



COLUMBIA RIVER EXHIBITION

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Museum Hours: Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 5:00
Sunday 12:00 – 5:00

General Admission: \$4 Adults
\$3 Seniors (62+)
\$3 Youth (7-17)
Free Admission to CREHST members and children under 7

History: The CREHST Museum was founded in 1995 and had its roots in the Hanford Science Center, which for nearly four decades was the guardian of the history of the Manhattan Project, the Cold War plutonium production years and the environmental clean up of Hanford that followed the end of the Cold War. The U.S. Department of Energy announced the decision to privatize the Center in December 1995. Hanford Science Center began its operation in 1962 in the former Richland Community Center and was relocated to the Federal Building in 1973. With help from community input and support CREHST was able to expand the focus of the museum to include not only the guardianship of the history of Hanford Site, but also the history and future of the science and technology of the Columbia Basin. In August 1997 CREHST opened its doors in its current location at 95 Lee Boulevard, Richland Washington and was designated the official repository of the Hanford Collection.

CREHST provides a learning environment and an important cultural resource for the Tri-Cities by maintaining a museum to hold exhibitions using displays, photos, models and dioramas to tell the story of this region from prehistory to present day.

OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS:

CREHST fulfills the important task of preserving collections, serving as a central archival library to curate and protect our region's historical, scientific and technological record.

CREHST Collections

The CREHST collections include about 3000 items including historic items, geology samples, photographs, archival records, and library materials. The collecting scope includes the Mid-Columbia region throughout time. Many of these items relate directly to Hanford Site history.

U.S. Department of Energy Collections

CREHST curates the Hanford Site collections for the U.S. Department of Energy; the approximate 6000 items date from 1942 to 1990. These items are mainly tools and equipment relating to the social history, photographs, and archival records. One historic archaeology collection of bottles is earlier.

PERMANENT EXHIBITS: Describe the culture and the history of the Columbia Basin, describe the Hanford story; and explore the unique history and geology of the Columbia River. These exhibits include: Diorama of the shrub-steppe and flora and fauna of the Hanford Site; diorama of example of Native American life in the area prior to the 20th century; The Three Faces of Richland (Native Americans, early euro-American settlers, and the early days of Richland when the Manhattan project started); Day's Pay; photo mural of B-reactor; photo mural of early Hanford workers waiting for their bus to the work site; guard shack; signs of the times; waste tanks both double and single shell; a scale model of a hot cell with a manipulator; Kennedy's visit to Hanford to break ground for the Hanford Generating Plant; an interactive radiation exhibit; artistic depiction of the timeline at Hanford beginning with the letter to FDR urging him to establish a program to develop a powerful defense weapon to use in the second World War before the Germans could do so; Model of a water-cooled K-Reactor and the core of a sodium cooled reactor-the Fast Flux Test Facility; photographs of the underground waste tank burial grounds with a replica of a Hanford worker dressed in worker protection apparel and an interactive geological history of the area.

EDUCATION: CREHST is a premier educational resource for the community of the region's history, science and technology.

Student Programming

CREHST offers teachers and students informative and interactive exhibitions and programs that align with Washington State Educational guidelines and requirements. These programs are designed to encourage students in the pursuit of history, science, and technology, to highlight the role of science and technology on the shaping of history, and provide the potential to explore career options in the technical fields.

Lifetime Learning Initiative

CREHST offers a variety of site-based and off-site opportunities for adult learners to expand and share their knowledge of the history, science and technology of the Columbia Basin region. Community events, walking tours, lecture series, Native American skills classes, access to authors, scientists and more are methods of bringing learning alive for the adult learner.

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MEMBERSHIP: 404 (as of 1/31/2010)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

ASTC: Association of Science and Technology Centers (reciprocal admission with members of the Passport Program)

WMA: Washington Museum Association

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP: (The River Store)

Inside the museum is The River Shop, a gift store specializing in books and DVD's of the local area's history, including the geology of the area and the events surrounding the Manhattan Project, The Cold War, and clean-up of the Hanford Site. CREHST offers the largest collection of materials about Hanford of any venue in the Tri-Cities. The glass Atomic Marble is the "trademark" of the gift store. Cold War souvenirs are available for purchase, and include hand-held dosimeters, chargers and Geiger counters.

In addition, the River Shop carries a wide variety of attractive rocks to accompany the geology exhibit, jewelry, key chains, science related toys and Tri City souvenirs.

The River Shop is open during museum hours and can be accessed without paying museum admission.

VOLUNTEERS: 80

2010 TOTAL HOURS DONATED: 6,606.5

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