



# Backgrounder

## Lang Pioneer Village Museum

Experience Peterborough County's History Come to Life!

### History of the Village

Established in 1967, Lang Pioneer Village Museum is an outdoor museum featuring over 25 restored and recreated buildings typical of a small 19<sup>th</sup>-century village. Many of the buildings were relocated to the Village from within the County of Peterborough in order to preserve the region's history. Owned and operated by the County of Peterborough, Lang Pioneer Village Museum welcomes thousands of visitors each year from around the world who want to relive history and discover the life of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century settler.

### The Unique Offerings of Lang Pioneer Village Museum

Although one of many heritage sites in Ontario, Lang Pioneer Village Museum offers visitors an authentic experience with unique options. Located in the hamlet of Lang, just north of Keene, Ontario, Lang Pioneer Village Museum nestles on the shores of the scenic Indian River and boasts a fully-operational Grist Mill. The S. W. Lowry Weaver Shop & Jacquard Loom Interpretive Centre at Lang Pioneer Village Museum houses one of only a handful of authentic Jacquard looms on display in North America. The Weaver Shop also houses a fully-operational replica loom with a mezzanine to provide visitors with a unique view of the upper workings of a Jacquard loom. The Village also features an authentic First Nations Encampment which is interpreted throughout the summer by a First Nations interpreter.

### Step Back 200 Years in Time

A photographer's paradise, the Village is complete with lanes and pathways, farm animals, rail and stump fences, vegetable and herb gardens, as well as other authentic details of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century hamlet. Villagers of all ages, dressed in authentic historical costumes, go about their daily chores contributing to the authenticity of this living history experience. Sparks fly from the anvil in the blacksmith shop, handbills are printed on the old press in the Register Print Shop and the gentle smell of wood smoke fills the air. Chat with the Village carpenter at his treadle lathe or the spinner at her wheel and visit the 14-room Keene Hotel for lemonade or afternoon tea.

Lang Pioneer Village Museum is the perfect location to retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern living and enjoy the pleasures of an era gone by. Step back 200 years in time and enjoy a day like no other!

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