



## Butts Hill Fort Restoration Committee

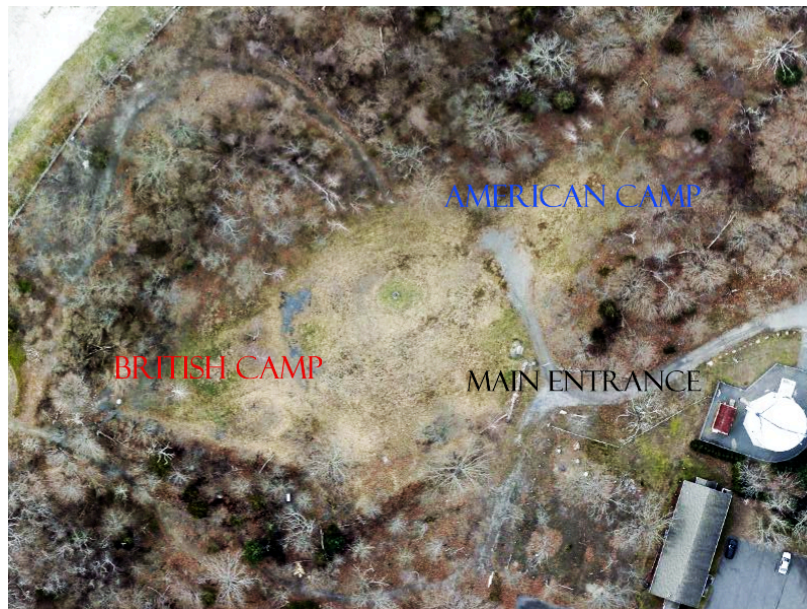
### Living History Event

**Who-** The Brigades of the American Revolution (BAR) and the [Butts Hill Fort](#) will be collaborating on a living history event. This event will involve regiments that fall under the Brigades of the American Revolution (BAR)

**What-** The mission to educate the public about the American Revolutionary War. This event will give reenactors the time to share their experiences and educate the public about the American Revolutionary War.

**When-** The event will take place during the first weekend of May. 5/3-5/4. Reenactors may show up on Friday, 5/2, to set up.

**How-** Reenactment groups may set up camp as desired. Please refer to the map below for your respective locations. The main entrance is wide enough to allow trailers through it. Butts Hill Fort is a historically protected property, and digging is prohibited. Metal plates to protect the surface are permitted for campfires.





**Why**—The 1778 Rhode Island Campaign has largely been forgotten. Until recently, Rhode Island schools did not teach it. Holding this event at Butts Hill Fort will give people of all ages an opportunity to learn about this forgotten history.



Photo courtesy of Max McVay, taken Fall 2024

**Bathroom:** Portable toilets will be available, including an ADA-compliant one. The building that sits next to Butts Hill Fort is a private business. The owner supports our efforts and will let us access the building, including the bathroom.

**Meals:** Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday to all reenactors and volunteers. A head count will be needed as we advance closer to the date.

**Lodging:** Here are some hotels in the area for those who do not wish to camp out. Please note: Portsmouth lacks hotels and motels. These locations are about 15 minutes away from Butts Hill Fort.

Founders Brook Motel [Booking | FOUNDERS BROOK MOTEL AND SUITES](#) (Portsmouth)

Red Roof Inn and Suite [Find & Book Cheap Hotels | Red Roof Inn](#) (Middletown)

Days Inn by Wyndham Motel [Days Inn by Wyndham Middletown/Newport Area Rooms & Rates](#)

Quality Inn and Suites [Hotel in Middletown, RI | Quality Inn® Official Site | Quality Inn & Suites Middletown - Newport](#)

Holiday Inn Express [Select your room](#) (Middletown)



**Parking:** Parking will be available at the designated areas shown below. Butts Hill Fort abuts Portsmouth High School. Parking will be available at the high school over the weekend.



Portsmouth High school  
120 Education Ln, Portsmouth, RI 02871



## Event Plan

### Friday - Early Arrival

Registration opens at 4:30 pm for participants to set up camps. Closes at 9:00 pm

### Saturday - Registration begins at 6:30 am

9:30 all cars out of camp. Registration closes at 10:00

10:00 Camps open to the public / Guards Posted

10:30 Lecture about the Battle of Rhode and Butts Hill Forts history

11:00 Drill Demos - center stage of fort or green

11:30 Cannon Demos

12:00 Noonning (lunch)

1:00 Soldiers of the Brigade/Families of the Brigade -Center stage

2:00 Tactical weapons demonstration Battle /Skirmish with Narration.

3:30 Patrols throughout the site - interact with the public

4:00 Camps and Site Closes

5:00 After action meeting feedback for both Fort Butts and BAR

6 or 7 BAR annual meeting

### Sunday - Registration 8:00 am

9:30 or 10:00 Divine Services (can be open to the public)

11:00 Patrols throughout the site and small skirmish - interact with the public

11:30 Cannon Demo

12:00 / 12:45 Noonning (lunch)

1:00 Soldiers of the Brigade/Families of the Brigade

2:00 Tactical weapons demonstration Battle /Skirmish with Narration.

3:30 Camps Close - Collapse of encampment begins - Safe drive home

TBA - After action meeting, feedback for both Ft Butts and BAR



## Additional Photos of Butts Hill Fort



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