

April 10, 2025



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

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Introduction

Mendocino County Museum staff are changing things up! Our next exhibit, *Take Me to the Water: Histories of the Black Pacific*, will be on exhibit in our main galleries in June. Visitors will be seeing lots of changes as we prepare for this exciting new loan from Exhibit Envoy. The Museum has numerous programs and activities planned throughout the fall!

MENDOCINO COUNTY
MUSEUM
"Telling Our Story"







VISIT US!
400 E. COMMERCIAL ST. WILLITS, CA 95490
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WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.
SUNDAY 12-4 P.M.

MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM 2025

Exhibits

Open Now

Telling Our Story: Timber Industry In Early Mendocino County

June 8 - August 3

Take Me to the Water: Histories of the Black Pacific by Exhibit Envoy

August 20 - October 26

4th Annual ImPressed Printmaking Exhibit

Ongoing Programs

Wednesdays 2:00-4:30 P.M.

History Makers - Family Crafts

2nd & 4th Thursdays 12:30-1:30 P.M.

*A-Bit-and-A-Bite
Lunch Hour History Spotlight*

1st & 3rd Thursdays 2-3 P.M.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

May - September 2-3 P.M.

*Last Sunday of the Month
Lecture Series*

Special Events

May 4, 12-4 P.M.

*Friends of the Museum
Mushroom Succulent Gardening*

September 6 & 7 - TBD

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival

October 4, 5-7 P.M.

Friends of the Museum Fall Fest!

October 19 - TBD

Stone Stories Cemetery Tour

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE!



I. Effective County Government Organization

The Museum partners with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Roots of Motive Power to deliver dynamic education programs for Mendocino County Schools.



2025 School Tours

Learn about early Mendocino County history with a guided tour experience!

Featured exhibits:

- *Telling Our Story: Early Timber Industry in Mendocino County*
- *Woven Worlds: Native People's of Mendocino County*
- *Mendocino County Resource Conservation District Interpretive Center*
- *Roots of Motive Power Steam Engine Collection*

Themes include: early timber industry and advancements in technology, changes in our local economy and early transportation, natural resource management, and habitat restoration.

Guided tour programs are \$9.00 per student.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Self-guided visits of Museum exhibitions are also available.

In the Field Self-Guided Tour Program includes:

- 15-minute introduction from Museum staff
- Activity guides for self-lead exploration

Self-guided tour programs are \$3.00 per student.

SEE AVAILABLE DATES



REQUEST A TOUR ONLINE

For questions or to request additional details please contact the Museum.



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II. A Safe and Healthy County

The Museum is pleased to offer a re-occurring lunch hour program, *A-Bit-and-A-Bite*, that features unique aspects of Mendocino County history. This program is hosted by guest speakers every second and fourth Thursday. This casual program brings the community together and encourages friendship and volunteerism.



Thursday
April 10,
12:30

A-Bit-and-A-Bite

History at the Mendocino County Museum

Join us for light refreshments, history, and conversation!
Curator, Lindsey Dick, will share the unique history of the Willits Creamery. FOTMCM will host an ice cream social and showcase new customized ice cream scoops available for purchase in the Museum gift shop.



- LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- REFRESHMENTS

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III. A Thriving Economy

The Museum encourages use of the Museum Wonacott Room and Courtyard. This space is being used frequently for community gatherings of all kinds. Use of this space supports visitation to the Willits area, and patronage to local businesses.



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Wonacott Meeting Room & Courtyard

400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 94590

Looking for a space to hold an upcoming meeting or celebration? The Wonacott Meeting Room and Courtyard at the Mendocino County Museum are open to public use by reservation.

The Wonacott Meeting Room has all you need for meetings, presentations, and conferences. The space can accommodate up to 39 people and is equipped with tables, chairs, Smart TV, mini refrigerator, and sink.



The Wonacott Courtyard is perfect for hosting parties, picnics, or other small-scale events. The space features three picnic tables situated beneath oak trees and a paved area ideal for tables, games, dancing, and more.

Rental of both spaces includes access to indoor restrooms.

Available from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 7 days a week. Events outside standard hours are subject to approval.

Rates are \$63 per hour or \$191 per day. Each space is rented separately. Reservations on a First-Come-First-Serve Basis.

Download the Application



SCAN HERE





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For availability and general inquiries, please email museum@mendocinocounty.gov or call (707) 234-6365.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County
N/A

Other/Additional Information

The Museum is pleased to provide special tours of the Museum Collections Facility.



BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Willits Edition: Northwestern Mill and Railroad Collections

Visitors are invited to tour areas rarely open to the public during this unique program. View collections storage areas, see recently acquired objects, and learn about collections care from knowledgeable docents.

Behind the Scenes Tour Dates:

- Thursday April 3, 2-3 p.m.
- Thursday April 17, 2-3 p.m.
- Or by reservation! Call ahead to schedule a tour.

Space is limited, call ahead and make a reservation early as you will not want to miss this opportunity to explore!



For more information or to arrange a special tour for your group please call the Mendocino County Museum.



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