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**DISCOVERY HARBOUR**

Penetanguishene, Ontario

**Huronian Historical Parks  
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

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the Ontario Curriculum for Social Studies  
(Grades 3 and 6) and History (Grades 7 and 8).**

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# DISCOVERY HARBOUR

## A NAVAL AND MILITARY OUTPOST IN UPPER CANADA

**Discovery Harbour traces its roots back to the original British naval and military base in Penetanguishene. Built after the war of 1812 on lands purchased as a result of treaty negotiations with the Chippewa (Anishinaabe) in 1796, this base stood for over four decades to safeguard the upper great lakes.**

By 1817, the British Navy, anxious to patrol and protect the Upper Great Lakes against a future attack, began building the Naval Establishment. It would soon become a permanent home to the armed transport vessels H.M.S. *Tecumseth* and H.M.S. *Newash*. The ships were later put in ordinary, their rigging and armaments removed and stored and their hulls maintained.

Through interactive tours and hands-on activities, students will ask questions, gather information, evaluate the information, and communicate their findings as they explore the challenges of life in early Upper Canada and the lasting significance of the war of 1812 on settler, Indigenous and Métis communities in the Georgian Bay region.





GRADE SUITABILITY	PROGRAM	LENGTH	AVAILABILITY	PROGRAM CONTENT <i>(Subject to change, weather &amp; time constraints)</i>	CAPACITY	COST/ STUDENT	PAGE
3 to 8	Outpost Explorers Tour	2.5 hrs	Late May to June	Interactive tour of the historic site	15 to 75 students	\$7	3
5 to 8	A Soldier in Upper Canada	2.5 hrs	Late May to June	Core elements of the British military in Upper Canada; skills, technologies, lifestyles, and their relationship with Indigenous peoples.	15 to 75 students	\$9	4
5 to 8	A Soldier in Upper Canada +Ship Visit	3.5 hrs	Late May to June	A Soldier in Upper Canada does not include a visit of the replica vessels. Add a ships visit (up to 1 hour) to this program.	15 to 75 students	\$12	5
5 to 8	A Sailor in Upper Canada	2.5 hrs	Late May to June	Core elements of the British Navy in Upper Canada; skills; technologies, lifestyles – and their connections with Métis and Indigenous peoples.	15 to 75 students	\$9	6
5 to 8	FULL DAY	5 hrs	Late May to June	Combine 2 half-day programs or pick 1 half-day program and a block of activities	15 to 75 students	\$15	7
5 to 8	Digital Program	1 hour	Jan to June Sep to Oct	Three-part educational program, including a pre-recorded video, a live Q & A follow up session and additional resources.	Up to 35 students	\$90 per class	8



## CURRICULUM LINKS

### SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADES 3, 6

#### Strand A. Communities in Canada, 1780–1850

- A1. Life in Canada – Then and Now
- A2. Community Challenges and Adaptations

#### Strand A. Communities in Canada, Past and Present

- A1. Diversity, Inclusiveness, and Canadian Identities
- A2. The Perspectives of Diverse Communities
- A3. The Development of Communities in Canada

### HISTORY - GRADES 7, 8

#### Strand A. New France and British North America, 1713–1800

- A1. Colonial and Present-day Canada
- A2. From New France to British North America

#### Strand B. Canada, 1800–1850: Conflict and Challenges

- B1. Application: Changes and Challenges
- B2. Perspectives in British North America
- B3. Events and Their Consequences

#### Strand A. Creating Canada, 1850–1890 Present

- A1. Application: Peoples in the New Nation
- A2. Inquiry: Perspectives in the New Nation
- A3. Events and Their Consequences





# Primary Students Half Day Tour



AVAILABLE:  
Late May to June  
10 am to 5 pm



NUMBERS:  
15 to 75  
students

## OUTPOST EXPLORERS TOUR

2.5 hours  
\$7.00

Engage your students with this immersive staff-led tour of a recreated 19th century British Naval and Military establishment and its significant connections to the Indigenous and Métis peoples of Upper Canada. Hands-on opportunities abound in this exploration of the lifestyles and work of British sailors, soldiers, officers and ladies of the outpost, and of the Indigenous and Métis who interacted with them.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Interactive tour of the historic site
- Discover what it took to be prepared for possible conflict and to survive in a remote environment



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# Junior / Intermediate Students

## Half Day Programs

AVAILABLE:  
Late May to June  
10 am to 5 pm

NUMBERS:  
15 to 75  
students

### A SOLDIER IN UPPER CANADA

2.5 hours
\$9.00

Looks at the core elements of the British military in Upper Canada; skills, technologies, lifestyles and their interactions with Indigenous peoples.

