

Field Trip Guide



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With so much to explore, we’re sure to have
an educational program that fits your
students’ needs!

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Choose Your Adventure at Pickering Museum Village

Bring history to life for your students with an immersive, curriculum-connected experience! Choose your adventure and spend part of the day, or the whole day, at Pickering Museum Village.

Make it a full-day trip with two programs to get the best value and a deeper learning experience.

Program Details:

Program Length: 90 minutes

Cost per Student:

- \$9.25 for one program
- \$15.50 for a full-day experience (includes two programs)

Start Times: Programs begin at 10:00 am or 12:00 pm

Book Now to Secure 2025 Pricing

Prices increase for spring dates - book for a fall field trip date to take advantage of our 2025 rates.



Farm Friends & Plant Pals *NEW*



Let your students sprout curiosity on the farm while exploring what living things need to grow and thrive. Through playful, corn-themed activities in the barn, garden, and heritage house, they'll discover the life cycle of a corn plant from seed to snack! From grinding corn and cooking up fun in a kid-sized toy kitchen to watching popcorn pop over a real flame and taking back a corn cob to grow and study, this STEAM-powered adventure will inspire future farmers and scientists alike! This program visits the Combination Barn exhibits, Miller-Cole House, and Outdoor Classroom and Gardens.

Preschool - Grade 1

Grade 1 – Science and Technology (Needs and Characteristics of Living Things; Energy in Our Lives)

Woolly Wonders *NEW*

Discover the magic of wool and the animals that grow it in this lively, hands-on program designed especially for young learners! Through storytelling, sensory exploration, movement, and creativity, students will learn where wool comes from, how it's prepared, and how it connects to their daily lives.



Preschool - Grade 1

Grade 1 – Science and Technology (Life Systems: Needs and Characteristics of Living Things)



Primary

Playful Pursuits (EN or FR)



Explore life for children 200 years ago through play. Try our toys (batteries are not included!) and games, learn to make rope, and finish off by making and learning a game to take home.

This program takes place outdoors, in the Drive Shed. Indoor space for parlour games will be substituted in poor weather.

Preschool - Grade 3

Grade 1 – Our Changing Roles and Responsibilities; Grade 2 – Heritage and Identity; People and Environments; Grade 3 – Communities in Canada: 1780-1850





Millie's Day (EN or FR)

Step back in time and experience the life of early settlers through the eyes of young Millie. This immersive program takes students on a journey to understand the challenges and daily activities of Pickering's early Black settlers. Through hands-on activities and interactive storytelling, students will explore the forest, participate in traditional chores, and learn about life in a log cabin. This program takes place in the Log Barn and Log House exhibit spaces, and outdoors.



Grade 2 - Grade 4

Grade 2 – Changing Family and Community Traditions; Grade 3 – Communities in Canada, 1780-1850; Grade 4: Early Societies, 3000 BCE-1500 CE

School Days (EN or FR)



Transport your students back in time to the life of an early 1800s school child! Students will participate in authentic lessons with slates, discover daily chores expected before or after school, and enjoy Indigenous and early settler games in this immersive and engaging program. This program visits our Chapel classroom, Combination Barn, and outdoor spaces (recess play will be indoors in poor weather).

Grade 1 - Grade 4

Grade 1 – Our Changing Roles and Responsibilities; Grade 2 – Changing Family and Community Traditions; Grade 3 – Communities in Canada: 1780-1850; Grade 4: Early Societies, 3000 BCE-1500 CE



Primary - Junior

Blacksmith's Apprentice Quest (EN or FR)

Your students will step back in time and experience the life of a blacksmith's apprentice. Through hands-on activities, students will explore historical trades, engage in practical problem-solving, and learn about the science and mechanics behind blacksmithing.

It's a day of discovery, creativity, and teamwork that brings history to life in an engaging and educational way. This program visits the Collins House, General Store, and Greenwood Blacksmith Shop on the quest to become a journeyman.



