

# 2018 Site Tours for Schools Vermont Division for Historic Preservation **Justin Morrill State-Owned Historic Site** Strafford, Vermont

*Site tours Available Memorial Day through Mid-October  
(May 26-October 14) Wednesday through Friday, 10:00am-5:00pm*



## **Class tour of Justin Morrill Historic Site**

**(grades 3 & up)**

Take a trip back to the mid-1800s with a tour of Strafford's famous pink house. Experience the original art, architecture and history of the 17-room Gothic Revival-Style mansion built for Senator Justin Morrill in 1851. Hear the story of how a self-educated son of Strafford rose to represent Vermont in the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C.



**Self-guiding signs** explain 19th-century Victorian-era Gardens of the Romantic Landscape Movement in America. Barns and an icehouse are part of the extensive interpretive exhibits.

### **Senator Justin Morrill Exhibit** (grades 1 & up)

#### ***A Self-Guided Tour (Carriage Barn exhibit area)***

Explore the life and accomplishments of Vermont Senator Justin Smith Morrill. Exhibit explores how Morrill grew from his roots in Vermont to become one of the most accomplished legislators in American history. Photos, panels and artifacts also explore life on Morrill's small family farm during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Please contact the Division for Historic Preservation to schedule a tour for your class:**

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# 2018 In-School Programs & Resources

## Friends of the Morrill Homestead

Introducing Justin Smith Morrill



Who is Justin Smith Morrill, and what did he accomplish? More than 400 million students have graduated from the Land Grant Colleges that were created by the act of Congress written by Congressman Justin Morrill and signed by Abraham Lincoln in 1862. How many of today's students will attend a Land Grant College? Morrill also wrote the act creating National Statuary Hall, engaged the work of the classical artist Constantino Brumidi, whose paintings adorn the dome of the U.S. Capitol, and hired the famed landscape design architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, to landscape the grounds of the Capitol.

**But don't take our word for it!**

- ***Schedule a school visit from Justin Morrill, himself to kick off a study unit on Stafford's famous statesman and rural life in Vermont during the late 1800s.***
- ***Continue your exploration of Justin Morrill and his times by using the resources, activities and games found in the complete educational enrichment kit: *Senator Justin Morrill's Trunk*.***

**Please contact us to schedule a visit to your class:**

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