



## **The Museums at Lisle Station Park**

### **Transcript: Tour Tidbit – Plank Road Reproduction**

Hey everyone! My name is Concetta and I'm the Museum Manager and curator at The Museums at Lisle Station Park. My voice is traveling through your ear canal today for a Tour Tidbit. So pull up a chair, and some pictures of this mini-isode's focus, our Plank Road Reproduction Display.

A good place to find us is on our Clio walking tour, by going to [www.theclio.com](http://www.theclio.com) [SPELL] and typing in Lisle Illinois in the top search bar [SPELL]. You'll see all of our Clio walking tour entries pop up when you scroll down, so make sure you pick Plank Road Reproduction. If you're already on a virtual field trip with us, you're a step ahead and already have the link. Hit the pause button and pull it up, I'll wait for you.

This is our Plank Road Reproduction exhibit. It shows what "roads" looked like in the 1800s as more European settlers began coming to this part of America: the best technology then was wood, not gravel or the modern black asphalt we see today. This is a "reproduction" display, or life-sized model.

Mark Beaubien, who I mentioned in the Beaubien Tavern Tour Tidbit, gave money to help build a wooden toll road on what is now our main road in Lisle, Ogden Ave. This was called the Plank Road. He only agreed to do it if they put a tollhouse right next to the Tavern. He wanted this because as a toll collector, people would have to stop to pay him when they were hungry or thirsty, or wanted to rest. He could use that money to fix the Plank Road as needed AND it brought business to his tavern.

The Plank Road in Lisle had two lanes, one going east to Chicago and one going west into other towns. It was just about the same path that Ogden Avenue takes through Lisle today. This shows you what one of its lanes would have looked like.

Take a look at our online resources for pictures and more! And field trippers – don't forget to check your instructions page to see everything we gave you!



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Our theme song was created by Big Cats.