Grade 2 - Grade 4

Grade 2 –Changing Family and Community Traditions;
Grade 3 – Communities in Canada: 1780-1850; Grade 4 –
Early Societies to 1500 CE



Limited Time



Limited Time! Join us at these exclusive programs available for a limited time only! Add a program from the other pages to make your trip a full day.

Teddy's Holiday Adventure (EN)

Pickering Museum Village | December 8 - 19, 2025

Follow the story of Teddy Bear as he journeys through the museum village discovering the many holiday traditions from around the world! Equipped with a storybook and activity sheets, teachers and chaperones will help students explore customs, read maps, and identify where in the world the traditions began. They'll even make a Victorian thaumatrope toy with our Museum Interpreter to take home.



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Limited Time



Feather & Flora

John E. Anderson Exhibit Gallery | April 27 - June 26, 2026

Step into a world of birds and botanicals with artist David Salazar's imaginative clay sculptures. In this 90-minute program, students explore the "Forever (Bird-Botanicals)" exhibit, discover the science of bird adaptations and plant relationships, and create their own nature-inspired clay artwork.

Available for a limited time at the new John E. Anderson Exhibit Gallery at the Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre, adjacent to the Pickering Museum Village and can be paired with other programs for a full-day experience. Please note this program takes place in the upper site only.



Grade 3 - Grade 5

Grade 3 – Science and Technology (Understanding Life Systems: Growth and Changes in Plants); Grade 4 – Science and Technology (Understanding Life Systems: Habitats and Communities); Grade 5 – Understanding Life Systems (Human Organ Systems: extension to animal systems and adaptations),



Limited Time



H2Whoa! *One Day Only*

Pickering Museum Village | May 22, 2026



Bring your students to Duffin's Creek Groundwater Festival 2026 at PMV for a limited-time, limited capacity, full-day field trip exploring the science, history, and wonder of water. This hands-on, staff-led program blends environmental learning, local heritage, and creative experimentation across PMV's forest, creek, and historic buildings.

Students rotate through stations tracing water's journey through nature, underground, and over time. Activities are grade-scaled, curriculum-aligned, and packed with outdoor learning and memorable experiences.

Grade 2 - Grade 5

Grade 2 – Science (Air & Water in the Environment); Grade 3 – Science (Soils in the Environment); Grade 4 – Science (Habitats & Communities); Grade 5 – Science (Conservation of Energy & Resources)



Limited Time

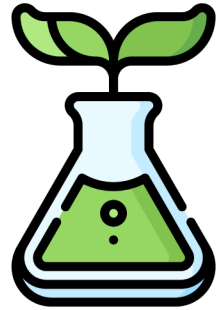


Food Lab: Investigate, Experiment, Invent

John E. Anderson Exhibit Gallery | October 2026 - December 2026

Bring your students on a deliciously educational journey through the science of food! This 90-minute program includes hands-on experiments, creative challenges, and a guided tour of Ingenium's "A Taste of Science" travelling exhibition.

At the new John E. Anderson Exhibit Gallery at the Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre, adjacent to the Pickering Museum Village.



Grade 5 - Grade 6

Grade 5 – Science (Life Systems: Human Organ Systems) Grade 6 – Science (Biodiversity: Microorganisms)





Junior - Intermediate

Community Connections



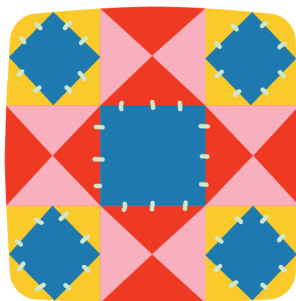
Grade 5 - Grade 6

Dive into the rich history of Pickering and the vibrant present of modern municipal government in this immersive new program. Through interactive activities and engaging discussions, students will uncover the stories of Pickering's past and present, explore what it means to be part of a community, and reflect on their own experiences of community life. This program visits the Brougham Temperance House, Log Barn, and outdoor spaces.

