



First Timer's Guide to House Tours

How does the tour work?

Grimsby Historical Society offers one house tour every three years. They are self-guided tours of private Grimsby residences, open for a single day between 10am-4pm. Each tour participant purchases a ticket, which is also the tour brochure. The ticket/brochure outlines the home addresses, street directions and includes information about each home. Participants use the ticket/brochure to find the tour homes by their own means, most often via car or bicycle.

Where can I buy tickets?

Tickets may be purchased through our web-site, at the GHS Archives located at 25 Adelaide Street, Grimsby, by visiting Marlene Smith's Decorating & Gifts at 19 Main Street West in Grimsby or by calling 905-945-0361. Tickets will be mailed to you or you can pick them up on the day of the Grimsby House Tour at the Carnegie Building located at 25 Adelaide Street, Grimsby.

What should I know before I start?

Experienced participants will let you know to purchase your ticket in advance of the tour date and plan your route. You may visit each home once, so make sure you plan extra time at the ones that appear most interesting to you. You will be asked to remove your shoes at each home, so you may want to wear socks or bring indoor slippers to wear inside the homes.

Can I see a map of home locations before I purchase tickets?

Out of respect for homeowners we do not release exact addresses without ticket purchase. We will however post on our website general information of the homes and tour area to indicate spread of homes.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

You will need a Grimsby street map or other way-finding device. We will provide an illustrative map on the ticket and each tour home will have a sign on the front lawn. You will be asked to remove your shoes at each home so you may wish to bring a bag to carry them. Please also remember your brochure is your ticket – you will need your ticket to gain entry to each home.

Can I take pictures?

No photography is permitted inside homes or on tour properties. Since we open private residences, tour homes fall under private property rules and photography is only permitted from public space i.e. sidewalk or street. Given most cell phones include a camera, we also ask ticket holders to not use their phones while inside tour properties.

Do I have to purchase a ticket for my child?

Due to safety and liability concerns, children under 16 years of age are not permitted inside tour homes. The only exception is infants in front carriers. Children 16 years and older must purchase a ticket to attend.

Are tour homes accessible for persons with mobility devices?

Due to the nature of the tours, we cannot guarantee tour homes are accessible. Tour homes are typically several levels and there may be steep or long driveways or pathways. If you are concerned about mobility issues but are interested in attending the tour, please call our office for further details so you may make an informed decision.

GENERAL TOUR GUIDELINES

- Houses are open at the specified times only, no early birds or latecomers
- Photography is strictly prohibited on tour properties
- All attendees must have a ticket and be at least 16 years of age (infants in front carriers are permitted without a ticket, no other exceptions)
- Please do not bring large bags or backpacks
- No food, drinks, smoking or pets on tour properties
- Cell phone usage is not permitted in homes
- Do not park in driveways or block lanes or streets
- Refrain from touching furniture, art and household items
- Expect a line-up outside some of the homes
- No washroom facilities are provided in the houses
- You will be asked to remove your shoes at each home
- We regret tours are not mobility device accessible