

TOURS

1. [Ethan Allen: The Green Mountain Boys and the Arsenal of the Revolution](#)

When the Green Mountain Boys—many of them Connecticut natives—heard about the Battles of Lexington and Concord, they jumped at the chance to attack the British Fort Ticonderoga in the despised state of New York.

- **Biographies**
 - **Benjamin Tallmadge** (codename John Bolton) and the Culper Spy Ring
 - **William Franklin**, Loyalist Son of Benjamin Franklin
 - **Seth Warner** Leader of the Green Mountain Boys

2. [Danbury Raid and the Forgotten General](#)

The British think they can land at the mouth of the Saugatuck River on Long Island Sound, rush inland, and destroy the Patriot's supply depot in Danbury. They succeed, but at great cost thanks to the leadership of Benedict Arnold and General David Wooster.

- **Biographies**
 - **Sybil Ludington**, the “Female Paul Revere”
 - **Major General David Wooster**
 - **British General William Tyron**

3. [Israel Putnam and the Escape at Horse Neck](#)

Many of the most important military leaders of the American Revolution fought in the French and Indian War. Follow the life and exploits of one of those old veterans, Israel Putnam, as he leads his green Connecticut farmers against the mightiest military in the world.

- **Biographies and Boxes**
 - **General David Waterbury Jr.** and Fort Stamford
 - **The Winter Encampment at Redding**, 1778-1779
 - **General David Humphreys**
 - **Loyalist Provincial Corp: Connecticut Tories**

4. [Side Tour: Farmer Put and the Wolf Den](#)

In 1742 Israel Putnam's legend may have started when he killed the last wolf in Connecticut.

5. Washington/Rochambeau and Victory at Yorktown

Everyone learns about the victory at Yorktown in grade school, but the plans for that vital turning point in the war were laid down on a modest wooden table in a tavern in Wethersfield and further refined in Hartford, where General Washington and his French counterpart, General Rochambeau, met in 1781.

- **Biographies**
 - **General Washington**
 - **General Rochambeau**
 - **Jeremiah Wadsworth**

6. New Haven and the 1779 Invasion

In an effort to draw Washington into a major battle, the Redcoats horrifically raided the Connecticut coast for one week in the summer of 1779.

- **Biographies**
 - **Roger Sherman** Declaration of Independence Signer
 - **John Trumbull** Revolutionary War Artist
 - **William Campbell** British Soldier

7. Nathan Hale: Patriot Spy

Nathan Hale, a young Yale graduate and school teacher from Coventry, volunteered to be a spy for the Patriot cause in 1776. Learn more about the spy network, his hanging, and Connecticut's official state hero.

- **Biographies**
 - **Lt. Colonel Thomas Knowlton**
 - **Governor Jonathan Trumbull**
 - **Armand Louis de Gontaut, Duc de Lauzun: Brigadier General of Lauzun's Legion**

8. Side Tour: Nathan Hale: Teacher and the Turtle

Visit New London and see the school house Hale taught in when he decided to quit and join the Revolution. Down the road, see the Turtle, a replica of a one-manned submarine designed to destroy British ships.

9. Benedict Arnold: Traitor Torches New London

How did an indentured servant and apothecary rise to become General George Washington's greatest field commander? Why did Arnold turn traitor?

- **Biographies and Boxes**
 - **Lt. Colonel William Ledyard**
 - **The Arnold Women: Hannah (mother), Margaret (wife), Hannah (sister) and Peggy (wife)**
 - **Privateers**