Grade 5 – The Role of Government and Responsible Citizenship;
Grade 6 – Communities in Canada, Past and Present

Follow the Drinking Gourd

Step back in time and embark on an interactive journey to freedom. Students will explore the inspiring story of George Chapman, an early Black settler who escaped enslavement in Virginia and found freedom in Canada. Through primary source exploration and hands-on activities, students will learn about George, the Underground Railroad, the significance of quilt codes, and the challenges faced by freedom seekers. This program visits the Log Barn and outdoor spaces.



Grade 5 - Grade 8

Grade 5 - Interactions Prior to 1713, The Role of Government and Responsible Citizenship; Grade 6 - Communities in Canada, Past and Present, Canada's interactions with the Global Community; Grade 7 – New France and British North America, Canada, 1800-1850: Conflict and Challenges; Grade 8 – Creating Canada, Global Settlement Patterns



Mapping Freedom: The Journey Continues

Continue the UGRR learning adventure with an immersive add-on program that delves more deeply into the experiences of freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad. Students will engage in orienteering activities, map out escape routes using quilt codes, and explore and respond to the powerful art installation "The Way Gone Made Clear" by Georgia Fullerton. This program visits the Brougham Temperance House and outdoor grounds.

Note: this program may be booked only in conjunction with Follow the Drinking Gourd

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Intermediate



Roots to Rebellion

Pickering Township was a hotbed of political unrest in the 1830s. Through role-play, students will step into the shoes of real historical figures from the Family Compact, government sympathizers, and radical reformers, exploring the physical, social and political challenges that led to the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion.

They will debate, map, and navigate the era's complexities, deciding if they align with Reformers or Tories. This program visits the Log Barn, Brougham Temperance House, and outdoor spaces.

Grade 7 - Grade 8

Grade 7 – New France and British North America, Physical Patterns in a Changing World; Grade 8 – Canada, 1800–1850: Conflict and Challenges, Civics and Citizenship: Civic Engagement and Action



Traitors

Enhance your students' historical journey with this add-on program, designed to delve deeper into the political intrigue and social upheaval of the 1830s. This immersive experience builds on the "Roots to Rebellion" foundation, offering a more comprehensive exploration of the Upper Canada Rebellion.

Through engaging role-play and interactive lessons, students will uncover the complexities of early elections, the shift from peaceful reform to armed rebellion, and the lasting impact on Canadian democracy. This program visits the Log House, Brougham Temperance House, and outdoor spaces.

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FAQs

Q: Is the museum accessible for visitors with mobility needs?

A: Most heritage buildings on site are wheelchair accessible on the ground floor. Please note that all pathways are gravel. An accessible washroom is available on-site; ask your friendly staff leader for access. An adult change table is not available at this time. Arrangements can be made to accommodate visitors with mobility needs. Please call us ahead of your field trip day.

Q: What should students wear to the museum?

A: Pickering Museum Village is an open-air site, and many programs take place outdoors or in heritage buildings that are not heated or air-conditioned. Students should dress for the weather, bring extra layers, and bring appropriate footwear as programs run rain or shine!

