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### Free Museum Events

The Toronto History Museums host a variety of free events throughout the year.

Discover FREE events at toronto.ca/museum-events.



### **EXPLORE**

This curated 2019 winter/spring guide lists new tours, talks, exhibitions, foodie events and performances for locals and tourists alike as well as fan favourites, all at Toronto History Museums. Be sure to get your tickets online and ahead of time!

### Who we are and what we do

We are a collective of 10 museums owned and operated by the City of Toronto. On behalf of residents and visitors, we bring Toronto's history to life.



#### **COLBORNE LODGE**

19th-Century Innovation & Creativity in High Park



#### FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings



#### **GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM**

19th-Century Rural Life in North York



#### **MACKENZIE HOUSE**

Urban Victorian Rowhouse in Downtown Toronto



#### THE MARKET GALLERY

Treasures of Toronto's History in St. Lawrence Market



#### MONTGOMERY'S INN

Historic Tavern & Community Hub in Etobicoke



#### **SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM**

Local History & Community Fun in Scarborough



#### **SPADINA MUSEUM**

1920s & '30s Family Estate in Midtown Toronto



#### **TODMORDEN MILLS**

History, Nature, Art & Theatre in the Don Valley



### **ZION SCHOOLHOUSE**

Immersive Edwardian Classroom in North York

### 10 ESSENTIAL **EXPERIENCES** AT TORONTO HISTORY MUSEUMS THIS WINTER Swig beer in an **1840s barroom** with a craft beer expert. Page 5 Drink wine, paint and explore the "kiss" through art. Page 7 Dance the night away during a Pride and Prejudice Ball. Page 7 Explore intimate details and bedroom habits of the Victorians. Page 9





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### STAY UP TO DATE

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Enjoy a cold pint in a legendary 1840s barroom as craft beer expert Ren Navarro discusses diversity in Canada's beer industry. 19+. *Beer. Diversity.* Montgomery's Inn. Friday, February 22. 7 pm to 10 pm.



Calling all foodies! Join tastings, workshops and demos that explore how people thrived during Canada's bitter winters. In partnership with the Ontario Black History Society. *Hungry for Comfort: A Celebration of Food History*. Fort York. Saturday, February 23. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.



Sip your way into learning about stout with certified beer judge Wayne Reeves as you sample curated treats from St. Lawrence Market. In partnership with The Market Kitchen. *All About Stout*. The Market Gallery. Saturday, March 16. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.



Stroll the market and shop organic fruit and vegetables from local farmers and pick up delicious prepared items from food artisans. *Weekly Farmers' Market*. Montgomery's Inn. Wednesdays from 2 pm to 6 pm.



Warm up in an 1840s barroom with a bowl of hearth-cooked stew and glass of wine or beer as you enjoy live, traditional music. *Thirsty Thursdays*. Montgomery's Inn. Last Thursday of the month. 7 pm to 10 pm.









Unleash your inner Lizzy or Darcy. The afternoon workshop prepares you to dance the night away. *Midwinter Pride and Prejudice Ball*. Montgomery's Inn. Saturday, February 16. 3 pm to 10:30 pm.



Go on Cupid's scavenger hunt, then fuel up for more fun with fresh bread baked from the cast-iron wood stove. *February Weekends*. Scarborough Museum. Every Saturday and Sunday. 12 pm to 4 pm.

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### Valentine's Day

Gibson House Museum | Sweetheart Tea

Saturday, February 9 | 12 pm to 2 pm and 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Spadina Museum | Valentine Concert

Sunday, February 10 | 12 pm to 2 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm Tours at 11 am and 4 pm

Todmorden Mills | Family Workshop: Valentine Cards Sunday, February 10 | 1 pm to 3 pm

Scarborough Museum | Sweetheart Baking Workshop Wednesday, February 13 | 6 pm to 8 pm





Forget flowers and chocolates! This Valentine's Day, discover the provocative details and bedroom habits of the Victorians.

18+. Victorian Secrets. Mackenzie House. Thursdays,
February 14 and 28. 7 pm to 9 pm.



Explore the Victorian's obsession with death, from their fetish for post-mortem photos, to Dracula and Frankenstein to their fear of being buried alive. *Victorian Gothic: The Roots of the Macabre*. Mackenzie House. Thursdays, March 7 and May 16. 7 pm to 9 pm.



