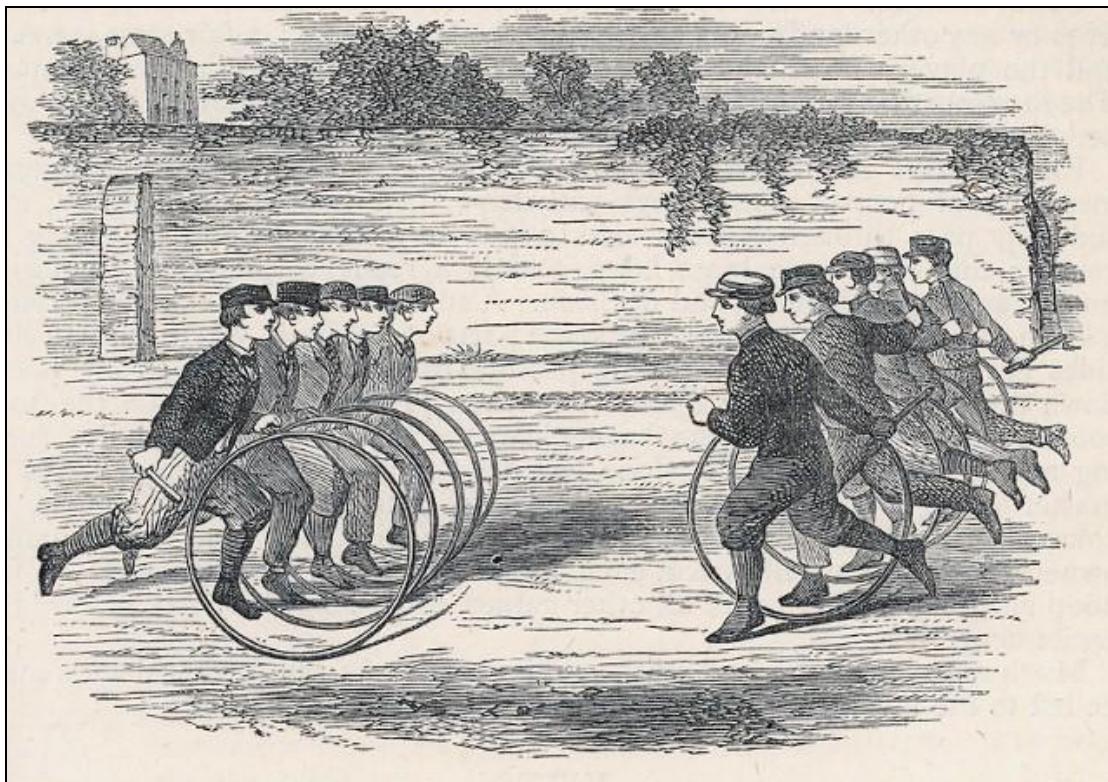


Summer Time Traveller

A Guide for Teachers



Westfield Heritage Village

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Programme Overview

We are delighted that your group will be joining us for our Summer Time Travellers programme. Westfield is a special place where children and adults have the opportunity to learn about the past in an immersive, multi-sensory environment that makes history come alive. We strive to provide enjoyable, and informative educational opportunities that allow for learning about our past through active, hands-on experiences.

Westfield's summer programme is designed to be a balance of education and fun. We are committed to offering a unique, engaging environment where people of all ages can explore, imagine and discover.

The Summer Time Traveller programme can be booked as a half day or a full day. The morning programme, Summer Time Traveller I, is offered 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and is an opportunity to experience both work and play of rural Ontario in earlier times. The afternoon programme, Summer Time Traveller II, is offered 12:30 – 2:00, and allows participants to discover aspects of village life in the 19th century.

Programme Objectives

This programme is designed to help participants imagine what life might have been like in Southern Ontario in the nineteenth century. Utilizing our beautiful rural location, rare collection of period buildings and rich artifact collection, our knowledgeable and welcoming costumed interpreters will take your group back in time.

The primary objectives of this programme are...

- to illustrate aspects of the daily life of families living on farms and in small communities in 19th century Canada
- to encourage participants to consider how co-operative work benefits a community
- to explore the connections between human activity and natural environments
- to consider the social, cultural and technological circumstances that impacted individuals and families in earlier times
- describe the ways in which early settlers learned from First Nations peoples, and how this knowledge helped them adapt to the climate, resources and circumstances of their new country

Programme Structure

Summer Time Traveller 1

10:00 – 11:30 (Arrival time – 9:45 a.m.)

