
Date: Saturday, June 1, 2013
Sunday, June 2, 2013
Time: 10am to 10pm and
10am to 4:30pm
Ages: All
Cost: \$10 for adults. \$5 for youth
Children under 5 free.
(Cost covers the whole weekend. Wristband provided)
Contact: For ticket information:
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1812 Hamilton Signature Events Series

- Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 1-2, 2013)
- Canadian International Military Tattoo (June 8-9, 2013)
- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton (June 28-30, 2013)
- Hamilton & Scourge Memorial (September 4 and 21, 2013)

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