Absorb Toronto's 19th-century vibes during a walking tour that introduces you to the Irish immigrants, rebels and rioters who helped create this great city. From Riots to Respectability:

The Irish Experience in Toronto in the 1800s. Mackenzie House. Sunday, March 17. 10 am to 12 pm.



In this dramatic exhibition, meet the rebellious spirits of the 1837 conflict through images, stories and intimate Rebellion artifacts—Prisoner's Boxes carved by jailed rebels awaiting their fates. *The Road to Rebellion*. Mackenzie House. Tuesday, April 30 to Tuesday, December 31.

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Come dabble in divinations using a Ouija board, Tarot cards and palm readings. 18+. *Curious Clairvoyance: Seeing the Future...From the Past.* Spadina Museum. Friday, March 1. 7 pm to 10 pm.



Back by popular demand: An historically inspired spin on the escape game format. Solve the riddles Mackenzie left for the Patriots to discover the secret rendezvous before the Loyalist Militia comes for you! *Victorian Escape Game: Rebel Rendezvous*. Mackenzie House. Thursdays, February 21 and April 25. 7 pm to 9 pm.



Outlander fans and Heughligans! Using 19th-century fashion, herbalism and hygiene, explore how the world of Jamie and Claire Fraser compares with the struggles and triumphs of a real Scottish rebel, William Lyon Mackenzie. Outlander Meets Mackenzie. Mackenzie House. Thursdays, March 14 and April 11.7 pm to 9 pm.



Revisit Nifty Fifties fashion with Jonathan Walford, curator of the Fashion History Museum in Cambridge, ON. After his illustrated talk, mix and mingle over 1950s music, mocktails and appetizers—1950s attire encouraged! *From Paris to Poodle Skirts: Fashions of the 1950s.* Todmorden Mills. Sunday, March 31. 4 pm to 6 pm.

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Monday, February 18

### Fort York Historic Buildings | 10 am to 5 pm Visitor Centre | 10 am to 9 pm

There are no shortage of activities to celebrate Family Day. Come and have your face painted, dress up in period costume and experience unique interactive pop-up exhibitions, performances and crafts. Sip hot chocolate and devour roasted marshmallows in a magical authentic historical environment. Make sure to bring your skates The Bentway at Fort York public skating trail is open until 9 pm!

### Scarborough Museum | 12 pm to 4pm

Toronto's East End gets animated this Family Day! Pose for selfies with historic props, play family board games, build a snowman and join an ice cube scavenger hunt. Warm up by the bonfire while you roast marshmallows and sample hot chocolate, potato soup and fresh bread.

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### Friday, February 15

Register for **P.A. Day** camps at **efun.toronto.ca** and search for barcode. To register, you'll need an account. To set yours up (if you don't already have one), call 416-338-4386.



Campers aged 7 to 10, enjoy a full day of crafts, games, cooking and park exploration. Search for barcode #3138639. **P.A. Day Museum Camp.** Colborne Lodge. 9 am to 4:30 pm.



Campers aged 7 to 11, bake and taste historic treats and make a craft to take home. Search for barcode #3136949. Before- and after-care available for registration. *Curious Crafters P.A. Day Camp.* Gibson House Museum. February 15. 9 am to 4 pm.



Campers aged 6 to 11, stay busy baking over the hearth, making crafts, playing games and exploring the park. Search for barcode #3134356. *Super Fun P.A. Day Camp.* Scarborough Museum. February 15. 9 am to 4 pm.



Drop in and participate in a fun family craft and take a guided tour of our historic homes. *P.A. Day Family Fun.* Todmorden Mills. February 15. 12 pm to 4 pm.



### **March Break Camps**

MONDAY, MARCH 11 TO FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Colborne Lodge | March Break Discovery Camp Ages 7 to 10 | 9 am to 4:30 pm | Barcode: #3134069

Gibson House Museum | March Break Day Camp

Ages 7 to 11 | 9 am to 4 pm | Barcodes: #3136962 (Mon); #3136963 (Tues); #3136967 (Wed); #3136965 (Thurs); #3136966 (Fri)

Montgomery's Inn | Junior Chef Camp Ages 7 to 11 | 9 am to 4 pm | Barcode: #3178666

Scarborough Museum | March Break Pioneer Adventure Camp Ages 6 to 11 | 9 am to 4 pm | Barcode: #3124395

**Spadina Museum | March Break Arts Adventure Camp** Ages 7 to 10 | 9 am to 4 pm | Barcode: #3134476

Register for March Break camps at efun.toronto.ca and search for barcode.

