

# Attention Teachers!

It's time to book your winter field trip! Make it one they'll remember...  
Come experience the K-8 curriculum-connected programs that let you get hands-on with history and nature!

— At the John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area —



**New Format!**

Spend 3 hours on-site and enjoy your 2-hour guided experience, with time before and after to use, as you choose, at your own pace. Able to visit longer? Ask us about additional activities to extend your field trip.

Programs available *en français* upon request.



To book a program or for more information:

# The John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area

## Winter Traditions and Celebrations

November / December

- Make and taste traditional pioneer foods over an open fire
- Learn about seasonal traditions of early settlers, and how the Park family and neighbours celebrated throughout winter
- Compare and contrast traditions from the past with today
- Create a traditional ornament to bring home
- Ring the sleigh bells and learn about early methods of winter travel
- Experience an authentic pioneer puppet show

## Wildlife in Winter

November, December, February & March

Explore the ways in which flora and fauna survive winter in our region. Activities include:

- Guided winter hike
- Make and hang pinecone bird feeders
- Examine Wildlife in Winter discovery boxes
- Participate in active games to learn about winter survival

## Early Settlers

Year-round

Explore an Early Settler day on the Park Family farm in this popular program. Choose one of the hands-on activities below:

- Cooking over fire
  - Blacksmithing (subject to availability)
  - Butter making
  - Woodworking
  - Weaving
- (19<sup>th</sup> century games always included)

## Maple: First Taste of Spring

Coming March 2024!



## Restoration Continues

While the historic home of John and Amelia Park is closed at this time for important restoration work, curriculum-based education programs still include exploration of the site's period outbuildings and a traditional one-room house experience.

To book a program or for more information:

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