

BAKER COUNTY
CULTURE AND HERITAGE

PASSPORT



Your guide to museums, cultural centers,
and art galleries in Baker County, Oregon.

Visit all eight locations to
receive a special stamp in your passport.

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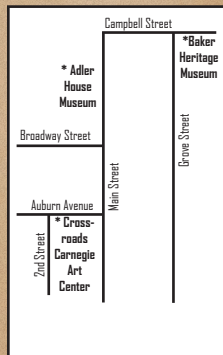
WELCOME TO BAKER COUNTY!

We hope you enjoy beautiful Baker County and all it has to offer. This passport provides a guide to some of Baker County's treasures.

Use this book to discover more about the history, museums and arts in Eastern Oregon. The museums and art attractions range from well-known, like the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, to quaint such as the Huntington and Pine Valley museums.

The Baker County Passport contains a map showing each attraction, and pages dedicated to each stop with information about hours and admission. At each attraction, get a stamp in your passport to record your visit.

The passport book is perfect for planning a trip to Baker County whether you're a local visitor or a tourist. We hope you enjoy your travels through beautiful, historic Baker County.



Baker Heritage Museum
2480 Grove St., Baker City

Adler House Museum
2305 Main St., Baker City

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center
2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
22267 OR-86, Baker City

Eastern Oregon Museum
610 Third St., Haines

Sumpter Municipal Museum
245 S. Mill St., Sumpter

Sumpter Valley Railroad
12259 Huckleberry Loop, McEwen
211 Austin St., Sumpter

Sumpter Valley Dredge
441 S. Mill St., Sumpter

Pine Valley Community Museum
115 E. Record St., Halfway

Huntington Museum
395 First St., Huntington

BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Baker Heritage Museum is located in the 100-year old Baker Municipal Natatorium, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

The museum collection preserves Baker County's history from the 1860s through 1960s. Core exhibits include Baker County industries (logging, ranching, and mining), historical Baker City, Wally Byam's Airstream experience, Chinese heritage, native and non-native wildlife, and a collection of regional Native American artifacts, including stone tools.



ADLER HOUSE MUSEUM

This museum, located at 2305 Main St., is dedicated to the memory of Leo Adler, Baker City's most famous philanthropist.

It is open weekends from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.



Location:

2480 Grove St.
Baker City, OR

Operation:

March through October

Admission:

Please contact for current prices

Contact:

Website: bakerheritagemuseum.com

Email: museum@bakercounty.org

Phone: 541-523-9308

Facebook: Baker Heritage Museum

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CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

Located inside the historic Carnegie Library, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is a community center for the arts, an art gallery, and a historic site.

This arts organization dates to 1963 with the Oregon Trail Arts Association. It is the oldest continuously operating art center east of the Cascade Mountains.

Although class offerings change throughout the years, the mission of Crossroads remains the same: bring art to everyone.



Location:

2020 Auburn Ave.
Baker City, OR

Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission:

Free

Contact:

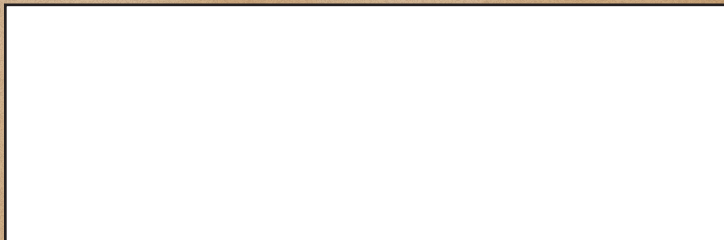
Website: www.crossroads-arts.org

Email: info@crossroads-arts.org

Phone: 541-523-5369

Facebook: Crossroads Carnegie Art Center

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NATIONAL HISTORIC OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER



This center offers living history demonstrations, interpretive programs, exhibits, multi-media presentations, special events and more than four miles of interpretive trails.

Using life-size displays, films and live presentations, the center tells the story of Oregon Trail pioneers, explorers, miners and settlers of the frontier west. The actual ruts carved by pioneer wagons bisect the site, and are accessible by a trail.

Location:

22267 OR-86

Baker City, OR

(five miles east of Baker City on Highway 86.

Take exit 302 from Interstate 84)

Operation:

Year-round, although hours differ
for summer and winter. Call to confirm.

Admission:

Check the website: oregontrail.blm.gov

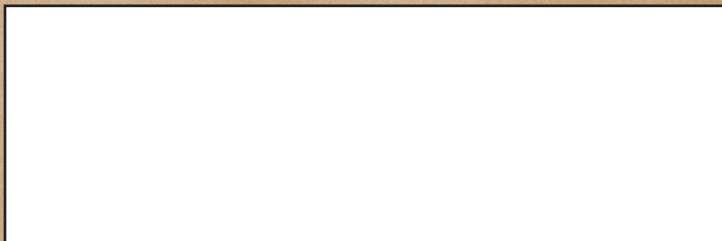
Contact:

Website: oregontrail.blm.gov

Email: BLM_OR_NH_Mail@blm.gov

Phone: 541-523-1843

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EASTERN OREGON MUSEUM

You'll find a little bit of everything at this local gem.

Originally built as a gymnasium for Haines School, the building became home to the Eastern Oregon Museum in 1959.

The museum maintains a historic collection of artifacts, photos and documents that frame the history of Haines, Baker County, and Eastern Oregon.

Exhibits provide a look at the families who settled the area, and the daily events that shaped their lives.