Across the British Empire, the life of a British redcoat was a highly regimented mix of hard work and technical skill. A posting to Upper Canada saw soldiers face unique challenges in remote areas and harsh climates, and an ever-evolving relationship with Great Britain's Indigenous allies.



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- *Set-up camp, learn basics of musket and cannon drill, and explore the key belongings of the common soldier*
- *Tour Discovery Harbour's original stone Officers' Quarters and see the striking contrast of their upper-class lifestyle*
- *Explore aspects of Indigenous and Métis culture and their complex relationship to the British Empire*
- *Take in a concluding black powder demonstration (weather permitting) highlighting 19th century British weapons technology - and its use as an oppressive tool of colonial expansion*

**NOTE: This program does not visit the replica vessels.**

If you wish to include this experience, please consider pairing with the "Outpost Explorers Tour" or the "Sailor in Upper Canada" program.

**Don't have time for the full day?**

Add a ships visit (up to 1 hour) to your "Soldier in Upper Canada" program for \$3 per student.

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# Junior / Intermediate Students

## Half Day Programs



AVAILABLE:  
Late May to June  
10 am to 5 pm



NUMBERS:  
15 to 75  
students



### A SAILOR IN UPPER CANADA

2.5 hours  
\$9.00

Looks at the core elements of the British Navy in Upper Canada; skills; technologies, lifestyles and their connections with Métis and Indigenous peoples.

The lives of sailors in the Royal Navy comprised of very particular skills, mixed with ongoing manual labour and a highly developed social order. These men, and the officers who commanded them, also relied on the knowledge and expertise of Métis and Indigenous peoples in continuing to expand colonial boundaries on the waters of British North America.



#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Board the replica transport vessels HMS Tecumseth and HMS Bee and try their hand at various sailors' tasks
- Experience the trades-related skills required to keep a fleet of vessels afloat and in sound condition
- Explore the important relationship between Métis and Indigenous peoples and the British Royal Navy in the exploration and charting of remote areas
- Learn about the social aspects of sailors' lives and explore the basics of signal-flag communication



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# Junior / Intermediate Students

## Full Day Programs



AVAILABLE:  
Late May to June  
10 am to 5 pm



NUMBERS:  
15 to 75  
students

### Make it a FULL DAY!

Combine 2 half-day programs or 1 half-day and 1 activity block

5 hours  
\$15.00

Expand your half-day experience into a full day and ensure you get the complete Establishments story. Each of these extended hands-on sessions focuses on the European and Indigenous aspects of the subject at hand, based on the lives of the people at this remote 19th century base.

#### OPTION 1:

##### PICK 2 PROGRAMS

- *Outpost Explorers Tour*
- *A Soldier in Upper Canada*
- *A Sailor in Upper Canada*



#### OPTION 2:

##### PICK 1 PROGRAM + 1 ACTIVITY BLOCK

- *Outpost Explorers Tour*
  - *A Soldier in Upper Canada*
  - *A Sailor in Upper Canada*
- PLUS
- *1 Activity Block (3 activities)*

(i.e.: Outpost Explorers Tour + A Sailor in Upper Canada OR Outpost Explorers tour + 1 Activity block)

### ACTIVITY BLOCK MENU

(pick 3 to be combined with 1 half-day program)

#### • TO PLAY'S THE THING: Historic Games:

Explore the uses and importance of games from both the European and Indigenous perspectives by learning about and playing examples of each.

#### • MEANINGS IN INK: Quill Pens / Doodems

Compare European writing skills with Indigenous use of doodems and pictographs and discover how two different worldviews approached politics, nationhood and treaties.

#### • KNOWING THE ROPES: Ropework Skills

Discover the similarities and differences between European and Indigenous development and uses of rope. Students will try their hand at basic processes and knots.

#### • A SPARK OF KNOWLEDGE: Fire Starting

Whether European or Indigenous, the ability to start a fire was a crucial skill to have in the 19th century. Students learn about and try the various methods utilized.

#### • FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Historic Cooking

Europeans and Indigenous each brought core recipes and techniques to the table when it came to 19th century foodways. A taste of history indeed!

#### • CLOSING THE DEAL: Treaty Negotiation

Treaties and agreements underpin all European/Indigenous relations in the 19th century. In this immersive activity, students take sides to negotiate an historical land purchase – the territory encompassing Penetanguishene harbour.

