



# Education Programs 2022-2023







The Montrealais passes under the Homer Bridge on its way to Lock 3.

## What Educators Are Saying:

"My class was completely engaged as they learned more about the lives of Freedom Seekers in St. Catharines. The hands-on reproduction artifacts and being able to sit in the same pew as Harriet Tubman made history come alive for them."

Jill Walters  
Cairn Christian School

"We would highly recommend any experience offered by the Museum. Throughout the past 3 years, our Grade 10 History students have engaged in a variety of virtual and in-person experiences. The Museum Staff stepped up and designed virtual experiences for our students that aligned with our curriculum. We had the pleasure of doing the Last Stop- Underground Railway Walk- this spring which was amazing. The staff are informed, engaging and responsive."

Elizabeth Freeman-Shaw  
Canadian & World Studies Department,  
AN Myer Secondary School

"The students absolutely loved their great educational outing and role playing with the knowledgeable and friendly staff at the Museum."

Michelle Ringuette  
Teacher at École Immaculée-Conception

"What I loved about the Last Stop program was how it brought our local St Catharines history to life. My students learned so much about Black History throughout the year but this immersive experience helped them make real connections with the stories. We all loved how many of the "stops" had role-playing scenarios like shopping at the market or deciding whether to keep the local Black school open or not. It was treat to be able to see the city through an 1850s lens. I am so glad I picked up the Museum brochure from our staffroom table. "

Marcella Meinema  
Beacon Christian School

# The Possibilities Are Endless

Combining our successful in-person and virtual experiences, we're ready to help you get the most out of any tour or program. We are flexible and can adapt any experience to your educational needs.

## Virtual Programs

We are happy to meet your students live on any platform that works for you, stream to YouTube to accommodate in-class and at-home learning, or develop a pre-recorded experience for your students to use on their own time. Most in-person programs or experiences are now available virtually. The possibilities are endless.

## In-Person Programs

We are excited to return to in-person programming in a safe, fun, and engaging way. Whether we meet here at the Museum, meet for a site-specific adventure program, or come for an in-class visit, we're ready to accommodate your educational needs and safety requirements, when you're ready.

## Legend



In-Person Experience



Virtual Experience



In-Class Visit



Site-Specific Adventure Program



Available Year-Round



Study Guides Available



A student examines an artifact during the Travelling Museum Program in 2017.



Construction of Lock 7, looking South, 1925.  
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# Museum Programs and Experiences

## On the Liberty Line: Early Black History in St. Catharines



Grades 3-12 | 60-90 minutes

Trace the journey to freedom through a history of slavery and emancipation, racism and prejudice, while exploring the lives of St. Catharines' first African-Canadian settlers in this interactive program. Study guide available.

## The Promise of Hope: Immigration and St. Catharines



Grades 6-10 | 90 minutes

From the Loyalists to the Freedom Seekers, to canal labourers and more, this special museum experience weaves individual stories of hope, fear, success, and loss into a relevant and accessible exploration of immigration to St. Catharines over the last 200 years. Study guide available.

## The Welland Canals



Grades 3-12 | 60-90 minutes

Explore the development and operations of the historic Welland Canals in our fun and interactive guided experience. Students will see the world-renowned engineering marvel first-hand and participate in engaging curriculum-based and local history activities. Study guide available.

## Junior Engineers



ELKP-Grade 3 | 45-60 minutes | Available May/June

The perfect program for those studying transportation. Through this highly interactive program, students will become experts in transportation, engineering, and operations of the Welland Canal.

## Canal Walk



Grades 7-12 | 60 minutes | Available Sept/Oct/May/June

Take a guided walk along the Welland Canal to discover the Canal's important impact on our local and national history, environment, and economy. This program includes a visit to the Fallen Workers Memorial.



Rochelle Bush, historian and trustee, Salem Chapel, BME Church National Historic Site, speaks to students during the **Last Stop Walking Tour** in 2022.





