

An Invitation to Our Tour Group Partners:

“As soon as histories are properly told there is no more need of romances.”
~ Walt Whitman

Consider a Visit to the Museums of Old York

The events, programs and exhibitions that are offered by the Museums of Old York are both engaging and informative. Whether your group is interested in visiting for half an hour or the entire day we bring history to life through our historic buildings and living history demonstrations.

Experience 300 Years of Life in Southern Maine

Seven museum buildings, an archival library, a handicapped-accessible exhibition hall and education center, and a contemporary art gallery house an impressive collection that tells the story of more than 300 years of life in southern Maine.

Flexible Tours to Meet Your Schedule

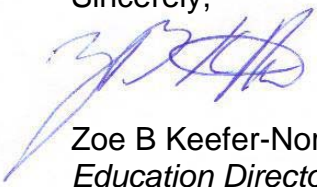
Our museum buildings are open to the public Monday through Saturday June through Columbus Day weekend but off-season tours can usually be arranged. The administration offices, library, and contemporary art gallery are open year round. Our tour options are incredibly flexible and can be easily fit into an already-scheduled itinerary. A stop at the museum could be as simple as a visit to the 1719 Old Gaol (Jail) or as hands on as a hearth cooking demonstration with one of our costumed interpreters. You choose the buildings your group is most interested in touring and the activities in which you want them to participate.

See what the Maine Seacoast has to Offer

The greater York region offers beautiful beaches, shopping, restaurants, fine art, antiques and one of the best museums on early American history in New England. I have enclosed more information on our tour options and encourage you to visit our website at www.oldyork.org or watch our orientation video on youtube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4o2PJXuTn0> to learn more about the museum. If you have any questions, or wish to book a tour, please email or call me at education@oldyork.org (207) 363-4974.

I look forward to seeing you at Old York!

Sincerely,



Zoe B Keefer-Norris
Education Director

Museums of Old York



Museum Overview

The Museums of Old York collects, stewards and presents objects of historical and community significance from York, Maine and surrounding communities. The museum's collections are among the finest of their kind, showcasing an unrivaled spectrum of local architecture (including a National Historic Landmark), an archival library and outstanding furniture, decorative and folk art collections. In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and hands-on education programs along with a contemporary art gallery.

The museum campus features numerous gardens and seven historic properties as well as the Remick Barn, a fully-accessible visitor, education and exhibition center. The museum buildings are incorporated into our community. Each is within a one mile radius. Set aside an entire day if you wish to tour all of the buildings or make plans to join us for any one of our programs and established tours designed to fit your schedule. Free onsite parking is available in the parking area next to Jefferds Tavern on Lindsay Road. Rates published herein are only valid for groups of twelve or more.

Museum Buildings



Remick Barn Visitor Center

The Remick Barn is a **fully handicapped accessible** visitor, education and exhibition center. The upstairs gallery currently hosts an exhibit on the 17th and early 18th century.



Jefferds Tavern: 1754

Jefferds Tavern was a private residence and stage coach stop in the 18th century. During the summer of 2011 a new exhibition will be installed to reflect the Tavern's varied history and importance in the community.



Old Schoolhouse: 1745

This is the only remaining 18th century one-room schoolhouse in York. Experience the history of education in this region through interpretive panels and examine the walls for graffiti of ships carved by former students.



Emerson-Wilcox House: 1742

The Emerson-Wilcox House offers a chronological guided tour through the lives of two prominent families from 1752 through the 1950s. The house offers insight into the economic ups and downs of York.



Old Gaol: 1719

Having served as a prison from 1719 ~ 1860, the Old Gaol has been a museum for the last 110 years. This relatively unchanged building is recognized as a National Historic Landmark.



Ramsdell House: 1747

Originally two rooms around a central chimney, the Ramsdell House is in stark contrast to the large homes of the wealthy. Tours of this house tell the story of a 19th century day laborer and his family.



George Marshall Store: 1869

Having once served as a general store, the George Marshall Store is now a contemporary art gallery with rotating exhibitions that feature some of the region's best professional artists.



John Hancock Warehouse: 1740

Experience York's seafaring past at its only remaining colonial warehouse. This self guided historic commercial building was once owned by the famous American patriot.



Elizabeth Perkins House: 1730

Enjoy one of the finest examples of colonial revival décor in the region while hearing the stories of Elizabeth Perkins' life. After your tour, enjoy the expansive grounds and historic gardens that overlook the York River.

Group Tours and Activities

The following tours and activities, for groups of twelve or more participants, can be combined or stand alone to serve the interests and needs of your group.

History and Highlights

(not available the first half of September)

Learn about the museum's buildings, the history that they represent and view some of the museum's most noteworthy treasures in this overview tour held in the fully-accessible Remick Barn. This is a good introduction for first-time visitors and a nice option for those with limited mobility. It includes a tour of the current exhibition and our orientation video. \$5 per person; approximately one hour.

Historic Buildings

Each of the historic buildings is available for tours lasting from 30 to 45 minutes. Groups can choose to tour all of the buildings or select those that are of the greatest interest. Guided tours through the historic buildings are limited to 12 people per group. Multiple groups may tour a building at the same time. Some buildings are self-guided. \$6 for one building; \$10 for two or more buildings. An additional \$2 discount is available for groups of 20 or more.

