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Girl Guides Program Guide



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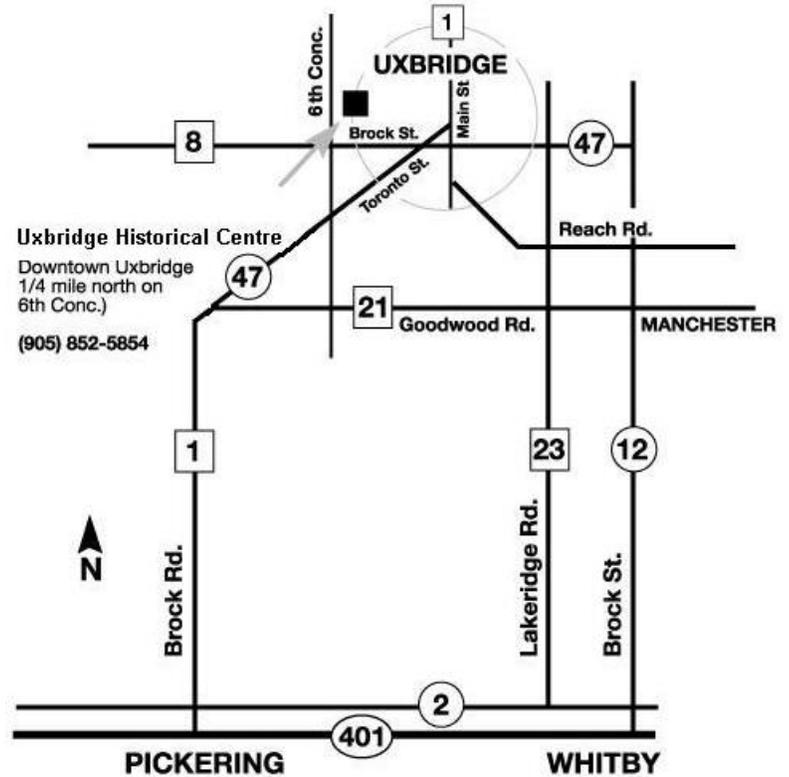
About Us

Location

The Uxbridge Historical Centre (UHC) is located a few minutes west of downtown Uxbridge on Concession Road 6, just north of Brock Street.

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Our Site

The Uxbridge Historical Centre (UHC) collects, preserves, and displays artifacts, documents, and photographs related to the history of the Uxbridge area. The UHC consists of more than 6,000 artifacts and 10 (11 with gazebo) buildings on a 5-acre site. Included are a one-room schoolhouse, church, two period houses, a print shop, a lodge hall, former township hall, an implement shed, carriage shed, barn, and gazebo.

The UHC is ideal for hosting programs, with beautiful, spacious grounds, and a panoramic view of the town of Uxbridge and Oak Ridges Moraine.

We are happy to customize programs to suit your requirements. Please contact us and we will do our best to fulfill your needs. We are available to host programs for Girl Guides from April to November.



Did You Know...?

We also rent our grounds and facilities! Utilize the UHC for your own activities, such as meeting spaces or for special event rentals.

We also offer specialized tours outside of our programs – contact us for details on tours for group bookings.



Our Programs are:

Flexible

Convenient

Engaging

Planning Your Visit

View our programs on Pages 6-8 to see what we offer. Girl Guide programs run for 1 hour for Sparks, 1.5 hours for Brownies and Guides, and 2 hours for Pathfinders. Rangers are invited to use the Historical Centre buildings and grounds for event rentals, workshops, meeting space, running programs, and more. Please have Rangers contact for pricing and more information.

All programs must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance to ensure availability, and can be modified to suit your needs. We request that there is a minimum 1:5 guider to adult ratio for younger groups (Sparks & Brownies).

Additional programs are also available in the summer months for children's camps, groups, clubs, and Home School programs. Every program incorporates hands-on activities and a craft for the students to take home.

Cost

\$6.00 per Girl Guide

Leaders / Parent Volunteers **free when accompanying Unit*

Accessibility

All of our buildings are equipped with accessibility ramps, and the grounds have gravel pathways leading to each building (paved as of Spring 2020). We also have a fully accessible washroom available. Our large driveway, turnaround area, and parking lot allow for buses to let students disembark safely. Buses may also park in the lot during the program.

Dress

Our programs and tours are conducted in all weather conditions – rain or shine. Some of our programs and tours are conducted outside. Guiders are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and wear appropriate footwear for outdoor activities. We will make every attempt to make sure the students are comfortable during their stay at the Centre.

