

<p>Visit all of the museums and historic sites and buildings in Kootenai County.</p> <p>When you visit a location, write the date in this passport.</p>	1. Museum of North Idaho	2. Old Fort Sherman
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KOOTENAI COUNTY HISTORY PASSPORT



Look for the
Historic Site Marker

The Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission aims to preserve, promote, and develop the county's historic and cultural resources while educating the public on the importance of preservation. The HPC works with state and local partners to protect historic sites and maintain an up-to-date register of historic places.

<https://kcgov.us/338/Historic-Preservation-Commission>

1. Museum of North Idaho



The Museum of North Idaho (MONI) is the largest and oldest museum and archive in Kootenai County. In 2025, MONI relocated to the J.C. White House in Downtown Coeur d'Alene near Tubbs Hill and McEuen Park. MONI has three levels of exhibit space, a research library with a 39,000+ digitized photograph collection, and a gift shop featuring locally-made products and books about the history of North Idaho.

MONI also hosts walking tours, lectures, youth summer camps, and community events. The White House grounds and the Fort Sherman Chapel, Coeur d'Alene's oldest building, are available to be rented for private events. Memberships of varying levels are available.

www.museumni.org | info@museumni.org

720 E Young Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 | (208) 664-3448

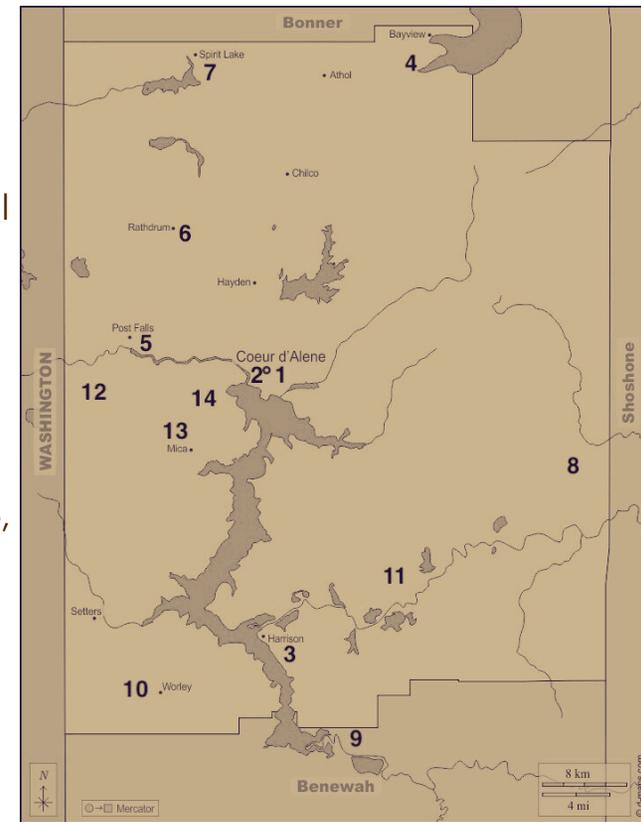
Admission: \$2 - 7, Free for Members

Hours: Open year round but hours depend on the season.

Visit the website for up-to-date hours of operation.

Summer Walking Tours on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings

Established in 1864, Kootenai County lies in the northern panhandle of Idaho and is home to a rich cultural and natural heritage. For centuries, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, or Schitsu'umsh, maintained traditional grounds of five million acres across western Montana, northern Idaho, and eastern Washington. The Coeur d'Alene are everpresent, and their deep connection to the land continues today through stewardship, cultural preservation, and leadership in regional affairs.



Early settlers were drawn to the area by its abundant resources and transportation potential. Rathdrum, one of the earliest settlements, served as the original county seat due to its location along early travel routes. In 1879, the establishment of Fort Sherman near Lake Coeur d'Alene spurred growth in that area, and the county seat was later moved to the newly founded City of Coeur d'Alene.

The arrival of the railroad in the 1880s and the mining boom in nearby Shoshone County transformed Kootenai County into a key transportation hub for the mining and timber industries.

Steamboats once dominated Lake Coeur d'Alene with freight and passenger travel, supporting commerce and community life. Over time, the county evolved from its industrial roots into a thriving destination for outdoor recreation, tourism, and cultural heritage, shaped by both its tribal and pioneer histories.

Rose Lake Community Historical Society

The Rose Lake Community Historical Society was organized to preserve the Rose Lake School, built in 1914. The Rose Lake Elementary School is listed on the NRHP and was modified in the 1930s and 1950s.

14917 S Queen St., Cataldo, ID 83810

Pleasant View Community Association

The Pleasant View Community Association is a nonprofit that owns and maintains the Pleasant View School building in Post Falls, which was constructed in 1910 and is listed on the NRHP.