Step-On Guide

Old York will provide a *step-on guide* to accompany your group for a one hour tour through York, York Harbor and York Beach. Learn about the historic sites, folklore, local history and architecture of this seacoast community. \$75 per motor coach. Transportation provided by tour group.

Victory Garden and House Tour

Spend an hour and a half at a riverside estate. Begin your visit by strolling through the flower garden, rose arbors, victory garden and orchard overlooking the York River. Next, tour the estate house, which features an eclectic array of collectibles, decorative arts and rare antiques from around the world. Finally, retire to the riverside porch and enjoy a glass of lemonade or tea with your fellow travelers. \$7 per person.

Hearth Cooking

Observe as our costumed interpreter prepares an 18th century dessert. Help mix ingredients as you learn about the various cooking methods and food ways of the colonial era. Enjoy the cookies you helped bake! \$3 per person.

From Fleece to Fashion

Unravel the mystery of colonial textiles. Learn to card and spin wool, try weaving on a loom, and learn about clothing in the 18th century. \$2 per person.

Games of the Past

Try your hands at some old-fashioned games such as Nine Men's Morris, ball and cup, hoops and stick, and for the bravest ones, why not try walking on stilts? This brief introduction to games of the past will feature dolls and other toys from our extensive museum collection. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy this activity! \$2 per person.

Colonial School Lesson

Learn the *three R's* in our 1740s one-room schoolhouse. Try writing with a quill pen, read from the New England Primer, and practice arithmetic on slate chalk boards. When the lesson is over examine the school house walls to find 18th century carved graffiti. \$2 per person.

Voices from the Grave

Join us for a one hour walking tour of one of the oldest burying grounds in town. Hear the stories of the people buried there. Your guide will discuss the different gravestone styles and explain how and why the motifs evolved over time. \$5 per person.

Tricky the Pirate

Listen to the fantastic stories of Tricky the Pirate and the deal he made with the Devil. Learn how his life sparked rumors of witchcraft in York and the hunt for his buried treasure that ensued after his death. Examine his bible which has survived as record of his adventures. \$5 per person.

Unraveling York Myths, Legends and Lore

Witches, ghosts, mixed up statues, secret tunnels - York has more than its share of local lore! Where do these stories originate? How do we tell fact from fiction? Join us to examine several popular stories and decide for yourself which ones are real. \$5 per person.

Harvest Time

(Available second half of Sept-Oct)

Spend an hour with a Colonial mistress preparing apple crisp to bake in Dutch ovens over the open hearth. Help press apples into cider before sitting down to enjoy the fruits of your labor. \$5 per person.

Corn Husking Party

(Available August)

Help a Colonial mistress husk corn and prepare cornbread to be baked over the open fire. While the bread bakes, make a traditional corn husk doll to keep of give as a gift. Enjoy iced tea and the cornbread you helped make. \$5 per person.

Jail Break!

Enjoy a forty-five minute before or after dinner theatrical tour of the Old Gaol by lantern-light with the jailor and his wife. Visit the dungeons and hear the stories of the jailor's interactions with some of the prisoners. \$8 per person, minimum of 20 people or \$160.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the museum open?

The museum is open Monday~Saturday, 9:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from June 4, 2011 until October 8, 2011. The education and exhibition center are open year-round and tours can be scheduled in the off-season. For more information, visit our website at www.oldyork.org.

How do I get to the Museums of Old York?

From Interstate 95, take exit 7. Follow the spur road, taking a right onto Route 1 South. At the next traffic light take a left onto York Street (Route 1A). Follow for approximately 0.7 miles to York Village. Turn right onto Lindsay Road. Jefferds' Tavern, our visitor center and the Remick barn are located on the corner of Lindsay Road and Route 1A. A large parking lot is located on the right, immediately past Jefferds' Tavern and the Old Schoolhouse.

Where can I park?

Free parking is located adjacent to Jefferds' Tavern on Lindsay Road. The parking area accommodates motor coaches and personal vehicles. Two spaces are reserved for handicapped parking. Please do not leave the motor running during the tour.

How do I make reservations?

Contact Education Director Zoe Keefer-Norris education@oldyork.org (207) 363-4974 to book your group tour. Please book tours at least one week in advance. Any changes to the agreed upon itinerary must be made at least one week prior to arrival. The tour group coordinator and bus driver are admitted free of charge.

What are our payment options?

A \$25 payment is required to reserve space for your group. The balance is due on the day of arrival. You may make payment by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. No refunds are available for cancellation with less than one week notice.

How does our group check-in?

All groups check-in at the Remick Barn Visitor Center next to Jefferds Tavern on Lindsay Road.

Are the buildings handicapped accessible?

The Remick Barn, the museum's education and exhibition center, is fully handicapped accessible and provides full visitor amenities. Many of our historic buildings have limited access: wheelchair access to Jefferds Tavern, the Emerson-Wilcox House, the George Marshall Store Gallery, John Hancock Warehouse and the Elizabeth Perkins House is limited to the first floor.