



HURON COUNTY MUSEUM & HISTORIC GAOL

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

At the Huron Historic Gaol, staff offer interactive and educational programs for students that explore themes including social justice, critical thinking and strategic planning. Contact us today to book your class trip to the Gaol!

**If These Walls Could Talk:** Discover life behind the stone walls at the Huron Historic Gaol. Follow early inmates from courtroom to cell and compare the life of prisoners with the life of their governor.  
Grades K – 12 / 1 hour or 1 hour 30 minutes

**Minor Crimes:** See life in Gaol through the eyes of a child. This tour introduces the stories of two real children who stayed at the Gaol in the early twentieth century: a nine-year-old boy committed for 'mischief' and the gaoler's nine-year-old daughter. Explore and try interactive activities to investigate where these children would have slept, ate, worked and played, and discuss changing community rules and punishments past and present.  
Grades 2 – 4 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Investigate an Escape!** Two prisoners are missing from their cells! Follow the clues and gather witness testimony from Gaol staff and prisoners to investigate a real jailbreak from 1879. Use critical thinking and strategy to plot how you would break out of the Huron Gaol, and make conclusions based on evidence to solve a real historical mystery.  
Grades 5 – 8 / 1 hour 30 minutes

At the Huron County Museum staff offer a variety of engaging programs that expand on the school curriculum and strengthen observation skills by immersing students in sensory activities. Combine programs with exploration of the exhibits and film screenings in our theatre! Contact the Museum today to learn more!

**Home in Huron:** What was life like for some of Huron County's early settlers? Why did they move to Huron County, and why do families continue to immigrate here to this day? Prepare for the journey to a new home, investigate life in a new place and discover the hardships of many early settlers' first years in a new country. Includes hands on activities.  
Grades 1 – 4 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Salt of the Earth:** Explore the history of salt mining in Huron County. Investigate the many uses of salt, how it is produced and what it is like to work underground in the salt mine and get hands-on and close-up with salt experiments!  
Grades 4 – 8 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Planes, Trains and Automobiles:** Explore past and present vehicles on land, air and the Great Lakes, and make a paper propeller to drop from the Museum's mezzanine.  
Grades Pre K – 3 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Huron County and The World Wars:** Learn about life in the trenches and on the home front for the men, women and children of Huron County. Investigate how the World Wars changed Huron's industrial, agricultural, social and everyday life. Includes investigative spotlight on soldiers and nursing sisters, and exploration of the Museum's Military Gallery.  
Grades 5 – 10 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Celebrate:** Experience the customs of different celebrations throughout the world, and learn the cultural significance of different decorations, clothing, food and activities. Compare your family's holiday celebrations to the sites, sounds and smells of multicultural holidays around the world and in the past. Holidays featured change seasonally.  
Grades 1 – 3 / 1 hour 30 minutes

**Exhibit: Curators in the Making:** Your class creates a custom exhibit based on the topic(s) of your choice. Working with Museum staff over the course of a semester, your class will learn the basics of exhibit planning and design to create an exhibit for all to enjoy. Select, interpret and describe artifacts with personal or community significance. This customized exhibit may be displayed on-site at the Museum or on location at your school.  
Grades 2 – 12

## Learn at the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

The Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol offer innovative tours and programs in an ideal setting for students to learn about, and truly appreciate the rich history of rural Ontario.

All of the Museum's educational programs are informative and interactive. We offer a wide range of options, all approximately 90 minutes in length, which connect local heritage and cultural life to the school curriculum.

Programs are available Monday to Friday, year round (unless otherwise stated). Sessions may be scheduled for either morning or afternoon; times are flexible to meet school schedules.

Pre-booking is required. Ask us about our FREE *Compass Minerals Museum Bus Program!*



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Museum and  
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