## Adventure-Style Programs and Experiences

### Hiking Through History at Mountain Locks Park or Jaycee Gardens



Grades 6-8 | Half-Day Program | Available Sept/Oct/May/June

Adventure awaits students in this new, outdoor, phys-ed-meets-history program in Mountain Locks Park or Jaycee Gardens. Students will participate in fun, interactive, exploration-based activities while learning about the Welland Canals and our City's local built heritage. Wear running shoes and dress for the weather; it's going to be an exciting time!

### Where's the Pig? in Downtown St. Catharines



Grades 6-8 | Half-Day Program | Available Sept/Oct/May/June

A pig has escaped and is roaming the streets of downtown St. Catharines! We need your help to find her! In this guided adventure program, students will use primary sources and inferencing skills to gather clues and determine the location of a real-life pig that got loose on the streets of St. Catharines in 1945.

### Last Stop: the Underground Railroad in Downtown St. Catharines Walking Tour



Grades 6-8 | Full Day Program | Available May/June

Take a guided walking tour of Downtown St. Catharines to visit locations significant to the Freedom Seekers who found refuge in St. Catharines and learn about their experiences here. Hear stories of their settlement in Coloured Town, the work of local abolitionists, and Harriet Tubman's time at the Salem Chapel. This full-day tour includes a tour of Salem Chapel, British Methodist Episcopal Church, National Historic Site.

### History Hunters: The Case of the Stolen Violin



Grades 4-8 | Three, 60-minute Sessions

Help! A secret organization is trying to erase a famous St. Catharines violinist from history and steal her fame! We are calling on the curious and the inquisitive to help us piece together history before it's too late! History Hunters is a virtual history-adventure program delivered over three one-hour sessions. Staff will assist young researchers and guide them through the investigative process as they gather clues and help solve the mystery of the stolen violin.





A member of the Welland Canal Force  
patrols below Lock 4 in 1939.  
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## Outreach Programs

### Jr. Travelling Museum

    ELKP-Grade 3 | 45-60 minutes

Designed specifically for young historians! Engaging activities help students practice their observation and sharing skills. This program makes big themes and topics easily understandable for students. Limited to one class per session.

### Travelling Museum

    Grades 4-6 | 45-90 minutes

Heading into its 8th year, the Travelling Museum has visited over 3500 students around Niagara. With emphasis on interactive activities and inference-building tasks, students learn about the value of museums in our community and significance of behind-the-scenes museum work. Limited to one class per session.

## Special Presentations

### Stories from the Front

  Grades 7-12 | 60 minutes  
Live (November 1-4, 7-10)

A new and revised Stories from the Front program shares the experiences of St. Catharines soldiers in the First and Second World Wars. Featuring primary sources from the Museum's collection, this 60-minute program will help students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the lives and challenges experienced by soldiers and their families. A primary resource study guide is available. Limited to two classes per session.

### Virtual Guided Spirit Walks at Victoria Lawn Cemetery

   Pre-Recorded Only | Grades 6-12 | 60 minutes

Watch a virtual production of the Guided Spirit Walks at Victoria Lawn Cemetery or select individual scenes to watch and study on YouTube at your leisure. Scene-by-scene study guides are available.





An escaped pig on the loose on Ontario Street in 1945.  
This photo inspired the **Where's the Pig?** downtown walking tour program.  
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### Black History in St. Catharines ▶ PLAY ALL

Discover the rich history of the Black Community in St. Catharines with lectures from the Virtual Museum Lecture Series and History from Here.



