



O'BRIEN FARM

FIELD TRIPS

Grade 5: Farm History and Technology

Name	Description	Location	Duration	Curriculum Connection
Introductions	Staff introductions and safety rules	Outside Thimble Cottage	10 mins	
What is O'Brien Farm?	Students learn who the O'Briens were, and about agriculture in St. John's	Thimble Cottage/ Interpretation Centre (Students are split in two groups, then switch)	25 mins	Exploring the Past: Students explore the artifacts and information in each space, and discuss how those can be used to learn about the history of the O'Brien Family. Forces and Simple Machines: Students identify simple machines in the artifacts.
Nature Walk	Students walk through our trails and explore our active farmland. They may even see some goats!	Trails and Farm Plots	45 mins	Weather: Students explore how weather may have influenced farmers in the past, and how it continues to influence farmers today. Forces and Simple Machines: Students explore farm equipment that is used today, and identify the components that have changed, and how simple machines remain important in farming machinery.
Activity	Students and staff take part in an activity related to the things they've learned so far	Kitchen Barn	30 mins	Exploring the Past: Students examine Aly O'Brien's drawings of different farm tools and explore how they help us to understand the past. Students try their hand at drawing farm equipment that is used today, and explore how their drawings could help future historians to understand life on the farm today.