

About Us

Once known as Cataraqi, the area of present day Kingston, Ontario was occupied sporadically by aboriginal people as early as AD 900. Lands abundant in animal and plant life were appealing for hunting, fishing and gathering items necessary for survival. French settlement, starting in 1673 with the construction of Fort Frontenac, encouraged the fur trade and longer term permanent occupation of the area. Cataraqi became home to Loyalist settlers in 1783. It was also the military and naval base for the British on the Great Lakes, continuing an already long military presence.

The Cataraqi Archaeological Research Foundation was founded in 1983 to undertake the task of investigating the rich archaeological resources of the region. As a non-profit organization dedicated to the recognition, investigation and preservation of archaeological resources in Kingston and throughout the province of Ontario, the primary focus is on research and education.

The Foundation operates out of the Kingston Archaeological Centre. Our web site at www.carf.info provides more detailed information on who we are, what we do and what the Centre has to offer.



The Cataraqi Archaeological Research Foundation and Kingston Archaeological Centre are supported in many ways. As a non-profit organization, the Foundation relies on memberships, grants, program fees, donations and fundraising efforts for its operating budget. Program participants become part of a unique learning experience. The "Can You Dig It?" series is an innovative program of archaeological research and education unparalleled in the province.

Join us for an experience of your own.

WHAT, WHERE, WHEN

INTRODUCTION

We offer a range of skill-based programs with a focus on archaeology and the rich history and heritage of Kingston. All our programs are developed to meet the requirements of the Ontario Curriculum in a variety of subjects. This brochure provides an overview of our current programs.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Program lengths vary and are available both morning and afternoon. Our start times are flexible to adapt to your school hours. Please see program descriptions to review your options.

ALTERNATE PROGRAMS

The Centre also conducts programs in conjunction with other institutions and organizations, including Queen's University Enrichment Studies and the Kingston Association of Museums, Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM).

FEES

\$4.00 per student for all regular half-day programs here at our Centre or, \$5.00 per student at alternate location. There is a minimum fee of \$45 per class. \$6.50 per student for all our regular full day programs, or \$7.50 per student at another location. Tour & short program (2 hrs) is \$3.00 per person. Alterations to the regular programs may result in a fee change. There is a one time \$25.00 administration & processing fee (includes CARF membership). Two adults may attend free for every 10 children participating.

BOOKING

Programs can be booked by calling the Centre anytime at 613-542-3483 or by emailing to carf@carf.info. Please leave a detailed message with your name, phone number, class size, desired program and proposed date(s). We will confirm all bookings by phone and in writing. The registration form must be submitted prior to your visit.

CANCELLATIONS

Please notify us of any cancellations 2 days prior to your scheduled visit as this allows us to book other classes from our waiting list. There is a \$15 cancellation fee for any cancellations with fewer than five days notice. All programs run rain or shine. Outdoor programs will be moved inside for inclement weather.

Links to the Curriculum

All our programs are developed to fulfill the curriculum requirements of the Ontario Curriculum for grades 1-12 in Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Geography, History and Visual Art. We strive to use archaeology as a vehicle for meeting curriculum specific objectives and to further enhance knowledge of archaeological practices and techniques as well as the history of Kingston and the region. All program topics are modified and adapted to each grade level.



Program Descriptions

Interpretive Centre

The interpretive centre is open 9-4:30, Monday to Friday for self guided tours. Please call ahead for groups larger than five people. Walk-ins are welcome.



Our core program is our "Archaeology in a Nutshell" program. This is our most comprehensive introduction to archaeology. It is interactive and hands-on and can be adapted to appeal to all grade levels and group sizes.

Archaeology in a Nutshell

(Grades 3-12) *Social Studies, History*

A hands-on program designed as a preliminary introduction to the archaeological process. This is available as a half-day or full day program. We offer this program tailored to the needs of the secondary World History course.

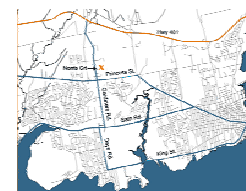


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Mapping the Past

(Grades 4-8) *Geography, Social Studies and History*

Learn about the basics of mapping while examining primary documents and gain an understanding of the role maps and archives the field of archaeology. This program an outdoor mapping activity where participants search for items using maps. We with indoor activities and discussion that mapping accuracies and how they affect our understanding of the past.



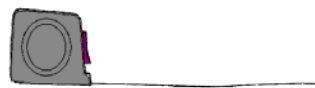
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Market Square Math

(Grades K- 8) *Mathematics*

This program begins with a brief presentation and discussion of the excavation of Kingston's Market Square. We will examine the finding of artifacts and how archaeologists use sorting and classifying. Students will participate in a hands-on sorting activity that simulates archaeological practices and graph their results.



Messages From the Past

(Grades 4-12) *History, Social Studies*

Students learn about the importance and difficulties of using primary documents in research through a variety of hands-on activities including a scavenger hunt and document transcription. They will have the opportunity to examine primary documents hand and discover the importance of research as the first step in setting up archaeological excavations. Special attention will be paid to archives with Kingston significance. This is an excellent Historica Heritage Fair learning experience.



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(Our extensive archive collection is available to the public to be used for research.)



The Archaeology of Math

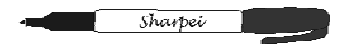
(Grades 9-12) *Mathematics*

Learn how surveying, graphing and geometry play an important role in archaeological mapping. A practical application for all that math your students thought they would never use again.

Illustrating the Past

(Grades 7-12) *Visual Arts*

Students will learn about artifact illustration, a practical application of drawing techniques. We will look at artifacts from the Fort Frontenac excavation. Students will then learn the techniques of artifact illustration and be given the opportunity to put this knowledge to use.



Kingston Underground

(Grades 3-8) *History, Social Studies*

Choose from a number of Kingston sites and see Kingston from an archaeological perspective. This program is only offered in June so come out and take advantage of the great weather and learn about fascinating Kingston history. This is a great way to end the school year.

Underground Sites

- Fort Frederick
- Fort Frontenac
- Market Square
- Historic Buildings of Kingston