**On the Liberty Line: Early Black History in St...**  
St. Catharines Museum  
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**History from Here: Richard Pierpoint at Centennial...**  
St. Catharines Museum  
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**Virtual Museum Lecture Series - Tracing the Tracks ...**  
St. Catharines Museum  
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St. Catharines Museum  
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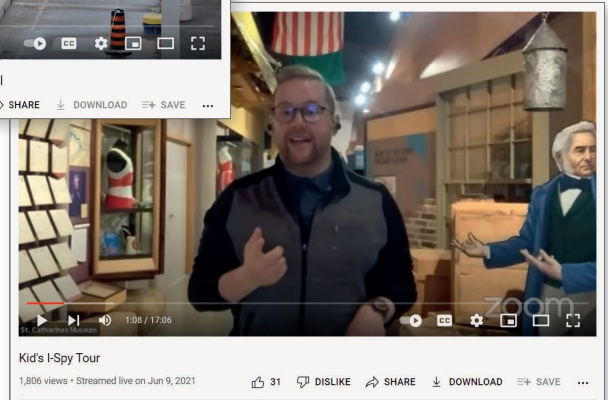
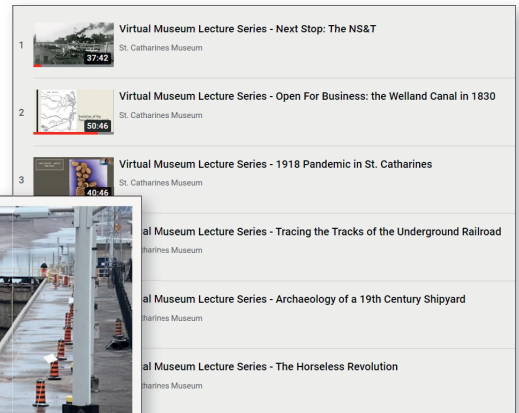
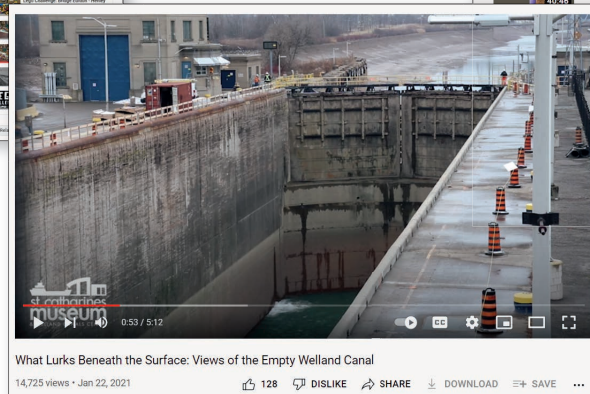
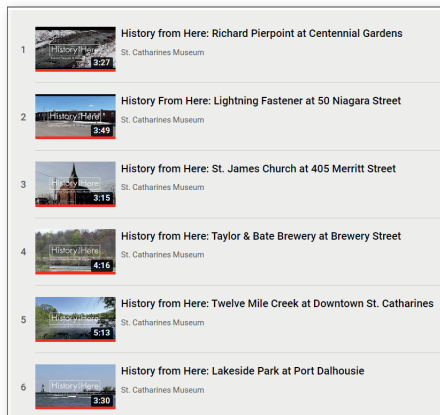
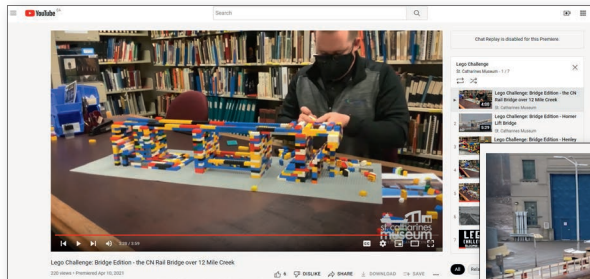
**Virtual Museum Lecture Series - Myths of the...**  
St. Catharines Museum  
242 views · Streamed 1 year ago



**Virtual Follow the North Star Tour**  
St. Catharines Museum  
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## Self-Use Virtual Experiences

Head over to our YouTube Channel for history videos and activities for every grade level. Learn more about our rich local history in a mini “virtual field trip” with the *History from Here* video series, build our city’s built heritage out of Lego, explore the museum’s collection, take in in-depth lectures, learn more about the Welland Canal and participate in an I-Spy Tour. It’s all at your fingertips.