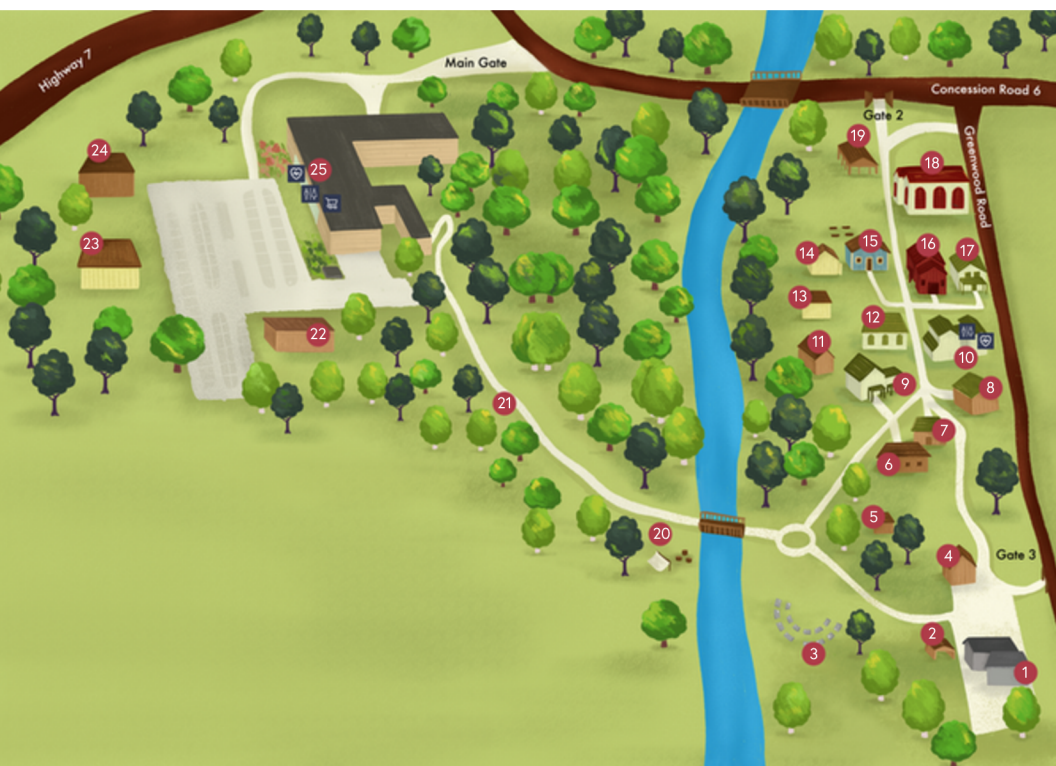
Q: Is there a place for students to eat lunch?

A: Yes! The large picnic shelter can seat up to 160 students and includes space heaters during colder months. Be sure to bring your own lunches and water bottles.

Q: Where do buses and cars park?

A: If your group is arriving by bus, drop-off is at Gate 2 on Concession Road 6. Teachers and parent drivers may park in the overflow parking at Gate 3 (3550 Greenwood Road) or Greenwood Community Centre (please see next page for a map of the village).

Map



1. Conservation Building
2. Saw Mill
3. Millpond Meadow Gathering Space
4. Gate 3 Drive Shed
5. Demonstration Shed
6. Log Barn
7. Log House
8. Collins House
9. Brougham Temperance House
10. Redman House Program Centre
11. Church Drive Shed
12. Bible Christian Chapel
13. Beef Ring Barn
14. Combination Barn
15. Miller-Cole House
16. Blacksmith Shop
17. Duffin's Creek General Store & Dressmaker
18. Odd Fellows
19. Picnic Shelter
20. Lean-to
21. Path to Museum Village
22. Storage Building
23. Harvey House
24. Puterbough School House
25. Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre



FAQs

Q: Can parent helpers attend, and is there a cost?

A: Parent helpers are welcome. To comply with heritage building capacities, we recommend a ratio of up to 1 adult for every 4 students. Admission fees apply for additional adults outside this ratio, except for designated Education Assistants.

Q: Is the gift shop open during field trips?

A: Yes, our mobile shop occasionally makes rounds to the picnic shelter, students are encouraged to bring cash if they are interested in purchasing light snacks, drinks, or gift shop items. The full gift shop experience is available upon request. Please confirm your interest in this at the time of booking to ensure scheduling.

Q: Do programs run in the winter or colder months?

A: Yes! Most of our programs run from September through December, opening back up again in April. While not all programs are available year-round, many are designed to operate in cooler weather. Be sure to check the program descriptions or contact us to confirm availability for your preferred date.



