



BIDWELL HOUSE MUSEUM

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MISSION

The Bidwell House Museum is a New England heritage site providing a personal encounter with history, early American home life, and the Berkshire landscape through its land, house and collection. The Museum is a non-profit educational institution for the benefit of the community and today's audiences of all ages, dedicated to preservation, scholarship and enjoyment of the landmark site.

Opening the past, serving the future.

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

The Bidwell House is pleased to offer education programs for students of all ages, including two new offerings for K-8 school groups: an on-site field trip program for 3rd-5th graders and a colonial history resource kit that teachers may borrow for use in their classrooms. Both the field trip program and resource kit meet the Massachusetts frameworks for History and Social Science, English Language Arts, and Science and Technology/Engineering.

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HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- [Field Trip Program](#): Growing up in the Massachusetts Hinterland, A Sampler of Daily Life in Early America. The Bidwell House Museum field trip program explores the everyday experiences of children in Western Massachusetts during the Colonial/Early Republic time periods through hands-on, minds-on engagement with historic buildings, objects, and landscapes.
- [Internships for High School Students](#): The Bidwell House Museum offers high school students with an interest in history, particularly local Berkshire colonial history, the opportunity to become a Young History Scholar Intern during the summer. High school interns spend two weeks at the museum: in week one the intern learns about colonial Berkshire history, the Bidwell family, the house, the property and the collection, and how docents give tours; in week two each intern chooses a research topic and begins to give tours of the museum as a junior docent.
- [Group Visits](#): *Travel a country mile to the 18th century.*
- [Guided Tours](#): The Bidwell House Museum offers guided tours of the house and grounds, Thursday – Monday throughout the season.
 - On the **House Tour**, visitors will learn about the history of the house, the story Bidwell family and life in the 18th century Berkshire Hills.
 - On the **Family Tour**, visitors will learn about the Bidwell House and what it would have been like to have been a child in the house in the 18th century; children are invited to ask questions, make observations and participate in two easy activities.
 - On the **Woodland Walk**, join guide Rob Hoogs to explore a new interpretive trail that retraces the steps of the Native Americans—specifically the local Stockbridge Band of the Mohican Tribe—who lived and hunted in this area for thousands of years.

** Must call to schedule special tours of the grounds.*

EVENTS

** Season events listed [online](#).*

RESOURCES

- [Colonial History Resource Kit](#): *Colonial Life in the Berkshires, A Hands-on/Minds-on Resource Kit*. The Bidwell House Museum colonial history resource kit provides teachers with access to a variety of primary and secondary source materials—including reproduction artifacts, document, maps, and books—to support and supplement the teaching of Colonial and local history in the classroom. Together, the materials illuminate the experiences of the early colonial settlers of the Berkshires as they worked to harness the area's natural resources and build a thriving and productive community.