Screen shots of videos and play lists on our YouTube channel





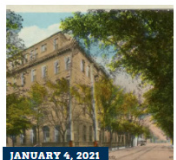





Children pose for a group photo during City playground registration at Riordon Park in the summer of 1939.  
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## Museum Classroom

Check out Museum Classroom on our blog [www.stcatharinesmuseumblog.com](http://www.stcatharinesmuseumblog.com) for all sorts of fun activities doable from home or in the classroom. All your learners, no matter their schedule, access to technology, or location, will be able to participate with these lesson plans.

 <p><b>JUNE 9, 2021</b> Searching for Family History – Kids Scavenger Hunt</p>	 <p><b>FEBRUARY 1, 2021</b> Museum Classroom – 1. Historic Moments in Canada: Immigrating to Canada (I/I)</p>	 <p><b>JANUARY 19, 2021</b> Museum Classroom: Historic Moments in Canada – Commemorating Contribution and Sacrifice (I/S)</p>
 <p><b>JANUARY 4, 2021</b> Museum Classroom: Historic Moments in Canada – Pandemics in History</p>	 <p><b>DECEMBER 21, 2020</b> Museum Classroom – Welland Canal Holidays</p>	 <p><b>DECEMBER 8, 2020</b> Museum Classroom – St. Catharines Women in Action</p>
 <p><b>NOVEMBER 9, 2020</b> Museum Classroom: Remembrance Day Family History Interview</p>	 <p><b>OCTOBER 12, 2020</b> Museum Classroom: The Early Settler Home (Junior)</p>	 <p><b>OCTOBER 7, 2020</b> 2020-2021 Virtual Education Programs and Experiences</p>

Museum Classroom on the blog.

**Museum Classroom: Cargo on the Welland Canal**

**Lesson:** Cargo on the Welland Canal  
**Topic:** The Welland Canals  
**Sub-Topic:** Cargo on the ships of the Welland Canal  
**Grade:** 1-3

**Activity:** Cargo Game

**Materials Required:**

- Small ball
- 2-3 chairs or small furniture items
- 6 small objects to represent cargo (i.e. tennis ball, mason jar, bean bag, etc.)
- A SMILE

**Materials Provided:**

- Welland Canal Cargo Cards

**Pre-Lesson: Hot Potato Activity**  
With a friend or family members, play a round or two of “Hot Potato” using a small ball as a warm up exercise. Arrange yourselves into a circle and toss a small, round object (i.e. tennis ball) to each other while music plays. The player who is holding the hot potato when the music stops is out. The game continues until one player is left as the winner. Players will understand the concept of the passing of an object from one point to another. By gaining this basic understanding of transporting, the activity

Sample Lesson Plan.





### THE GREAT LAKES & ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Map showing the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway system, including Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario, connecting to the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Year	Length	Depth	Width	Volume
1959	1,900 km	20 m	230 m	1,000 km <sup>3</sup>
2007	1,900 km	20 m	230 m	1,000 km <sup>3</sup>
2010	1,900 km	20 m	230 m	1,000 km <sup>3</sup>
2012	1,900 km	20 m	230 m	1,000 km <sup>3</sup>

**TYPICAL CARGOES**

Illustration of a cargo ship carrying various goods, including grain, wind turbines, lumber, and steel coils.

### THE WELLAND CANAL

Map showing the Welland Canal route, connecting Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, including locks and key locations.

Collage of photos showing various scenes along the canal, including locks, boats, and infrastructure.

### CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

LOCKING THROUGH

LOCK 3 FROM ABOVE

### SAFETY ON THE CANAL

Collage of photos showing safety-related scenes on the canal, including workers, boats, and infrastructure.

