



# HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Independence was known as the “Hop Capitol of the World” from the 1890s to the 1940s, but the history of our City is so much more than just hops. The Heritage Museum in Independence was established in 1976 and was originally housed in an old Baptist Church. In 2022, the museum re-opened its doors in a new location, with all new, modern exhibits.

Our mission is to collect and share the natural history and diverse cultural heritage of the river community of Independence. We do this by trying to tell the untold stories of the past and connect them with the present. Visitors can learn through interacting with objects, text, graphics, and interactives.

Schedule a field trip to the museum today! We work with each school group to make sure your visit is what your students need and will enjoy. There is school bus parking, admission is always free, and we are located in the historic downtown, giving your group the opportunity to explore outside our walls.

We have new, rotating exhibits nearly every month. Come visit the Heritage Museum and learn about our city’s diverse history, Oregon Trail roots, the Kalapuya Tribe, hop farms, local military service, and much more. Visit our website for more information or to schedule your field trip today!

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OPEN: Tue. – Thur. 10 AM – 6 PM, Fri. & Sat. 10 AM – 4 PM

CLOSED Sunday & Monday.

"We are so thrilled to partner with Natascha and the Heritage Museum in Independence for our Freshmen winter term project at Dallas Community High School! Her expertise and professionalism has made the experience better than we could have ever imagined, and our students have gained so much from the experience! I can't wait to see how the knowledge gained from Natascha and the Heritage Museum will translate into an amazing exhibition night for our students!"