

Small Museums Tour

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BEAR RIVER HERITAGE AREA

Blessed by Water, Worked by Hand

Much of the cultural heritage of the Bear River Heritage Area is documented in its small museums, managed by dedicated volunteers and members of the local Daughters of the Utah Pioneers chapter, called a "camp". With a mission to preserve precious artifacts and educate the public, the museums survive on small grants, donations and sales of gifts and books. In some towns, look for historic cabins and other buildings which have been preserved and furnished by the DUP. These sites are usually only open on holidays like July 4th or 24th, but most volunteers are willing to provide a tour by appointment. Space is often limited, but what's inside these museums will pique your interest.



Franklin Relic Hall – Franklin, ID



Georgetown DUP Museum – Georgetown, ID



Hyrum City Museum – Hyrum, UT



Lewiston DUP Museum – Lewiston, UT

SMALL MUSEUMS OF THE BEAR RIVER HERITAGE AREA

Bear River Valley Museum and Cultural Center

The museum highlights the story of Tremonton's Borgstrom Brothers, whose real life experience was reflected in the film "Saving Private Ryan".

Open: Mon-Fri 1-4

Location: 150 S. Tremont St., Tremonton, UT

Information: 435.854.7406; www.brvmuseum.org

Box Elder Museum of Natural History

Featuring an extensive collection of fossils and minerals, and early mining history.

Open: Mon-Thurs 8-5, Fri 8-12

Location: Hervin Bunderson Center, 631 E. 200 N., Brigham City, UT

Information: 435.226.1439

www.boxeldermuseum.org

Brigham City Museum and Gallery

A rotating art gallery features contemporary and folk arts from the Intermountain West. A yearly quilt invitational includes international artists.

Open: Tues-Fri 11-6, Sat 1-5

Location: 24 N. 300 W., Brigham City, UT

Information: 435.226.1439

www.brighamcity.utah.gov/museum

Cache DUP Museum

Cache Valley pioneer artifacts from 1860-1900.

Open: Tues-Fri 11-5; Sat 10-1

Location: 160 North Main Street, Historic Downtown Logan, UT

Information: 435.752.5139 or 435.770.4977

www.cachedupmuseum.org

Franklin Relic Hall and Historic District

Relic Hall houses over 2,500 pioneer artifacts and a collection of crayon portraits of Mormon Pioneers.

Open: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Tues-Sat 11-3

Location: 113 East Main Street, Franklin, ID

Information: 208.646.2290 (leave a message)

www.history.idaho.gov/relic-hall

Georgetown DUP Museum and Relief Society Hall

Housed in the first public building built in Georgetown.

Open: By appointment

Location: 161 Third NW St., Georgetown, ID

Information: 208.847.1752

Holbrook Brick Store at Chesterfield

Chesterfield is a historic town in southeastern Idaho founded in 1880. The renovated Holbrook Store houses a Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) museum.

Open: Mon-Sat 10-6, Memorial Day to Labor Day

Location: Bancroft, ID

Information: 208.648.7177

www.historicchesterfield.org

Hyrum City Museum

Anasazi and Shoshone artifacts, fur trapping, valley religion, education and community development.

Open: Wed & Sat 10-3, Tues & Thurs 12-6

Location: 50 West Main St., Hyrum, UT

Information: 435.245.0208

www.hyrumcitymuseum.org

Laketown Relic Hall

Current meeting place of Camp Ithaca of the DUP. Local artifacts curated and kept on display.

Open: July 24th holiday

Location: 185 East 1st St., Laketown, UT

Information: 435.946.3378 or 435.994.2325

Lewiston DUP Museum

The Leavitt Layne Camp of the DUP has restored this cabin and granary.

Open: Open by appointment

Location: 2640 W. 2000 S., Lewiston, UT

Information: 435.994.0391

Millville Museum

Municipal museum, organized through the efforts of Millville residents.

Open: By appointment

Location: 300 S. 510 E., Millville, UT

Information: 435.265.5691

Oneida Pioneer Museum

Featuring fifty restored photographic crayon portraits of Oneida County settlers.

Open: Tues-Sat 1-5

Location: 27 Bannock St., Malad, ID

Information: 208.766.9247 or 208.406.6172

Paradise DUP Museum

Managed by the Sagwitch camp, which was named after Shoshone Chief Sagwitch.