### Saturday, March 9 to Sunday, March 17

### Staying in the City this March Break?

Toronto History Museums have you covered with 11 days of fun-filled activities.

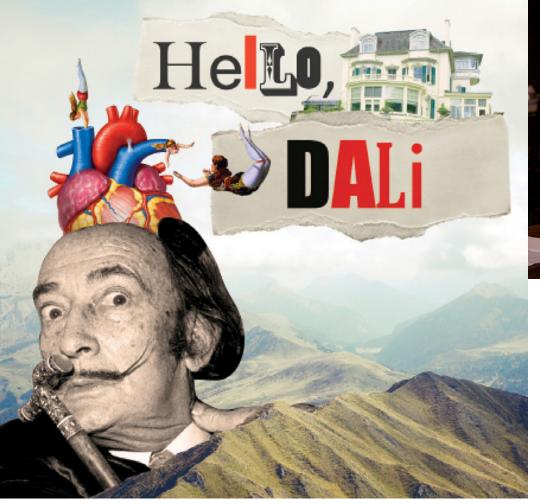
Enjoy hands-on workshops, lively music, historical costume dress up and sample freshly made tasty treats from our historic kitchens.

Bring the whole family and make lasting memories as the sites bring history to life.

Visit toronto.ca/museum-events for details and hours of operation.



Team up with Vibe Arts, the innovative community arts organization, whose members use Latin percussion, spoken word, clay sculpture and Bollywood dance to reexamine and reconstruct the traditional subjects of the 1910 schoolhouse. Funded by the Toronto Arts Council. Return and Relearn: Animating Historic Sites. Zion Schoolhouse. March 12 to March 14.





Go behind the ropes of a 1920s mansion during this social-media-friendly tour. Lounge on antique furniture, pose for shots at the billiard table and model fun accessories to take your look to the next level. *Selfie Tour*. Spadina Museum. Thursday, May 30. 7 pm to 10 pm.

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toronto.ca/museum-events





Mix literature, history and food as acclaimed author Maureen Jennings discusses *Heat Wave*, her upcoming book set in Toronto in the 1930s. *Beyond Murdoch: A Tea & Talk with Maureen Jennings*. Gibson House Museum. Sunday, March 3. 2 pm to 4 pm.



Don't miss this illustrated talk about women in art and the pioneering 130-year-old Women's Art Association of Canada. Includes afternoon tea in The Market Kitchen. *Women Artists Talk & Tea*. The Market Gallery. Saturday, March 9. 2 pm to 3:30 pm.



Enjoy art- and history-themed activities with your children followed by tea in The Market Kitchen. 8+. *Kids' Afternoon Tea*. The Market Gallery. Tuesday, March 12. 2 pm to 3:30 pm.



Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with afternoon tea and a guided tour of the museum. All ages. *St. Patrick's Day Tea and Tour.* Montgomery's Inn. Sunday, March 17. 1 pm to 4 pm.



Literature, food and history combine as Ann Birch, the award-winning Toronto-based author discusses *Settlement*, her 2010 book set in Ontario in the 1830s. *Beyond Winter Studies: A Tea & Talk with Ann Birch*. Gibson House Museum. Sunday, March 31. 2 pm to 4 pm.

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Join culinary historian Fiona Lucas as she discusses her 2017 version of Catharine Parr Traill's Female Emigrant's Guide, originally published in 1855. Beyond Catharine Parr Traill: A Tea & Talk with Fiona Lucas. Gibson House Museum. Sunday, April 28. 2 pm to 4 pm.



Celebrate Victoria Day weekend with an afternoon tea fit for a queen. *Victoria Day Tea and Tour*. Montgomery's Inn. Sunday, May 19. 1 pm to 4 pm.