Arrival

Please intend to arrive 10 minutes prior to your program time for Girls to settle in. We can accommodate arrival time based on your needs. Girls are to be dropped off at the Kydd House.



Programs

Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders

Nurturing Nature (1-2 hr.)

In this program, units will visit and engage with fun activities related to the UHC's 2022 exhibition focused on the history and importance of the land, water, and wildlife. Girls will engage in fun and challenging activities to increase their awareness of local nature and wildlife and how they play an important role in the need to protect and preserve that nature for the future. This program is **only** available in the 2022 season (May-November.)



Girls First Program Connections: "Nature Discoveries" badge of the Into the Outdoors program area

Sparks

Finding My Way (1 hr.)

Can your Sparks follow directions and maps? In this program, girls will learn the basics of how to make and follow directions. They will learn to write directions using landmarks, measurements, and other visual cues. They will also use their detective and observational skills to examine a map and fill in the missing pieces. This program serves as a first stepping stone for girls learning directions so they can move towards more advanced Compass & Directions skills.



Girls First Program Connections: "Camping Skills" badge of the Into the Outdoors program area

Brownies

Gardening Skills (1.5 hrs.)

Brownies will visit the museum and complete a hands on introduction to gardening. Girls will learn about the Indigenous and local plants in our Heritage Herb Garden and learn key characteristics for identifying them. Girls will also use gardening tools to plant bulbs and weed gardens on the site. They will also plant seeds to take home and care for.



Girls First Program Connections: "Our Shared Planet" badge of the Into the Outdoors program area

Ontario's Birds (1.5 hrs.)

*(*Oranges used in program, notify for allergy accommodation)*

Can your Brownies Identify the birds they see in nature? This program is designed to bring girls back to nature to learn about birds in Ontario. Brownies will observe birds and complete a bird watching scavenger hunt across the museum grounds. Brownies will also make a natural bird feeder to take home and feed their local birds.



Girls First Program: "Nature and Discoveries" badge of the Into the Outdoors program area

Compass & Directions Skills (1.5 hrs.)

Learning how to find your way is both an essential Guiding skill and great fun. In this program, Brownies will participate in wayfinding, direction games, and discussion on how to use a compass. Girls will use these new skills to examine a map of the museum grounds and solve exciting clues using a compass-based wayfinding activity.



Girls First Program: "How To" badge of the Build Skills program area AND the "Nature and Discoveries" badge of the Into the Outdoors program area

Guides

Farming in Canada (1.5 hrs.)

(*Latex is used in program, notify for allergy accommodation)

Farming is an integral part of Canadian History and especially Uxbridge History. In this program, Guides will learn about farming through a tour of our collection of farm equipment artifacts. Emphasis will be placed on different types of farming and the importance of women in agricultural careers. Girls will also participate in a farm animal herding game, and plant a vegetable seed to take home and plant.



Girls First Program: "Canadian Connections" badge of the Connect & Question program area

Women's Fashion History (1.5 hrs.)

Fashion has evolved greatly for women over the past 200 years. In this program, Guides will learn about fashion history through examining pieces of women's clothing from our Textile Collection, dating from the 1880's-1950's. Girls will identify key fashion trends and invent their own new trend that they'd like to see in the future. They will then use outfits from our costume collection finish off the program with a fashion show.



Girls First Program: "Art Studio" badge of the Experiment & Create program area AND "Local Communities" badge of the Connect & Question program area

Weaving & Quilting (1.5 hrs.)

Guides are invited to learn about two essential historical home skills – weaving and quilting. Girls will be taken on a tour of the loom room and other sewing artifacts in the Carmody House to learn about the history of these crafts. Guides will make woven bookmarks on their own mini-loom and their own quilted squares, inspired from artifacts in our Heritage Quilt collection.



Girls First Program: "Art Studio" badge of the Experiment & Create program area AND "Local Communities" badge of the Connect & Question program area

Pathfinders

Behind the Museum (2 hrs.)

Pathfinders are invited to learn about the behind-the-scenes function of how museums work. In this program, they will learn about what goes into an exhibition, careers at museums, and how to store artifacts. Girls will then apply their knowledge and develop their artifact handling skills, learning to describe and condition report an artifact. To conclude, Pathfinders will apply these skills to develop their own exhibition.



Girls First Program: "Local Communities" theme of the Connect & Question program area AND "Life Stuff" badge of the Build Skills program area

Rangers

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