SHIPS YOU MAY SEE



The Canals Gallery, located off of the lobby.

# Planning Your Visit

## Admission Rates

\$4.55/student, Elementary, \$4.65/student, Secondary, (HST included) for guided tours, programs, and experiences except the Jr. Travelling Museum and Travelling Museum programs which are presented free of charge. Rates and fees listed are for the 2022 calendar year and are subject to change without notice.

Students must be accompanied by adults at a suggested 1:10 ratio. Admission for additional adults is \$5.25 (HST included).

Self-guided visits are available by donation. Please book your self-guided tour in advance to avoid disappointment.

## Group Sizes

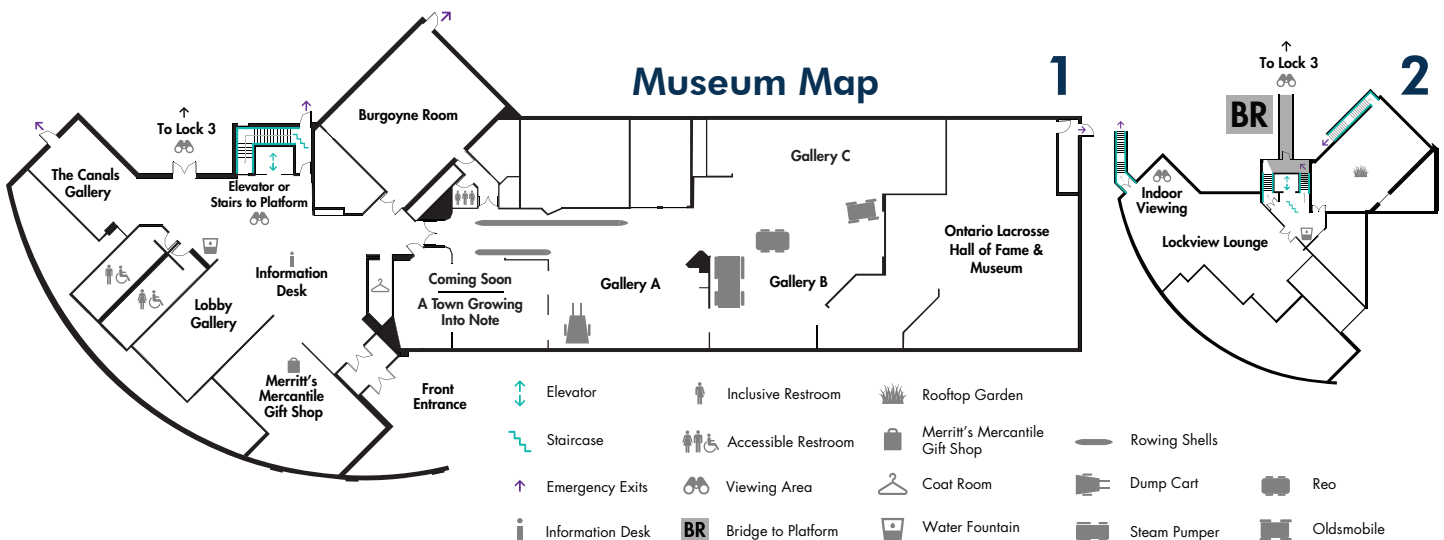
Listed program and experience lengths accommodate groups of approximately 30 or 1 class. Please contact us to discuss accommodating groups larger than 30 or 1 class.

## Bookings

Bookings for guided tours and programs can be made by contacting the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre at 905.984.8880 or by email [museum@stcatharines.ca](mailto:museum@stcatharines.ca).

