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Oregon Coast Military Museum
2145 Kingwood Street, Florence, OR 97439 (PO Box 2040), Florence, OR 97439 Phone: 541-902-6150 (www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com) Open year-round Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10am-4pm.

Enjoy life-size dioramas of WWI thru Vietnam; a scaled diorama of Desert Storm; personal artifact displays; library and gift shop. We honor all eras of military heritage and all disciplines of the military. "Honoring our Veterans by Educating our Public."

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Umpqua Discovery Center
409 Riverfront Way, Reedsport, OR 97467. Phone: 541.271.4816 (www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com) Open every Sunday, noon-4pm. Open June through September, Monday–Saturday, 10am-5pm, and October through May, 10am-4pm.

Travel back in time to life in a tidewater town and hike the indoor nature trail. Educational and fun for all!

Umpqua River Lighthouse Museum
1020 Lighthouse Road, Winchester Bay, OR 97467. Phone: 541.271.4631 (www.umpquavalleymuseums.org) Open daily, May through October, 10am-4:30pm and November through April, Friday through Monday, 10am-4:30pm.

Inside the museum you’ll find hundreds of documents, photographs, and artifacts that illustrate the story of the nearby Umpqua River Lighthouse from its early existence as a Lifesaving Station to the U.S. Coast Guard station that sits on the same site today.

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum
278 Maple St., (PO Box 2637), Florence, OR 97439. Ph: 541.997.788 (www.siuslawpioneermuseum.com) Open daily, May through September, noon-4pm and open October thru December and February thru April, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4pm.

The museum is home to historic displays, pictures and other information about the Siuslaw River area including the pioneers, Indian tribes, and the City of Florence. A research library is on site.

Wagner Pioneer House
500 1st Avenue (P.O. Box 250), Powers, OR 97466. Phone: (City of Powers) 541.439.3331. Open by appointment and every other Saturday or Sunday in the summer from noon-3pm.

The Wagner Pioneer House was built in 1872 of split-beam construction. It contains exhibits and photos depicting rural life in an Oregon logging and farming community during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Visit the History Museums of Southwest Oregon!
Bandon Historical Society Museum
270 Filmore (PO Box 737), Bandon, OR 97411. Phone: 541.347.2164 (www.bandonhistoricalmuseum.org) Open daily in the summer, 10am-4pm. Closed Sundays, September through May, and closed each January. Bandon’s Historical Society Museum collects and shares the stories of a town blessed by water and cursed by fire. Shipbuilding, shipwrecks, Indian artifacts, the beach, disastrous fires, festivals and celebrations, trees, cheese and cranberries are just some of the subjects we exhibit to tell the story of life in Bandon and life along the lower Coquille River.

Cape Blanco Heritage Society
98331 Coast Guard Road (PO Box 1132), Port Orford, OR, 97465. (www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com) Phone: 541.332.0521

The Heritage Society operates the Hughes House, Cape Blanco Lighthouse and the Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum. Open April through October, Wednesday through Monday, 10am-3:30pm.

The barracks building of the former Port Orford Lifeboat Station, in Port Orford Heads State Park, houses the museum with the stories of the courageous Coast Guardsmen who risked their lives to save those in distress at sea. Also on display is the former 36-foot motor lifeboat used in the daring rescues.

Chetco Valley Museum
15461 Museum Road (PO Box 2004), Harbor, OR 97415. Ph: 541.469.6651 (www.chetcomuseum.org) Open May through October, Saturday and Sunday, 9am-4pm.

The museum is located in the Blake House, built in 1857—the oldest remaining home in southern Curry County. The home has had many uses including originally being used as a way station. Oregon’s largest Monterey Cypress, a designated Oregon Heritage tree, is located on the property. The house and annex building have displays, pictures, and artifacts featuring local history including regional Native American tribes.

Coos History Museum
1210 N. Front Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541.756.6320 (www.cooshistory.org) Open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday, 10am-5pm.

Located on a four-acre waterfront site on Coos Bay’s historic Front Street, the CHM features a variety of programs and special events for people of all ages. Two floors of exhibits explore the geography, history and economics of the South Coast and the people who live here. Complete your experience with a visit to our museum store, which specializes in regional gifts and books. Visit us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Coos County Fairgrounds Museum
770 4th Street, Myrtle Point, OR 97458 Phone: 541.824.0154 Open May through late September, Thursdays 1pm-4pm or by appointment. Also open daily during the Coos County Fair in July.

The museum displays exhibits that illustrate Coos life in areas such as logging, trains, the Coast Guard, schools, and past Coos County Fairs.

Coos County Logging Museum
705 Maple, Myrtle Point, OR 97458. Phone: 541.572.1014 Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm and Sundays 1pm-4pm.

A unique museum in a unique building with tools, equipment, and photos on display showcasing the South Coast forest products industry. Included are many large sculpted myrtlewood panels of the Warneke Collection depicting logging scenes.

Curry Historical Society Museum
29419 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, OR 97444 (on Hwy. 101 across from the fairgrounds). Phone: 541.247.9396 (www.curryhistory.org) Open March through December, Tuesday through Friday, 10am-4pm.

The Curry Museum is housed within a vintage Gold Beach home. We address the famous Rogue River as well as the Mary D. Hume, a historic ship that was built in Gold Beach in 1881. You will find displays of ocean vessels, fishing, timber days, military, along with pioneer displays including local Indian artifacts. Our gift shop features books and historical photos.

Marshfield Sun Printing Museum
1049 Front St. (PO Box 783), Coos Bay, OR 97420 (www.marshfieldsunprintingmuseum.org) Open summer, Tuesday through Saturday, 1pm-4pm.

A fully intact 19th-century frontier weekly newspaper and job printing shop with all presses, type cases, and other printing equipment as they were in 1944 when the printer died, ending the last hand-set newspaper in Oregon and one of the last in the United States. Upstairs are exhibits depicting life in Marshfield in early 1900s, a collection of early office copying technology, and a repository of all the weekly newspapers printed in what is now the City of Coos Bay.