Savour a spot of tea and a taste of history. Unlimited tea service includes freshly baked goods with a seasonal treat. *Tea Time at the Inn.* Montgomery's Inn. Sundays, 1 pm to 4 pm.



Enjoy a tour of the 1850s farmhouse and relax over tea and homemade cookies. *Tea and Tour Weekends*. Gibson House Museum. Every Saturday and Sunday from January 20 to August 25. 1 pm to 4 pm.

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toronto.ca/museum-events



Learn more about the rich legacy of Black Victorians in Toronto who were independent newspaper publishers. Print a souvenir copy of Mary Ann Shadd Cary's newspaper, *The Provincial Freeman* in the recreated 1850s print shop. *Black History Month*. Mackenzie House. Weekends in February. 12 pm to 5 pm.



Enjoy a guided walk in the nature preserve and seek out early signs of spring—from red-winged blackbirds to skunk cabbage. Refreshments provided. *Outdoor Guided Walk: Harbingers of Spring.* Todmorden Mills. Sunday, April 7. 1 pm to 2 pm.



Experience Toronto's history by bike, visiting the sites of the 17th-century Seneca Village, the Magasin Royal as well as Fort Rouillé, the last French fort. *The French and British Forts of Toronto: A Bicycle Tour.* Fort York. Saturday, May 4. 11 am to 1 pm.



Explore your city and connect with its many neighbourhoods and residents during citizen-led walking tours inspired by the late urban activist Jane Jacobs. *Jane's Walk*. Gibson House Museum, Mackenzie House, Montgomery's Inn, Scarborough Museum, Todmorden Mills. Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5. Times vary.

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Celebrate all things Scottish! Sample traditional treats, enjoy Scottish dance demonstrations and take a turn at the Gibson Highland Games. *National Tartan Day*. Gibson House Museum. Saturday, April 6. 1 pm to 5 pm.



Honour the 206th anniversary of the Battle of York, which was fought on April 27, 1813. Experience musket firing demonstrations, Georgian cooking and site tours. *Battle of York Weekend*. Fort York. Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. 10 am to 5 pm.



Meet the artists and bring your comics plus a blanket to sit on (or your cape!) and join a fun-filled afternoon that celebrates the colourful magazines. All ages welcome. *Free Comic Book Day.* Scarborough Museum. Saturday, May 4. 12 pm to 5 pm.



Soak up the urban landscape, which is a gem at Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings, and also make time to join soldiers' drills, absorb history and enjoy historic cooking. *Victoria Day Monday*. Fort York. Monday, May 20. 10 am to 5 pm.

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Each year, Doors Open Toronto provides an opportunity to see inside more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city. Sponsored by Great Gulf. Doors Open Toronto. Colborne Lodge, Fort York, Gibson House Museum, Mackenzie House, The Market Gallery, Montgomery's Inn, Scarborough Museum, Spadina Museum, Todmorden Mills, Zion Schoolhouse. Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. 10 am to 5 pm.



Craft a charming historic-inspired quilt or an eye-popping contemporary patchwork project when you join the community quilt group. *Museum Thursday Nights*. Gibson House Museum. Thursdays, 5 pm to 8 pm.



In celebration of maple syrup season, snack on freshly baked maple butter tarts and maple lemonade! Kids craft four-leaf clover or horseshoe bookmarks for extra luck. *March Weekends*. Scarborough Museum. Every Saturday and Sunday. 12 pm to 4 pm.



From flower-themed crafts to a special spring scavenger hunt that leads to a treasure, April is a busy month! Sample traditional chocolate cream puffs with delicious, spiced chocolate tea. *April Weekends*. Scarborough Museum. Every Saturday and Sunday. 12 pm to 5 pm.







past 160 years through the works of Canadian painters such as Marion Long, Paraskeva Clark and Doris McCarthy. *Toronto Through the Eyes of Women Artists*. The Market Gallery. Until, Saturday, April 27.



This exhibition from the Archives of Ontario, touches on the lives of enslaved Africans in Ontario and focuses on their actions to resist servitude. *Enslaved Africans in Upper Canada*. Mackenzie House. Sunday, January 27 to Sunday, April 28.



The Papermill Gallery at Todmorden Mills is committed to displaying art created by community and emerging artists. It features ongoing art exhibitions throughout the year.