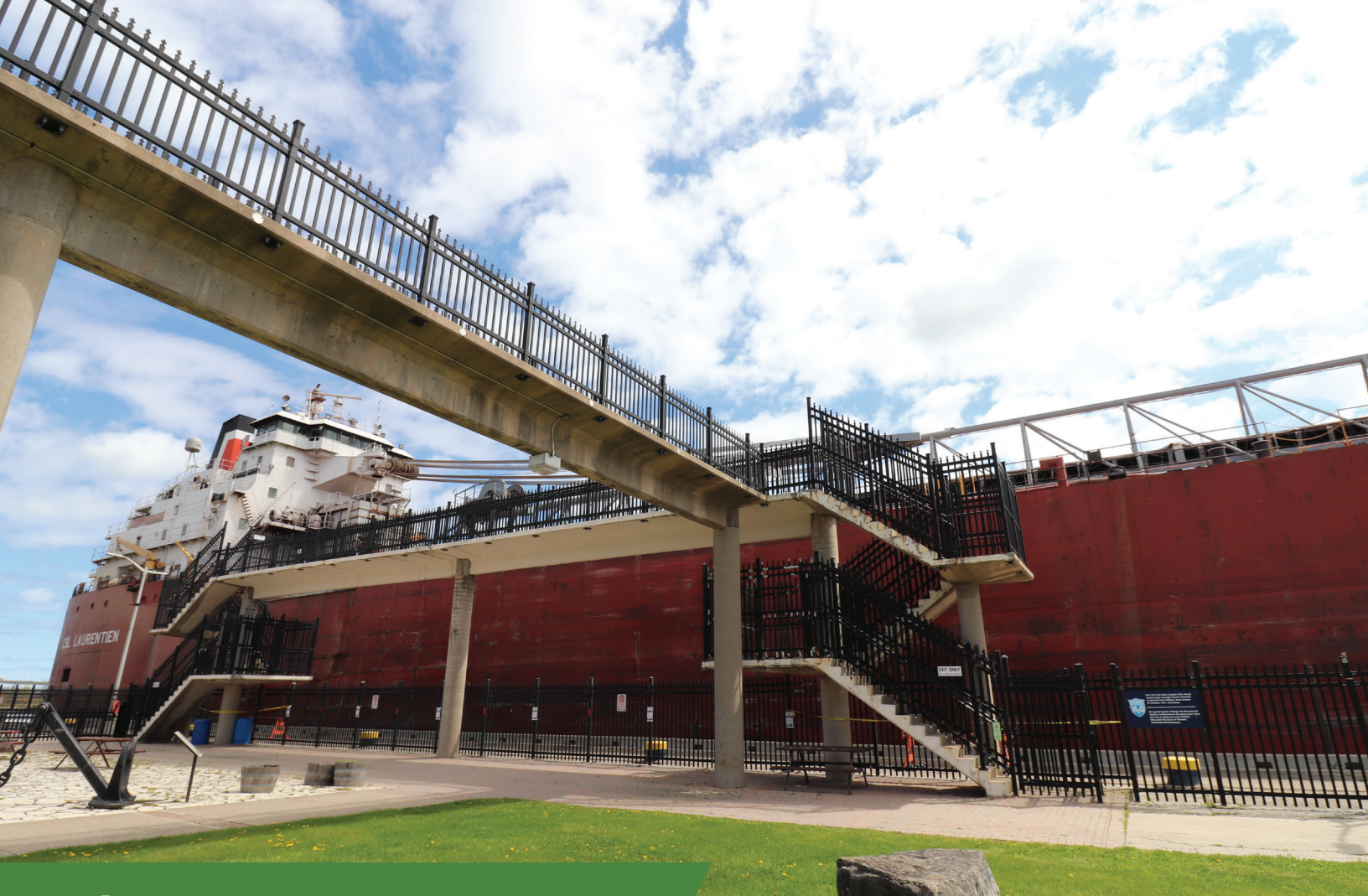
## Ship Schedules

Ship schedules are posted daily; however, the schedule remains subject to change and is managed by the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation. We welcome visitors to the Lock 3 Viewing Platform whenever the opportunity arises.



We would be pleased to provide you with a visually accessible map when you visit.





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