

Suggested Self-Guided Tour Routes

Maximize your time in the Village by following one of these themed routes with your students. The numbers next to the location indicate where to find each place on your map. Make sure to ask lots of questions, and have fun!



Animals and Agriculture

After crossing the bridge into the Village, turn left towards the Countryside. This route will take you on a loop through the Countryside and into the Center Village.

Suggested Stops

1. Sawmill (41)
2. Gristmill (40)
3. Carding Mill (39)
4. Freeman Farm (34)
5. Piggery (33)
6. Town Pound (8)
7. Goods from the Woods (45)
8. Feno House and Barn (22)
9. Fitch House and Barn (20)
10. Towne House and Barn (15)

- Weather and season depending, any of the Village's gardens and the cider mill also fit with this theme
- Craftspeople like the blacksmith and potter were also farmers. Stop by these craft shops as well and ask about the farmer's year!
 - What kinds of animals do you see in the Village?
 - What did people grow on their farms?
 - What different chores did men, women, and children have on the farm?

Food and Cooking

After crossing the bridge into the Village, turn right towards the Center Village. This route will take you on a loop through the Center Village and into the countryside.

Suggested Stops

1. Tin Shop (14)
2. Towne House and Barn (15)
3. Fitch House and Barn (20)
4. Small House (4)
5. Asa Knight Store (10)
6. Richardson House (12)
7. Pottery Shop (32)
8. Freeman Farm (34)
9. Blacksmith Shop (37)

- Weather and season depending, and of the Village's gardens
- Please consult your map guide to see where and when the cooking demonstrations are taking place.
- What kinds of food are people making in Village kitchens?
- How did people preserve food in the 1830s, and how is that different from how we preserve food today?
- Where were the different kitchen tools and implements made in the Village?
- Where did people get their ingredients for cooking?
- Compare and contrast the different kitchens you see throughout the Museum.

Crafts and Trades

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1. Tin Shop (14)
2. Printing Office (17)
3. Fenno House (20)
4. Cabinetmaking Shop (7)
5. Shoe Shop (9)
6. Pottery Shop and Kiln (32)
7. Cooper Shop (35)

8. Blacksmith Shop (37)
9. Bixby House (36)
 - What are some of the crafts and trades you see people practicing in the Village?
 - How did people learn a trade in the 1830s?
 - Did men and women practice the same trades?
 - How did people sell their goods? Did people buy them with money?

Village Houses

After crossing the bridge into the Village, turn left towards the Countryside. This route will take you on a loop through the Countryside and into the Center Village.

Suggested stops:

1. Bixby House (36)
2. Freeman Farm (34)
3. Small House (4)
4. Fenno House (22)
5. Fitch House (20)
6. Towne House (15)
7. Richardson House (12)

- What are the differences between the houses you visit? How do you think peoples' jobs or how much money they had affected what their houses looked like?
- How do you think life was different in the Center Village versus in the Countryside?
- How did people decorate their houses in the 1830s? How do you decorate your house today?
- What kinds of houses do you see in the Village, and how does that compare to your neighborhood today?

Civic Life

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Suggested Stops:

1. Bullard Tavern (3)
2. Thompson Bank (19)
3. *Armed and Equipped* Militia Exhibit (25)
4. Friends Meetinghouse (5)
5. Center Meetinghouse (6)
6. Asa Knight Store (10)

7. Law Office (11)
8. District School (31)
 - What was community life like in the 1830s?
 - Where did people gather together, and why?
 - How did people help other members of their community?
 - What buildings make up the Village, and do you have the same buildings in your town?

Occupations

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16. Sawmill (41)

- What types of jobs did people have in the 1830s?
- How did they learn how to do those jobs?
- Could men and women do the same jobs? What about People of Color?
- What job would you like to have had if you lived in the 1830s?