Location:

610 Third St.
Haines

Hours:

Memorial Day through Labor Day
Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

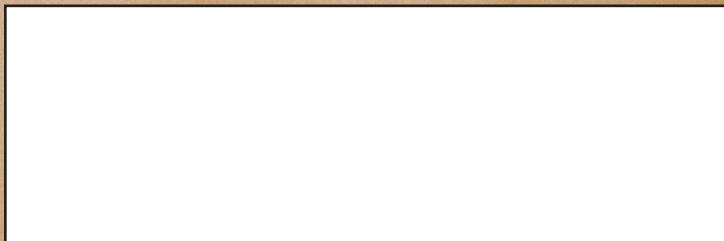
Admission:

\$2 per person, \$5 per family

Contact:

Website: www.easternoregonmuseum.com
Email: easternoregonmuseum@gmail.com
Phone: 541-856-3233

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SUMPTER MUNICIPAL MUSEUM



Sumpter was settled in 1862 after men discovered gold in Cracker Creek. The town grew with the arrival of heavy mining machinery and later the railroad. By the early 1900s, thousands lived in Sumpter. Mines around Sumpter were producing millions of dollars worth of gold every year.

In 1917, a fire swept through the town and many moved away. The railroad's last run was in 1947, and the last gold dredged ceased operation in 1953. This museum features donated artifacts grouped into displays of gold dredges, hydraulic mining, the Sumpter Valley Railroad and exhibits of the Sumpter fire in 1917.

Location:

245 S. Mill St.
Sumpter

Hours:

Wednesday: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mondays and Tuesdays as volunteers are available

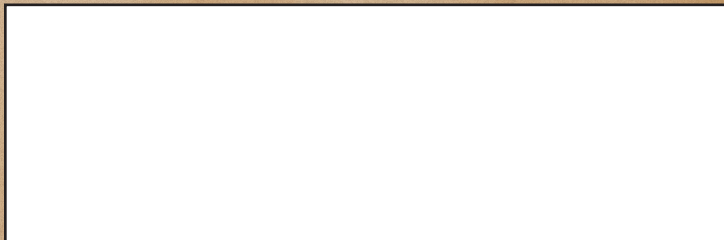
Admission:

By donation

Contact:

Email: svmuseumassociation@gmail.com
Phone: 541-894-2253
Facebook: Sumpter Valley Museum Association

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SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD

The Oregon Lumber Company built the Sumpter Valley Railroad in 1890 to access timber southwest of Baker City. The railway used narrow gauge rails (36 inches instead of 56 inches) because it cost less to build and operate.



The Sumpter Valley Railroad took its last run in 1947. Much of the original 80 miles is gone, but a section remains thanks to the Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration Inc., which took up the cause in the 1960s. Today the Sumpter Valley Railroad runs trains from McEwen Station to Sumpter on weekends during the summer, plus some off-season special events.

SUMPTER VALLEY DREDGE STATE HERITAGE AREA

Rock piles in the Sumpter Valley were churned up by gold dredges, one of which is the centerpiece of the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area. Visitors can tour the dredge, walk paths through the rocks and ponds, and pan for gold.

SVRR Locations:

12259 Huckleberry Loop (23 miles
southwest of Baker City)
211 Austin St., Sumpter

Hours:

Memorial Day through October

Cost:

Fares vary
Check the website for details

Contact:

Website: www.sumptervalleyrailroad.org
Email: info@sumptervalleyrailroad.org
Phone: 541-894-2268
Facebook: Sumpter Valley Railroad

Dredge:

441 S. Mill St.
Sumpter

Hours:

May 1 - Oct. 31
Visitor center
hours vary

Admission:

Free

Contact:

Website:
oregonstateparks.org
Phone: 800-551-6949
Also on Facebook

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PINE VALLEY COMMUNITY MUSEUM



This community museum preserves artifacts of life in Pine Valley, including the mining town of Cornucopia, one of the most productive group of mines in the United States.

Items from the pioneer lifestyle also grace the space of this museum, such as butter churns, a lard press, cream cans, and a telephone system from the days of operators.

The museum also catalogs local family history for those researching their genealogy.

Location:

115 E. Record St.
Halfway

Hours:

Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day weekend
Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays
Also by appointment

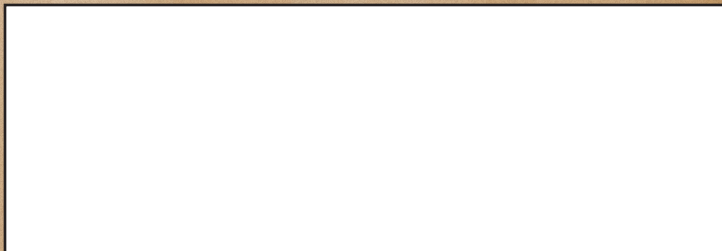
Admission:

By donation

Contact:

Website: www.pvcn.org
Phone: Dale Taylor, 541-742-7194

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HUNTINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

In eastern Baker County, Huntington was established along the railroad in 1884, and incorporated in 1891.

This museum shares stories of the town, including its maritime era when Huntington was a home port for two sternwheelers that plied the waters of Snake River.

While visiting, be sure to find the pistol-packing preacher and learn about that chapter in Huntington's history.



Location:

395 First St.
Huntington

Hours:

Open weekends during the summer
from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

1-4 p.m.

Also by appointment

Admission:

By donation

Contact:

Phone: 208-249-5179

Facebook: Huntington Oregon Historical
Society & Museum

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SCAVENGER HUNT

Baker County was settled by gold miners and pioneers seeking a different type of fortune out West. See if you can spot these items as you visit our museums, cultural centers, and art galleries.

What	Where did you find it?
A collection of cattle brands	
A bright wall made of fused glass	
Bell from the Carson School	
A covered wagon	
Gold panning station	

This passport belongs to: