

Want to know more about the exciting history of Klamath, Lake, and Modoc Country? Explore Oregon's and California's native heritage, the world of pioneers, natural history, science and technology, and fine arts. Area museums function as clearinghouses for information, and should be the history buffs' first stop.

Try a self-guided walking tour and learn more about the architecture of historic districts in Klamath Falls, OR, Alturas, CA, and Lakeview, OR. Many buildings from the turn of the century are on the National Register. Both Klamath, Lake and Modoc County Museums have information about historic buildings in their communities.

The area is rich in cultural heritage: Native American cultures, Pioneer Emigrant Roads, to the Modoc War of 1872-3, turn-of-the-century logging, and western arts. The region's history is tied together in a series of colorful personalities and fascinating tales.

Inside you'll find an overview of just some of Southern Oregon's and Northern California's most interesting and popular museums as well as fascinating historical sites just off the beaten path.

Because many area museums are staffed by volunteers, hours may be limited. Be sure to call ahead to confirm your visit.

Bonus Points

Here are a few more opportunities to help you discover the Klamath, Lake, and Modoc Country's historic character.

- Tulelake/Butte Valley Fairgrounds Museum, located at the fairgrounds in Tulelake, features pioneer clothing, antique farm implements, and an old-fashioned blacksmith shop. The museum also has an extensive collection focusing on the World War II-era Japanese/American internment camp in nearby Newell. Call the Fairgrounds office for more information, or to schedule a visit, **530-667-5312**.

- Modoc County Fairgrounds, Cedarville, maintains an interesting collection of historic pioneer buildings known as Louieville. This exhibit can be viewed during normal business hours on a self-guided tour. Contact the Fairgrounds office for more information, **530-279-2315**.
- Klamath Tribal Museum located at tribal headquarters, near Chiloquin, displays art and artifacts of the Klamath and Modoc tribes, including baskets and historical memorabilia. Contact the Klamath Tribal Museum for more information, **541-783-2219**.

KLAMATH COUNTY MUSEUM

1451 Main Street • Klamath Falls, OR 97601
(541) 883-4208

BALDWIN HOTEL

31 Main Street • Klamath Falls, OR 97601
(541) 883-4208
Small admission charge
Seasonal - Open June thru September

FORT KLAMATH MUSEUM AND PARK

Fort Klamath, OR 97626
(541) 381-2230
Open June thru Labor Day

We would like to thank Klamath County Museum for assisting in sponsoring this brochure.

Suggestions or New Ideas:

*Please contact Klamath County Dept. of Tourism
1-800-445-6728*

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www.sova.org/klm/

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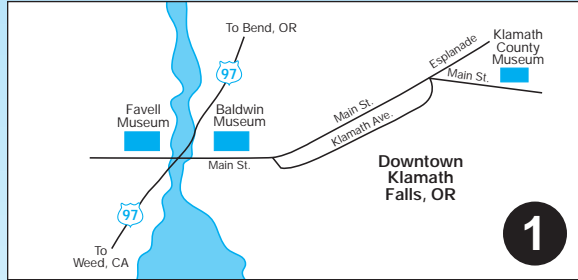
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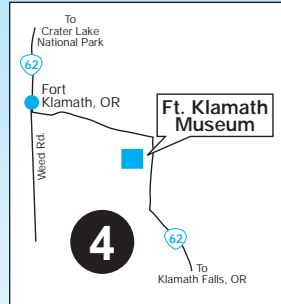
Museums & Historic Buildings



Klamath Falls Museums

Three museums in the heart of historic Klamath Falls, OR, offer visitors a number of opportunities to view the past. The **Klamath County Museum** depicts the range of influences, from early Native American life to geology, that have helped shape the region. Return to the Victorian Age during a guided tour of the **Baldwin Hotel**, a National Historic Landmark. The **Favell Museum** features an extensive private collection of contemporary Western Art and Indian memorabilia.

Information: Klamath County Museum, 1451 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR, 800-445-6728.



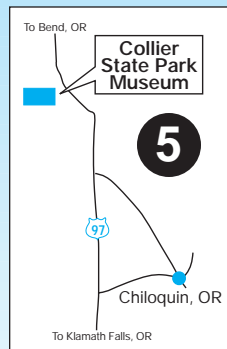
Fort Klamath Museum

40 mi. from Klamath Falls, OR. Travel N on Hwy. 97 from Klamath Falls, OR to the Hwy. 62 exit for Fort Klamath & Crater Lake NP.

Located on the site of the 1863 U.S. Army fort, which played an important role in the Modoc War of 1872. A small picnic area is nearby, as well as the gravesite of Modoc leader Captain Jack.

Dates open: June thru Labor Day.

Information: Fort Klamath Museum, Fort Klamath, OR, 541-381-2230.

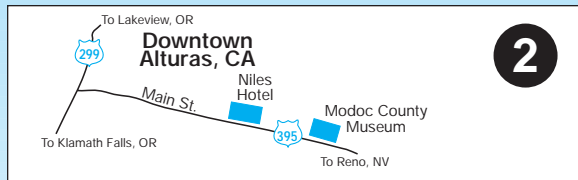


Collier Memorial State Park and Logging Museum

Hwy 97, 30 mi. N of Klamath Falls, OR

This extensive outdoor museum offers a unique collection of logging artifacts and pioneer buildings. It traces the evolution of logging from horse and steam power to the modern "cats" of today. A pioneer village features authentic cabins filled with period furnishings. The museum and picnic grounds are open year-round. The nearby campground is operated mid-April through October.

Information: Collier State Park, Chiloquin, OR, 541-783-2471.



Modoc County Historical Museum

600 Main St., Alturas, CA

This museum displays a range of Native American and Pioneer artifacts as well as antiques from the town's rich past. Consider a short stroll over to the **Niles Hotel** and walk through this Historic Landmark.

Dates Open: May 1st thru October 31; two weeks right before Christmas.

Information: Modoc County Historical Museum, Alturas, CA, 530-233-6328

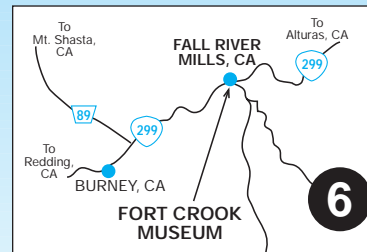
Fort Crook Museum

Hwy. 299 in Fall River Mills, CA

Memorabilia from General George Crook, of Western Indian War fame. Extensive pioneer settler and Native American collections.

Open everyday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m., May 1st thru October 31st.

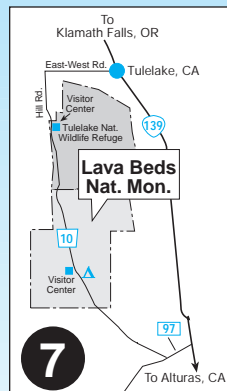
Information: Fort Crook Museum, Fall River Mills, CA, 530-336-5110.



Lakeview Museums and Historic Buildings

Three small museums depict life as it was at the turn of the century and offer a great start for a self-guided walking tour of the downtown district. **Lake County Museum** has a wide-ranging collection of household items and Native American beadwork and basketry. The **Schmink Memorial Museum** contains furniture and clothing, nearly 5,000 pieces from the ordinary to the unusual, representing Lake County pioneer life. The **Lake County Roundup Museum** reviews the ranching and rodeo life of Lake County.

Information: Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Lakeview, OR, 541-947-6040.

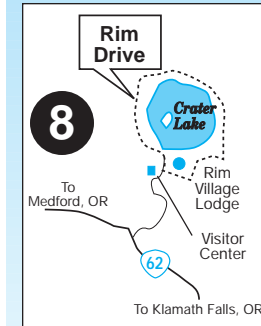


Lava Beds National Monument

From Tulelake, CA, W 5 mi. on East-West Rd., S 19 mi. on Hill Rd. to Visitor Center.

The exhibits at the Visitor Center detail the history and personalities of the Modoc War, 1872-73, fought mainly around the local lava beds. A number of other historic sites in the Monument turn the area into a vast outdoor museum. Self-guided trails will lead you in the weary footsteps of those who fought in the Modoc War. In summer, rangers conduct tours in the historic district and present programs about the war.

Information: Lava Beds National Monument, 530-667-2282.



Crater Lake National Park

60 mi. N of Klamath Falls, OR, on Hwy. 97 & 62.

Rim Village Visitor Center and Steel Information Center both display natural history of this beautiful area as well as a history of the Park's development. Information about guided trips of the Park and lake are also available here.

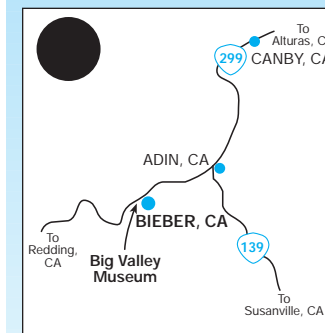
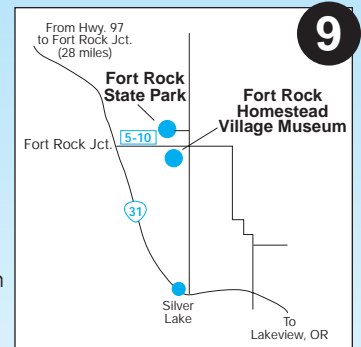
Information: Crater Lake National Park, 541-594-2211.

Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum

From Hwy. 97, 28 mi. S on Hwy. 31 to Fort Rock Jct. E 7 mi. to museum.

Immerse yourself in Oregon's pioneer history at this museum. Authentic homestead cabins, a church and even a doctor's office have been relocated and restored to this 10 acre village. Consider visiting nearby Ft. Rock State Park and tour the BLM Christmas Valley Backcountry Byway.

Information: Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum, 541-576-2388



Big Valley Museum

Hwy 299, in Bieber, CA.

This museum exhibits objects from the early pioneers, Native American life, and the ranching community of the region. While visiting, be sure to tour the historic Hayden Hill fire lookout, located at the museum.

Information: Big Valley Museum, No Phone, Open:

May 1-Sept. 30, Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.