



## It's the most wonderful time to visit historic Castle Kilbride

**Baden, ON – November 17, 2021** – The jewel of Wilmot Township is now decorated in Victorian splendour and ready to welcome visitors during the festive season.

Welcome to Wilmot Township's National Historic Site, where you'll feel as if you're stepping back in time to a lavish Victorian Christmas with Baden's Livingston family. From now until January 2, 2022, the 1877 mansion of James Livingston, "Canada's Flax Mill King," is fully decorated for Christmas. The home sparkles with festive decorations while showcasing traditions of the era for visitors to enjoy.

The Victorians were famous for their holiday décor as well as their bountiful Christmas feasts. The dining room at Castle Kilbride is always a favourite for visitors where you can almost smell the perfectly roasted turkey and all the traditional sides that would accompany the meal. However, there is some food you will see on the table as part of their dinner that is not traditional to us today and may seem unusual. According to the Ladies' Home Journal of 1897, the Christmas day table would also include dishes such as: oysters on the half shell, custard and spinach blocks, deviled spaghetti, and peas served in turnip cups. In addition to this, a Christmas dinner table would not be complete without plum pudding, along with an array of sweets and a towering centrepiece of apples, oranges, and lemons as a special treat for families and friends.



As part of the tour, you are invited to view Castle Kilbride's newest exhibit, *Given by a Livingston*, that spans three generations of the Livingston family from 1877 to the 1930s.

When we celebrate Christmas with family and friends, we have the Victorians to thank for many of its joyful festivities and delightful customs. Castle Kilbride embodies Christmas magic with the sights, sounds, sparkle and colour of the Christmas season – all the wondrous ways the Livingston family would have welcomed their visitors. Be *our* guest and visit historic Castle Kilbride. Join us for a personal tour of Wilmot Township's National Historic Site.

### **Regular Touring Hours** – [Booking online required](#)

Fully guided 35-minute tour of historic Castle Kilbride.

- Wednesday through Sunday from 11am to 4pm
- Additional holiday hours: December 20, 21, 27 & 28 from 11am to 4pm
- Admission: Adults \$9, Seniors/Students \$8; Children \$5

### **Holiday Evening Tours** – [Booking online required](#)

For three magical nights, see the Castle aglow! Fully guided 35-minute tours. Book early!

- Thursday, November 25 from 6:30pm to 9pm
- Friday, November 26 from 6:30pm to 9pm
- Thursday, December 16 from 6:30pm to 9pm
- Admission: Adults/Seniors/Students \$15, Children \$10

### **Pre-visit and COVID Protocol at Castle Kilbride**

Visitors to the museum must provide proof of vaccine and will be asked to follow safety procedures including sanitizing hands, completing COVID screening, and wearing a mask, if able, while on tour. Tickets (groups of 8 or less) *must* be booked in advance [online](#). We encourage our guests to watch our [introductory video](#) suitable for families before visiting us.

For information about the museum, current exhibit, and specific protocol prior and during your tour, visit [www.CastleKilbride.ca](http://www.CastleKilbride.ca) or follow us on [Facebook](#) @CastleKilbride.

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