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Old Gippstown School Excursion Information 2025

Old Gippstown is a heritage park with over 30 historic buildings spread across 8 acres of lawns and gardens. It sparks the imagination and engages visitors of all ages.

We have a range of interactive and educational activities for you to select from that students of all ages love. Below you will find a brief overview of each activity.

When you book, you are asked to select four (depending on group size) activities for your excursion and based on that we will schedule a roster of rotations so smaller groups (approx. 20-25, usually a class group) can get the most out of each activity. This will be emailed out to you prior to your excursion, and you will receive a copy for each group on the day.

You will also receive a certificate and student workbook which can be completed back at school or during one of the rotations as an activity, for each student.

Cost per student is \$14, (additional \$2 for fire truck rides)

Teacher/Assistant (Ratio 1 to 10) free of charge.

School

A short, interactive lesson will be led by an Old Gippstown volunteer 'Teacher' in the Sunny creek school. This building holds our historic educational collection. The students will sit at authentic wooden school desks and can see several collection items such as ink wells and writing slates as they learn what school was like in the 1800s.

General Store

The Narracan General store is home to one of our most extensive collections. For this activity, an Old Gippstown volunteer shop keeper will take you through some of the many interesting items we have on display and teach the children how the item was used giving them a glimpse into life in the early days of our region.

Blacksmith

(subject to availability) Minimum group requirement for this event is 20.

The forge will be fired up and the Old Gippstown Blacksmith will be hammering away as he gives a live demonstration. A brief history of the blacksmith trade will be given, and students can ask questions as they watch the Blacksmith work.

Old fashioned games

A selection of old-fashioned games such as horseshoe toss, quoits, skittles and hooky will be set up in the Woolshed for the children to enjoy.

Old Time Movies

We have a selection of Mickey Mouse cartoons from the 1920s that we play on rotation in the movie theatre. They are always a hit!

Tour of Main Street

Stroll down main street for a guided tour of a selection of our most fascinating buildings and their collections.

Out Kitchen

The Out kitchen is a building separate from the main house where most of the house chores were done, here the students will learn about home life in the 1800s.

Butter Churning

This activity is done as a whole group in two parts, it will be the first activity and a pre-lunch activity. Students will see an old butter churn in action and have a chance to help churn the cream into butter, then before lunch they can see the final stages and taste the freshly churned butter on a fresh piece of bread.

Fire Truck

Rides on the fire truck can be booked for an additional \$2 per student.

This is a vintage fire truck which is well maintained and driven by one of our volunteers.

You will be taken for a leisurely drive around Old Gipps town streets while our volunteer regularly rings the fire truck bell.

The ride is limited to 10 students per ride and an adult must be present.

Additional information:

We have resident families of ducks in the park. Please respect them and do not allow children to chase or disturb them.

Please place rubbish in the appropriate rubbish or recycle bin.

Some of our ponds and waterways are deep. Please monitor students around these areas.

Please contact the office if any unforeseen issue arises. The office can be contacted on 51 27 3082 or come in and see us directly. Please also contact us if we can help with anything while you are here visiting.

Feedback is welcome. You will be forwarded a link to our feedback form following your visit and we would appreciate your time in completing this.

We hope you and your students enjoy your time at Old Gipps town.