18724 W Riverview Rd., Post Falls, ID

Mica Flats Grange

The Mica Flats Grange is a historic building located in the Mica area, southwest of the City of Coeur d'Alene. The Mica Flats Grange operates as a community and event center and is the home of the Jolly Workers of Mica 4-H Club. The Mica Flats Grange participates in preserving its own history, as well as that of the local 4-H club and families of the Mica Flats and Valhalla area.

www.micaflatsgrange.org

7465 West Kidd Island Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814
(208) 769-9590

Meadowbrook Community Hall

The Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association (SRMPA) owns and operates the Meadowbrook Community Hall in Cougar Gulch, a rural area located southwest of the City of Coeur d'Alene. The Meadowbrook Community Hall was built in 1912 and the SRMPA maintains the historic building. The SRMPA is a nonprofit that relies on memberships, donations, and rental fees that maintain the historic building.

www.meadowbrookcommunityhall.com

8088 W Meadowbrook Loop, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Old Fort Sherman

Fort Sherman, established in 1878 on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, served as a 999-acre U.S. Army post until 1900. Walking tours of the old fort grounds are run by the Museum of North Idaho in the summer.



Fort Sherman Chapel
1025 W Garden Avenue

The Fort Sherman Chapel was constructed in 1880 and is the oldest church, school, library, and meeting hall in Coeur d'Alene. It was donated to the Museum of North Idaho in 1984 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. It is currently used for special events, seating up to 80 guests.



Officer's Quarters
1025 W Garden Avenue

Located on the North Idaho College campus, the historic Fort Sherman Officer's Quarters was once home to U.S. Army officers stationed at the fort. Built in the late 1800s, the building now serves as office space for NIC staff and stands as a preserved reminder of Coeur d'Alene's military past.



Powder Magazine
530 N College Drive

Built in 1885, the Fort Sherman Powder Magazine was used to safely store arms and artillery. Constructed with thick brick walls and a vaulted ceiling, it remains one of the oldest military structures in the area.

Crane Historical Society and Museum



The Crane Historical Society was formed in 1984 and operates the Crane House museum and the former city jail. The Crane House, 1891, is the first home built in Harrison and is listed on the NRHP. A Russian elm was planted in the front yard in 1891 by the second governor of Idaho, N.B. Wiley, and it still thrives today. The two-cell jailhouse was built in 1925 by then Constable Claude Knaggs.

The museum focuses on the history of the city of Harrison, as well as Lake Coeur d'Alene steamboat, lumber, mining, and railroad history. The Crane Historical Society houses an archive and a large oral history collection and has published the book "Harrison Area." The Crane Historical Society and Museum operates by donations and is run by volunteers.

<https://the-crane-historical-society.weebly.com> | cranehistoc@gmail.com

201 S. Coeur d'Alene Ave., Harrison, ID 83833 | (208) 660-8510

Admission: By Donation

Hours: (May through Early September) Sat. & Sun. - 12 pm to 4 pm

Tours by Appointment

FUN FACT!

In the early 1900s, Lake Coeur d'Alene was so busy with steamboats that it was said to have more steamboats than any other body of water west of the Mississippi!



Heyburn State Park

Heyburn State Park was established in 1908 from the Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alene) Reservation Land by an act of Congress. This stunning destination spans 5,744 acres of land and 2,332 acres of water across Kootenai and Benewah counties. The historic Rocky Lodge, built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, now houses exhibits that showcase the rich history of the North Idaho region and Lake Coeur d'Alene. It's also a haven for campers, bikers, and paddlers alike.

<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/heyburn/info/>

57 Chatcolet Rd., Plummer, ID 83851

(208) 686-1308

Hours Vary Depending on Season

Treaty Rock

In 1871, Frederick Post negotiated with Moses Seltice and other Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alenes) at Treaty Rock, a designated archaeological site, for rights to a nearby waterfall.

Despite popular belief, Post and Seltice never signed a treaty here. Some of the markings on nearby Treaty Rock may predate 1871; others probably came later to commemorate the negotiation. But undisputed is the enduring legacy of Post and the Seltice family.

