

## A VISIT TO THE TOLLKEEPER'S COTTAGE

## **GROUP VISITS: \$5 PER PERSON**

The cottage sits at its original intersection where tolls were collected from about the 1830's to the turn of the century. After having been used as a modern dwelling, it has been carefully restored to illustrate the life of the tollkeepers in the 1860's. Wherever possible, the artifacts are all from that period or earlier.

## TEA AND COOKIES

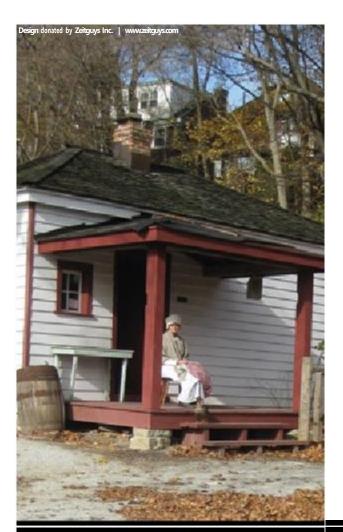
By prior arrangement, tea and coffee, and a snack, can be provided for a small additional fee. The toll-keepers, mostly Irishmen, really enjoyed their tea. Real coffee was a luxury beyond their means. Workshops on knitting, rug braiding, and other heritage skills are also available.



The building is of a rare vertical plank construction, of which only half a dozen are known in Ontario. There is a modern addition attached to the cottage, with such niceties as heating and a washroom. The entire cottage is handicapped accessible. There is a reserved parking place for visitors' buses.

The Cottage grounds have been planted with native plants and species the pioneers would have brought with them. Tansy and rudbeckia were grown from seed by a grade 3 class, that came and planted them. We have had generous assistance from local gardening group Grassroots Albany, and from Clean and Beautiful City grants from the City of Toronto.





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