Permanent Exhibits

Hall of Exploration and Settlement
Journey through 100 years in the High Desert in the Spirit of the West.

By Hand Through Memory
Learn about the resistance and resilience of Native people in the face of significant changes during the 20th century.

Desertarium
Encounter reptiles, amphibians and other High Desert creatures.

Autzen Otter Exhibit
Visit our resident otters in their habitat.

Donald M. Kerr Birds of Prey Center
See raptors up close.

Miller Family Ranch
Step back in time to 1904 and see how settlers lived. You might just run into some of the characters who lived there.

Changing Forest
Learn how fire impacts High Desert forest.

Whose Home?
Young children are invited to explore secret hiding places, fossils and tracks.

Changing Exhibits
Located in the Spirit of the West Gallery, Brooks Gallery and Collins Gallery.

Dining & Shopping

Rimrock Café
Enjoy lunch or a snack in the café or on the terrace.

Silver Sage Trading
Find unique books, gifts, jewelry and toys in the Museum store.

The High Desert Museum opened in 1982 with a guiding principle that education and experience are the basis for thoughtful decisions. Today we strive to be the preeminent resource for exploring the historic and contemporary relationships between people and the High Desert landscape.

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SUMMER HOURS 9:00 am–5:00 pm
April 1 through October 31

WINTER HOURS 10:00 am–4:00 pm
November 1 through March 31

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Welcome to the High Desert
PLEASE READ:
To help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit for everyone, please follow these guidelines.
➤ DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS
➤ No food or drink except in specified areas
➤ Do not cross fences or barriers
➤ No smoking or vaping
➤ During your visit, you may be photographed or filmed for promotional purposes
➤ Trail may be steep or rough and may be difficult for wheelchairs or strollers

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