Treaty Rock Park | 701 N. Compton St. Post Falls, ID | www.postfalls.gov

Park Hours: Daily, 6:00 am to 9:00 pm

Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park



The Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park features Idaho's oldest building, the Mission of the Sacred Heart, built between 1850 and 1853 by Jesuit missionaries and the Schitsu'umsh "Coeur d'Alene" Tribe. Visitors can explore the Mission, Parish House, and cemetery, and learn about the complex relationships between missionaries and Tribe. The visitor center houses a gift shop and the award-winning Sacred Encounters exhibit. The park is also a scenic stop along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission/>

31732 S Mission Rd. Cataldo, Idaho 83810
(208) 682-3814

Summer Hours: Daily, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Winter Hours: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cataldo Mission and Parish House Admission: \$7 per vehicle

Sacred Encounters Exhibit Admission: \$5 per person or \$10 per family

Museum at the Brig and Bayview Kilns



Farragut State Park
Highway 54
208-683-2425
<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/farragut/>

Hours: Daily,
10 am to 4 pm
Memorial Day
through Labor Day

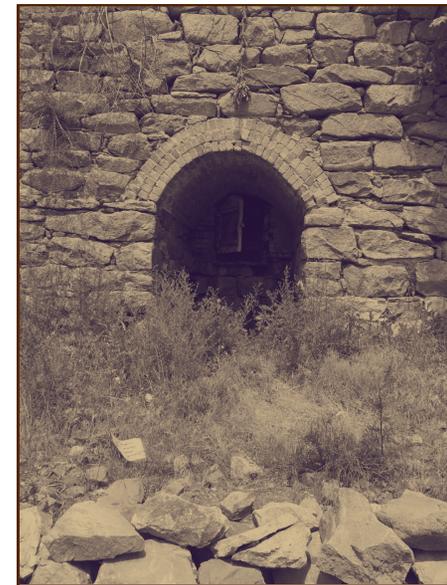
Located within Farragut State Park, the Museum at the Brig preserves and shares the compelling history of the Farragut Naval Training Station during World War II. Established in 1941 following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the training station became one of the largest of its kind in the country. The "Brig Building" once served as a military jail for unruly recruits and prisoners of war.

Newly renovated in 2025, the museum explores the experiences of naval recruits, the rigors of boot camp, prison life, the WAVES, and the role of the local naval hospital.

Admission

Farragut State Park: \$7 per vehicle & Museum at the Brig: By Donation

Limestone was discovered near Lakeview, Idaho in 1891, and by the early 1900s, mining was underway. In 1912, the International Portland Cement Company built "The Cement" plant to crush limestone for shipment to kilns in Bayview, operated by Washington Brick and Lime Co. The kilns, abandoned in the 1930s, once fired limestone at 1,000 degrees and are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Marietta Road/N. Limekiln Rd
Bayview, Idaho
www.bayviewidaho.org

Post Falls Historical Society and Museum

The Post Falls Historical Society (PFHS) operates a museum dedicated to the history of Post Falls. Located in the historic "Chapin Building," the PFHS has established a collection of local artifacts, objects, and photographs and maintains an archive for research purposes. The PFHS is operated solely by volunteers. It offers an annual membership and quarterly newsletter and seeks donations for operations.



www.postfallsmuseum.org
info@postfallsmuseum.org

101 E 4th Ave, Post Falls, ID 83854
(208) 262-9642

Admission: By Donation, Free for Members
Hours: Mid-May through October
Wednesday to Friday - 11 am to 3 pm
& Saturday - 10 am to 4 pm
Tours Available by Appointment

Worley Historical Society and Museum

Main Street, Worley, Idaho, 83876
(208) 686-1573

Hours: Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm &
1st & 3rd Saturdays - 1 pm to 4 pm

Admission by Donation
Tours Available by Appointment



The Worley Historical Society was formed in 2012 and currently operates a museum in the Worley Grange, built in 1959. The Worley Museum focuses on the history of the agricultural areas southwest of Lake Coeur d'Alene and Northwest of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Reservation. The Historical Society is run by volunteers and offers memberships.

Rathdrum-Westwood Historical Society and Jail Museum



www.rathdrumhistory.com
oldkcjail@gmail.com
7940 W 2nd St.
Rathdrum, Idaho 83858
(208) 625-0014

Admission: By Donation
Hours: (Memorial Day to Labor Day) Saturdays and Sundays -
12 pm to 4 pm
Tours Available by Appointment

The Rathdrum-Westwood Historical Society operates the Old Kootenai County Jail Museum. The Old Kootenai County Jail was in operation from 1892-1908 when Rathdrum was the county seat. The building was repurposed over the years as a town meeting hall, library, city hall, and city equipment storage and maintenance.

Spirit Lake Historical Society and Museum

<https://sites.google.com/view/spiritlakehistoricalsociety/home?authuser=0>
32324 N Priest River Dr. Spirit Lake, ID 83869

Admission: By Donation
Hours: Saturdays - 1 pm to 4 pm; Tours Available by Appointment



In 2019, the Spirit Lake Historical Society opened a museum in the restored 1910 Lutheran Church at 6th and Jefferson. Operated by volunteers, the museum showcases Spirit Lake's history—from early settlers to the timber industry. Supported by donations and memberships, it preserves the community's heritage for future generations.