



Unexpected moments of intrigue will surely arise while deep in thought at a museum. Learn the stories, embrace nostalgia, or give in to the allure of a hands-on experience.

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# MUSEUMS

## BELLINGHAM

### **Whatcom Museum of History and Art**

121 Prospect St, Bellingham (360) 676-6981  
whatcommuseum.org

Two buildings, including the 1982 "red" Old City Hall, feature contemporary art, historical exhibits, and original installations. Also of interest, are ongoing lectures and an expansive photo archives. Tues-Sun noon-5.

### **Whatcom Children's Museum**

227 Prospect St, Bellingham (360) 733-8769  
whatcommuseum.org

Creative and educational hands-on exhibits, ideal for ages 2-9. Sun/Tu/Wed noon-5, Thurs-Sat 10-5. Fee: \$3.50.

### **American Museum of Radio & Electricity**

1312 Bay St, Bellingham (360) 738-3886  
americanradiomuseum.org

Presents the story of electricity and radio featuring a private collection of more than 1,000 antique radios and artifacts. Wed-Sat 11-4, or call for an appointment. Fee: \$4.

### **Bellingham Railway Museum**

1320 Commercial St, Bellingham (360) 393-7540  
bellinghamrailwaymuseum.org

Features local railroad history, G gauge and HO layouts, and a kids area for hands-on play. Fee: \$1-\$3, kids under 5 free. Tues & Thurs-Sat, noon-5.

### **Bellingham Society of Model Engineers**

1469 Silver Run Lane (I-5, Exit 240, at corner of Hwy 99 & Alger Rd)  
www.bsme.org (360) 733-0711

HO-scale railroad layout with mountains, cities and realistic scenery. N-scale is on two levels. Digital command control and sound effects. Call or check web site for hours open to the public.

### **Fairhaven Pharmacy Museum**

1115 Harris Ave. (360) 734-3340  
Antique pharmaceutical equipment and photos.

Open Fridays, 1-5pm.

## **Mindport Exhibits**

210 W. Holly St., Bellingham

(360) 647-5614

mindport.org

Hands-on exhibits blending art, science, humor, and humanities. Enjoyable for adults and children 6 years and older. Wed-Fri noon to 6pm / Sat 10am-5pm / Sun noon-4pm. Fee: \$2.00.

## **The Pickett House**

On Bancroft Street (between "F" & "E" Streets) (360) 734-1827

This small pioneer house was built by Captain George E. Pickett in 1856. Later on during the American Civil War he was the Confederate General in Lee's army who led the famous charge at Gettysburg. Open the 2nd Sunday each month (unless poor weather), 1-4pm, or by appointment.

## **FERNDALE**

### **Pioneer Park**

2002 Cherry Street

(360) 384-6461

Pioneer Park is a collection of historic cabins and artifacts from various locations in Whatcom County. With 14 cabins, it's one of the largest collections of authentic log structures in the Northwest. Included are a school house, church, store and print shop. View exteriors year 'round. Cabins open Mid-May through mid-Sept. Tues-Sun, 11:30-4. (Group tours by appointment).

## **LYNDEN**

### **Lynden Pioneer Museum**

217 W. Front Street, Lynden

(360) 354-3675

lyndenpioneermuseum.com

Boasts 28,000 sq. ft. of some of the rarest historical collections in the State. Includes pioneer artifacts; a recreation of early downtown Lynden; antique cars and tractors; and the priceless buggy and wagon collection of local pioneer Fred K. Polinder. Mon-Sat 10-4, Sun 1:30-5. Fee: \$3/\$2/\$1.

## **MAPLE FALLS**

### **Black Mountain Forestry Center** (Open Memorial - Labor Day)

7802 Silver Lake Rd., Maple Falls

(360) 599-2623

blackmountainforestry.com

See first-hand the history and development of communities founded by forest harvesting of over 100 years. View ground displays and the Gerdrum Museum (built mostly from one tree!). Ask about the High Country Forestry Tours or educational programs. (Group tours by appointment).

World of Wood Festival is in August. Open Sat & Sun noon-4pm. High Country Tours at 1pm on Sun.

## **BLAINE**

### **Drayton Harbor Maritime Museum**

On the Semiahmoo Spit

(360) 733-2900

History of Semiahmoo's fish cannery days and the Alaska Packers Association.

Open May-Sept, Sat & Sun, noon-3pm.