

Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site



Visit Oriskany Battlefield where great acts of courage occurred during an epic struggle for freedom. This state historic site commemorates great men and women who lived and died bravely securing the birth of a new nation.

Discover where, on August 6, 1777, New York militiamen with their Oneida allies faced down Loyalist forces as friends, family and neighbors fought in bitter pursuit of liberty. This hallowed ground reflects great personal sacrifice, which along with the steadfastness of Fort Stanwix, directly contributed to the final American victory over the British Saratoga Campaign.

Today, Oriskany Battlefield serves as a site of healing and remembrance for generations of Americans, Loyalists and Native Americans... as well as all who cherish freedom and democracy. Walk the grounds overlooking the beautiful historic Mohawk Valley, stop in at the visitor center honoring these heroes of freedom, and experience the spirit of Oriskany.



Fort Stanwix National Monument

Visit Fort Stanwix, where our shared heritage comes alive everyday, and explore the sights, sounds, smells and feel of the 18th century.

Discover how people endured harsh lives along the Oneida Carrying Place, the superhighway of the 18th century, and directly contributed to the American victory at Saratoga and westward expansion through New York's gateway to the west.

Rediscover hundreds of archeological pieces in the museum and enjoy the fort diorama, theater and bookstore in the visitor center.





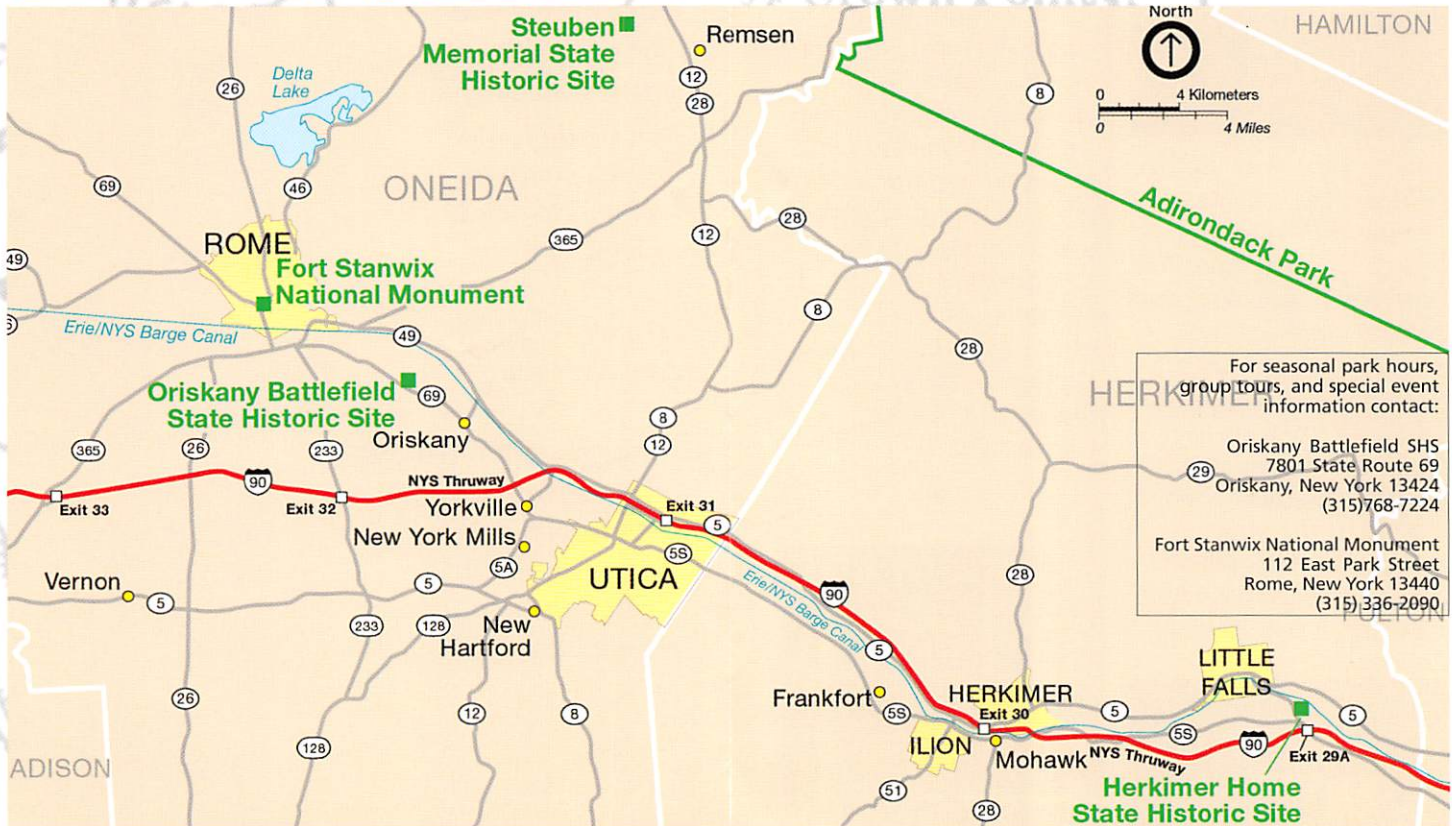
The Siege of Fort Stanwix/Battle of Oriskany

August 3 to 23, 1777

Fort Stanwix (rebuilt and renamed Fort Schuyler by Americans during the Revolutionary War) was besieged by British troops and allied Indians during much of the month of August 1777. The British force was an element of the Saratoga Campaign. The British conducted an artillery bombardment of the fort during much of the month while Indian snipers tried to pick off fort soldiers.

Rebel militia and their Oneida Indian allies were ambushed near the Oneida Indian village of Oriska on August 6, 1777 as they marched to bring relief to Fort Stanwix. The militia suffered major losses at Oriskany, as did some of the British-allied tribes, but their determined resistance eventually forced the withdrawal of the enemy units. During the Oriskany engagement, American troops sallied from the fort to challenge nearby British and Indian forces and were able to capture much-needed supplies. There were no American losses, but a number of British casualties were reported.

Eventually, the British siege of Fort Stanwix failed and British forces withdrew. British withdrawal from the Mohawk Valley contributed significantly to American victory at Saratoga later in the year.



Fort Stanwix National Monument and the Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site welcome all visitors and encourages school and heritage tourism groups to arrange customized tours to accommodate curriculum and itineraries.