- Beach Photo Club. Wednesday, February 27 to Sunday, March 10.
- Bulgarian Arts Festival. Wednesday, March 27 to Sunday, April 7.
- Don Valley Art Club Spring Art Show & Sale. Wednesday, May 8 to Sunday, May 19.
- Canadian Association of Professional Image Creators.
   Wednesday, May 22 to Sunday, June 2.

### **Easter**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 TO SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Colborne Lodge | Easter Egg Centrepiece Workshops for Adults Thursday, April 11 | 7 pm to 9:30 pm

Todmorden Mills | Family Workshops: Easter Eggs Saturday, April 13, Sunday, April 14 and Saturday, April 20 9:30 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Colborne Lodge | Easter Egg Centrepiece Workshops for Youth and Families Sunday, April 14 | 10 am to 12:30 pm

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### Mother's Day

**MAY WEEKENDS** 

The Market Gallery | Mother's Day Tea and Talk Saturday, May 11 | 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Spadina Museum | Mother's Day Concert
Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 | 12 pm to 2 pm
Tours at 11 am, 2 pm and 4 pm

Todmorden Mills | Outdoor Guided Walk: Mother's Day Wildflowers Sunday, May 12 | 1 pm to 2 pm

> **Gibson House Museum | Mother's Day Tea** Sunday, May 12 | 12 pm and 2 pm

Montgomery's Inn | Mother's Day Tea and Tour Sunday, May 12 | 1 pm to 4 pm

Scarborough Museum | May Weekends Every Saturday and Sunday | 12 pm to 5 pm



Join us for classical music in partnership with Neapolitan Connection. Refreshments and museum tours are included. *Neapolitan Connection Concert Series*. Montgomery's Inn. Saturdays, February 23 and March 30. 2 pm to 4 pm.



It's a feast for the senses during this St. Paddy's Day celebration! Dig into Irish stew, fresh baked bread and hear live traditional music featuring Gin Lane. *St. Patrick's Céilidh*. Montgomery's Inn. Saturday, March 16. 7 pm to 10 pm.



Sing, laugh, and make music during a monthly ukulele gathering—with Doctor of Music instructor Chris Wilson. Bring your own ukulele. Spares available but they go fast! *Fret Not Ukulele Night*. Montgomery's Inn. First Thursday of the month. 6 pm to 9 pm.

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Make a variety of sweet treats on the 1860s wood stove and print an historic recipe on the 1850s press. *Historic Baking Workshop*. Mackenzie House. Saturday, April 27. 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.



Create a midday meal for folks living on a busy farm during a hands-on workshop led by an experienced historic cook. *Ploughman's Lunch: Hearth Cooking Workshop.* Gibson House Museum. Saturday, May 4. 10 am to 12 pm.

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Try a delicious meal inspired by the staff's favourite recipes during a hands-on workshop led by an experienced historic cook. 12+. *By Popular Demand: Hearth Cooking Workshop.* Gibson House Museum. Saturday, February 2. 10 am to 12 pm.



Recreate tasty recipes dating from the 1830s to the 1860s and enjoy expert demonstrations in the historic kitchen. *Victorian Cooking Workshop*. Montgomery's Inn. Saturday, February 9. 10 am to 1 pm.



Prepare a meal featuring roast beef and apple pie, two of David Gibson's favourites. This hands-on workshop is led by an experienced historic cook. 12+. *David Gibson's Favourites: Hearth Cooking Workshop.* Gibson House Museum. Saturday, March 2. 10 am to 12 pm.



Prepare recipes using all parts of the hearth from griddle to bake oven. Working with an experienced historic cook, learn new techniques and sample your creations. 12+. *Hearth Cooking Workshop Series*. Gibson House Museum. Wednesdays, March 20, 27, April 3 and 10. 7 pm to 9 pm.

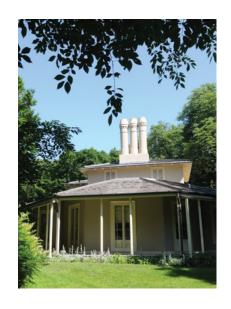


Create food fare that reflects the Gibson family's Scottish heritage using recipes from an 1830s Edinburgh cookbook. This hands-on workshop is led by an experienced historic cook. 12+. *Scottish Cookery: Hearth Cooking Workshop.* Gibson House Museum. Saturday, April 13. 10 am to 12 pm.





