

Digging For Roots

Junior - Intermediate

This half day program gives students at the junior and intermediate levels a view of the Buxton National Historic Site, and of the early Buxton Settlement—a safe haven for fugitive slaves reaching freedom in Canada West in 1850's-60's.



Museum staff will board the bus and provide a guided tour of the Buxton National Historic Site, pointing out, and also stopping to examine important landmarks. Students will disembark from the bus at some stops to examine the landmarks more closely. Stops will be made to complete activities in this program.

Students will learn more about the inhabitants of the settlement and of the community over the years as they tour the Buxton Museum, including the 1861 schoolhouse built by fugitive slaves, the 1866 church which is still in use in the community, and an 1850's log cabin built by a fugitive who came to Buxton from slavery in Louisiana. Activities during this site visit include cemetery mapping and tracing of family trees. This is a half day program.



Program cost is \$6.00 per student. Students must travel to Buxton by bus to participate in this program.

Visits by Museum Staff to your classroom can be arranged!

A fee will be charged for the visit. The school must also pay the travel expenses for the Museum staff person to visit your school. Staff will arrive in period appropriate costume, and do an historic portrayal or story telling. They will provide answers to your students' questions. Some artifacts pertaining to slavery and the Underground Railroad will be brought as well.