

# “OUTSIDE-THE-HOUSE TOUR”



## Treasure Hunt for Budding Bidwell Historians

**Welcome to the Bidwell House Museum!**

**Explore with your family around the house, gardens, grounds, and trails. Have fun! How many historical facts and artifacts can you discover?**

Find the Pollinator Garden and name one of the plants. \_\_\_\_\_  
Why are pollinators important? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children did Reverend Adonijah Bidwell have? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you think they did that was similar to what you do today? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you think their lives were different from yours? \_\_\_\_\_

How many barns and outbuildings do you see? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many barns and outbuildings used to be here? \_\_\_\_\_  
What kind of animals used to live in them? \_\_\_\_\_

When did Reverend Adonijah Bidwell move to Township #1? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did he come here? \_\_\_\_\_  
What important historical event happened while he lived here? \_\_\_\_\_

How many windows does the Bidwell House have? \_\_\_\_\_

Visit the Native American Interpretive Exhibits using the Native American Interpretive Trail Guide.  
What did the Native Americans eat when they lived in this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Look at the Trail Map and see if you can find the largest tree on the property.  
What kind of tree is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
What other kinds of large trees do you see around you? \_\_\_\_\_

Talk a walk through the Bidwell woods using the Trail Map. What do you hear? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What noises might have been different when Rev. Bidwell's family lived here? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Make a simple drawing of the original house.**

This style of house is called a Saltbox.  
When you look at it from the side, can you see what makes it different?

*Bidwell House*

**Find a plant in the heritage garden.**

Name and draw it.  
Is this a plant that you've eaten before?

**Find the place along the trail where maple syrup was made.**

Draw what you find there.  
Do you know what it was used for?