Forest Secrets

Walk in the footsteps of early settlers and discover the secrets of the forest, including how to identify plants, insects and trees. Children will learn the ways in which early Canadians looked to the forest as a source of food, shelter, fuel, medicine, building material and recreation.

Schoolyard Fun

What did Victorian school children do when they weren't working at their desks? Spend some time in the school yard and test your skills with some new old-fashioned games and activities.

Farmyard Work and Play

Life on early Ontario farms involved a lot of work for all ages, but there was also time for fun. Children will carry out a variety of farm chores and will celebrate the completion of their work with a barn dance.

The Incredible Journey

Your family is moving to a new farm! What to bring? Work with your team to decide what can be packed in your trunk, and what must be left behind. Decisions, decisions!

Summer Time Traveller 2

12:30 – 2:00 (Arrival time 12:15 p.m.)

I Spy Scavenger Hunt

Children will put their detective skills to the test when they choose a special artifact from the interpreter's sack and hunt for its mate in one of several historic buildings in the village.

Puppet Show

Puppet shows are a centuries-old tradition practiced throughout the world. Puppets are great story-tellers, and have been used to educate, entertain and inspire young and old for generations. Learn how puppets were enjoyed in early Canada through this traditional, participatory puppet show activity.

All Aboard at the Train Station

The train has arrived and there is lot of work to do! Children will learn about the activities of a busy train station, including baggage handling, signaling, sorting and weighing goods and how to buy a ticket.

The Magic of Cinema

Discover the fascinating history of how still photography led to the birth of silent pictures in the late 19th century. Try out early photographic equipment and toys and take in a silent film.

Important things to know!

- **Arrival time for morning programme is 9:45 a.m.**
- **Arrival time for afternoon programme is 12:15 p.m.**
- **Dress for the weather. Don't forget sunscreen, bug repellent, hats, boots if wet**
- **Payment details included below**

Arrival

Please arrive a minimum of fifteen minutes in advance of your programme start time so that your group will be ready to begin promptly. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a costumed interpreter, who will help organize the students into groups and direct your group.

Payment

Please check your confirmation form carefully and notify us as soon as possible if the information is incorrect, or if you need to make any changes. Cheques should be made payable to "Hamilton Conservation Authority." Alternatively, we can invoice you after your visit. Please be aware that Westfield has a three week cancellation policy.

The Ironwood Hall

The Ironwood Hall is available as a lunch room at a cost of \$37.29, but needs to be booked in advance. This fee is waived for groups who have booked a full day programme. The lunchtime for the morning group is 11:30 am. –12 noon and the time for afternoon groups is 12:00 - 12:30. Washrooms are located in this building, as well as a pay telephone and water fountain.

Movement between Stations

To make the most of your programme, please encourage your group to move as efficiently as possible from station to station.

Supervision

You are responsible for supervising your group at all times while on site.

Special Needs

Please let us know if anyone in your group requires special assistance or accommodation, and we will work with you to provide the best experience possible.

Cellular Telephones and Other Technology

To minimize disruption, we ask that you turn your cell phone off. Cameras are welcome.

Dressing for the Weather

Students should dress appropriately for cool, hot or rainy weather. They will be walking on gravel roads and in buildings that are heated by methods used during the 19th century. During wet weather, boots are a good option. You may also consider sunscreen and bug repellent.

Costumes

Students and teachers wishing to get into the spirit of the day are welcome to visit in historical costumes.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is not normally open during this programme.

Visit Evaluation

Thank you for booking an education programme at Westfield Heritage Village. Please take a moment to answer these brief questions about your experience. Your feedback is essential in the ongoing evaluation of this programme, and will help us in developing future education activities. Westfield Heritage Village 1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0
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School/Group Name , Address and Telephone	
Grade Level and Number of Students	Date of Visit
Overall, how would you rate the experience of your group?	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (one is poor and 10 is best)	
Comments:	
Did you find the interpreters to be knowledgeable and welcoming?	
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Comments:	
What part of the programme was the most effective?	
What part of the programme was the least effective?	
How could the programme and activities be improved?	
Does this programme fit in with your curriculum?	
Do you have any further comments, concerns or suggestions regarding future programmes?	