### TORONTO **HISTORY MUSEUMS**



### Colborne Lodge

Home of architect and inventor John Howard, who helped shape the look of Toronto. Situated at the south end of beautiful High Park.

**♀** 11 Colborne Lodge Dr.

416-392-6916

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### Gibson House Museum

This Victorian farmhouse was home to the Gibson family, Scottish immigrants who helped establish North York.

**9** 5172 Yonge St.

416-395-7432

➤ toronto.ca/gibsonhouse









### Fort York National **Historic Site**

Home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings in the heart of downtown and where Toronto was founded as an urban place.

250 Fort York Blvd.

416-392-6907

➤ toronto.ca/fortyork











### Mackenzie House

Home to Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, this middle-class rowhouse offers a rare peek into urban Victorian life in Toronto.

**Q** 82 Bond St.

416-392-6915

> toronto.ca/mackenziehouse







### TORONTO **HISTORY MUSEUMS**



### The Market Gallery

Located in South St. Lawrence Market, the gallery was Toronto's original 19th-century City Hall council chamber. Now the gallery presents exhibits related to Toronto's art, culture and history, and houses the City of Toronto's fine art collection.

- St. Lawrence Market, 2nd Floor 95 Front St. E.
- 1 416-392-7604
- ➤ toronto.ca/marketgallery





### Scarborough Museum

Set in beautiful Thomson Memorial Park, Scarborough Museum's two 19thcentury houses trace early rural life in Scarborough. The museum is also a hub for contemporary community events.

- 1007 Brimley Rd.
- 416-338-8807
- ➤ toronto.ca/scarboroughmuseum





### Montgomery's Inn

Built in the 1830s, the Inn was a hotel, tavern and family home. Today, visitors can explore the 1847 tavern, enjoy the weekly farmers' market and participate in a range of food, art and cultural activities.

- **9** 4709 Dundas St. W.
- 416-394-8113
- ➤ toronto.ca/montgomerysinn









### Spadina Museum

A sumptuous mansion restored to its 1920s/1930s appearance, Spadina was home to a family immersed in Toronto's business and culture. Visitors can learn about this transformative period in Toronto's history while exploring the extensive house and gardens.

- 285 Spadina Rd.
- 416-392-6910
- ➤ toronto.ca/spadina

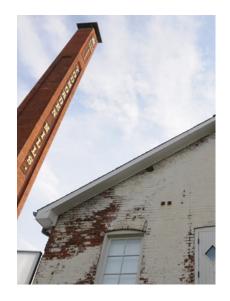








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### Todmorden Mills

Nestled in the Don Valley, this former industrial community features workers' homes from the 1890s and 1940s, the renovated Papermill Theatre and Gallery, and a wildflower preserve.

• 67 Pottery Rd.

1 416-396-2819

➤ toronto.ca/todmordenmills









### **Zion Schoolhouse**

This immersive Edwardian one-room schoolhouse provides a window into the lives of students and teachers in the rural community of L'Amaroux circa 1869–1955. Please note that this site is open for prebooked programs and special events only. Call for details.

7 1091 Finch Ave. E.

416-395-7435

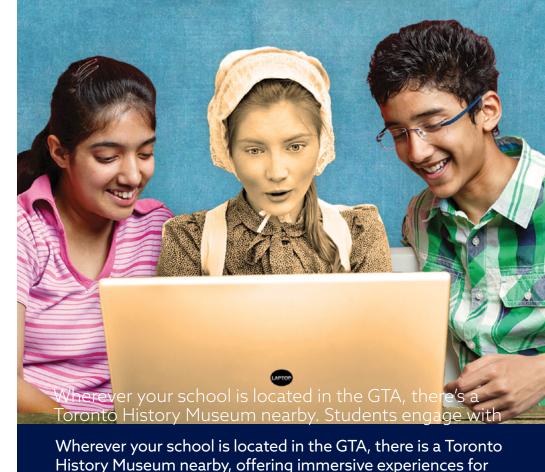
➤ toronto.ca/zionschoolhouse







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For more information, please visit toronto.ca/museumrentals.