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# Distance Programs Digital Options



**AVAILABLE:**  
January to June  
September to October  
Tuesday - Friday  
9:30 am and 1pm



**NUMBERS:**  
Max. 35 students  
1 class

## VIRTUAL TOUR

\$90  
per class

Join us from home or the classroom for a tour of Discovery Harbour. Students will learn about the site's history as the original British naval and military base built to safeguard access to Upper Canada following the War of 1812. Students will be introduced to the stories of 19th Century sailors and soldiers living in Upper Canada.

This three-part education program includes an introductory video, live question and answer session with program staff, and pre- and post-activities.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 30-minute virtual tour (pre-recorded video)
- 45-60 minute Q & A livestream with program staff
- Program discussion guide
- Additional resources and activity options to extend learning



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# PLAN YOUR VISIT

## Reservation & Cancellation Policy

### Booking your program

- Please contact us to book your program at 705-528-7694 or [reservationshhp@ontario.ca](mailto:reservationshhp@ontario.ca)
- An online Booking Request form is available on our website at: [www.hhp.on.ca](http://www.hhp.on.ca)
- Your booking is not confirmed until you receive an email with a reservation number.
- Please ensure all the booking information on your confirmation is correct.
- The Tour Coordinator must receive any changes to the booking and final participant numbers prior to the program start date.

### Chaperones

- JK to Gr. 3: 1 free admission per 5 students.
- Gr. 4 & up: 1 free admission per 10 students.
- Additional adults must pay the program rate.

### Arrival

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your program start time to check-in.
- The trip organizer should go to the Ticket Booth to provide payment, if still outstanding.
- If your group arrives late, your program will be shortened accordingly.
- Students must be supervised at all times.

### What to bring

- Water bottle (water refill station available)
- Money for snacks & drinks (optional)
- Packed lunch
- Emergency contacts, medication (as needed)
- Sunscreen / sunglasses / cap
- Insect repellent

### Snack / Lunch Area

- Snacks and drinks are available to purchase in our gift shop.
- Covered picnic areas are available.

### Payment

- Payment must be received by your program date unless other arrangements were made with us in advance.
- Payment can be made online via the link sent to you closer to your program date. Please contact us if you do not receive it.
- Alternatively, payment can be made on the phone at 705-433-1730 or 705-427-2983, or on arrival by Interac, Visa or MasterCard.
- Additional payment options include: Cheques or P.O. Cheque must be made payable to the: "Minister of Finance".
- You will be charged for a minimum of 15 paying participants for all programs & tours.
- For joint programs with the Martyrs' Shrine, payment must be made separately at each location. Separate invoices will be sent.
- Rates and programs are subject to change. Contact us for up-to-date information.

### Changes/Adjustments

- Please confirm the number of participants 14 days prior to your visit to allow us to adjust our staffing levels.
- Minor changes which do not affect our staffing ratio can be made up to 24h before your visit by emailing us at: [reservationshhp@ontario.ca](mailto:reservationshhp@ontario.ca)
- No adjustments will be made to your booking and invoice upon arrival if the number of participants has decreased.

### Weather

- If your school is closed due to severe weather conditions, please notify us at 705-549-8064 or [hhp@ontario.ca](mailto:hhp@ontario.ca)
- Programs run "rain or shine". Please dress for the weather and the outdoors.

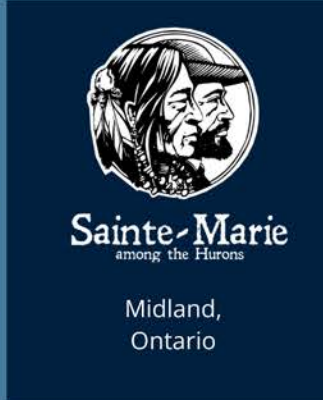
### Cancellations

- Please be aware that we schedule guides for each group specifically and require advance notification for all changes.
- Cancellation must be made in writing at least **14 days in advance**, unless the visit can be re-scheduled the same year or in case of unforeseen events (i.e. COVID19).
- Cancellations made after the deadline or that cannot be rescheduled will be charged our minimum booking fee (15 participants at the cost of the program).

### Assistance

- Washrooms and the majority of the site and buildings are wheelchair accessible.
- Students may use their own personal assistive devices or bring service animals.
- Wheelchairs are available for emergencies, on a first come, first served basis. First Aid Kit & staff trained in CPR.
- We are able to adapt our programs to accommodate students with disabilities. Please notify us in advance with any special needs. Support persons will be admitted free.
- *Allergies:* Our facilities and sites are **NOT A PEANUT FREE** environment.
- *Smoke Advisory:* The historic site has burning campfires, both outdoors and in buildings. The smoke may irritate visitors with respiratory problems. Visitors are encouraged to move to doorways, windows and other areas with fresh air.





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