Open: Decoration Day, Trout and Berry Days

Location: 8970 S. 200 W., Paradise, UT

Information: 435.245.3842 or 435.770.2641

Paris Historical Museum

Early pioneer artifacts from the Mormon settlers who first settled the region.

Open: Weekdays 10-4, Memorial Day to Labor Day

Location: 24 W. 2nd St., Paris, ID

Information: 208.945.0959

Rails and Trails Museum

Montpelier's railroad history, City of Bern cheese making history.

Open: Memorial Day Weekend to Sep. 25th

Location: 322 N. 4th St., Montpelier, ID

Information: 208.847.3800

www.oregontrailcenter.org

Randolph DUP Relic Hall and Jailhouse

Managed by the Crawford Mountain DUP Camp, a fascinating array of artifacts.

Open: By appointment

Location: 155 S. 100 E., Randolph, UT

Information: 435.881.5417

Richmond DUP Museum and Relic Hall

Originally LDS Church tithing office, now maintained by the James Andrew Drusilla Hendricks Camp.

Open: Black and White Days

(3rd weekend in May)

Location: 26 South State Street, Richmond, UT

Information: 435.232.2463 or 435.764.5776

Soda Springs DUP Museum

Mining tools, American Indian artifacts, pioneer clothing, WWI photos from local residents.

Open: By appointment

Location: 50 Center Street, Soda Springs, ID

Information: Sanders Furniture, 208.547.3706

South Bannock Historical Center Museum

The stories of seven influential communities in South Bannock County, including Shoshone-Bannock tribal history.

Open: Daily, 12-5

Location: 110 E. Main, Lava Hot Springs, ID

Information: 208.776.5254

www.lavahistoricmuseum.weebly.com

Union Pacific Depot Museum

Railroad history, located in the 1906 Brigham City Train Depot. Together with Golden Spike National Historic Site, the museum complements the narrative of the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Open: Mon & Thurs-Sat 1-5

Location: 833 West Forest St., Brigham City, UT

Information: 435.723.2989

World of Puppetry Museum

Featuring over 150 puppets from around the world. Punch and Judy puppet show 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Open: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 1-4

Location: Fine Arts Center, 58 South 100 West, Brigham City, UT

Information: 435.723.0740

www.bcfineartscenter.org

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Two larger museums you won't want to miss!

Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Modern, post-modern, and contemporary art culture of northern Utah and the western United States, including American Indian arts.

Location: 650 North 1100 East, Logan, UT

Information: 435.797.0163

www.artmuseum.usu.edu

USU Museum of Anthropology

Maintained primarily by university students, with the mission to educate the public about diverse cultures and human behavior.

Open: Tues-Fri 10-4 & 1st Sat 10-2

Location: Utah State University, Old Main, Room 252, Logan, UT

Information: 435.797.7545

www.anthromuseum.usu.edu

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Many of our small towns' public libraries keep collections of local history and genealogy.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

American West Heritage Center

www.awhc.org

Daughters of Utah Pioneers International

www.dupinternational.org

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

300 N. Main St. Salt Lake City, UT

Golden Spike National Historic Site

www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm

Idaho State Historical Society

www.history.idaho.gov

Logan Family Search Library

50 North Main, Logan, Utah

435.755.5594

National Oregon California Trail Center

www.oregontrailcenter.org

Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

www.nwbshoshone.com

Oneida Stake Academy Foundation

www.oneidastakeacademy.com

Utah Division of State History

www.heritage.utah.gov/history

USU Special Collections and Archives

<https://archives.usu.edu>

Bear Lake County Historical Society

208.847.3240 or 435.881.2089

Cache Valley Historical Society

www.cachevalleyhistory.com

Caribou Historical Society

208.547.4587

Franklin County Historical Society

208.852.3177

Smithfield Historical Society

435.563.3524 or 435.757.3534



Joseph Smith and Brigham Young bookends,
Laketown Relic Hall – Laketown, UT



World of Puppetry Museum – Brigham City, UT

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Bear Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau

Garden City, Utah 435.946.2197

www.bearlake.org

Bear River Association of Governments

Logan, Utah 435.752.7242

www.brag.utah.gov

Box Elder County Tourism

Brigham City, Utah 435.734.3315

www.boxeldercounty.org/visiting.htm

Cache Valley Visitors Bureau

Logan, Utah 435.755.1890

www.explorelogan.com



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