

The Molson Museums are located in the former boomtowns of Old Molson and Central Molson in the Okanogan Highlands 15 miles (by highway) east of Oroville.

This internationally acclaimed complex is listed on the National Historic Registry. The Molson Museum Association operates under the Okanogan County Historical Association.

The indoor and outdoor exhibits and machinery tell the story of the area's mining and farming history. About 5000 people from all over the world visit Molson every year.



A hay loader and hay rake restored in 2010 by Everett Turner Family.

Visit the museums and learn more about the turmoil and changes that ensued which caused the creation of three Molsons; Old Molson, Central Molson and New Molson.

www.molsonmuseum.org
Information: (509) 485-3292

Old Molson, Ghost Town Museum,
Open: April – November Daylight Hours

Molson Schoolhouse Museum
Open: Daily 10 AM – 5 PM
Memorial Day Weekend
Through Labor Day



Enjoy a scenic drive and experience some of Okanogan County's early history. The Highland Historic Loop Drive map, printed by the Okanogan County Tourism Council provides 152 miles of historic adventures.

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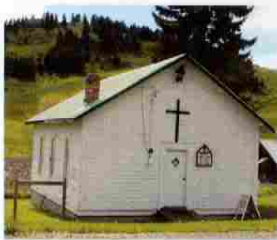
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Visit the museums at your own pace for unguided tours. Admittance is by donation. Many exhibits are signed for your convenience. Hosts are available at the Schoolhouse in summer and welcome your thoughts and questions.

The museums are maintained and operated by the Molson Museum Association. Donations are appreciated and are very important to maintain the buildings and exhibits.

Maintenance is performed by volunteer community members, but occasionally it is necessary to hire contractors. The exhibits are maintained, preserved and presented by volunteer members of the Museum Association.

The Molson Church was added to the Museum complex in 2004. Volunteers restored the Church back to its early 1900's appearance.



Donation checks may be mailed to:
Mary Louise Loe, Director
971 Nine Mile Road
Oroville, WA 98844

Old Molson Ghost Town Museum

The Old Molson Museum consists of a collection of pioneer buildings, farm machinery, historic mining equipment and numerous other relics. Old Molson Museum was created by Molson area pioneer, Harry Sherling in 1960.



Old Molson was started by George Meacham, a promoter and John W. Molson, an investor. Originally, the boom town served as a trading center and place to live for gold seekers. The mining boom fell off late 1890's and the population plunged until the area opened to homesteaders in 1900.

A new boom occurred in the early 1900's when the Great Northern Railroad came directly through town.

Open: April – November
Daylight Hours

Molson Schoolhouse* Museum

The 3-story brick schoolhouse was built in 1914. Now a museum, it includes a restored classroom, the original school library, a unique display of antique hand tools, horse related equipment, pioneer post office fixtures, household artifacts, historic photographs and more.

The school closed in 1969. Molson and Chesaw area children were transferred to the Oroville schools. The Molson Schoolhouse was purchased from the Oroville School District in the 1970's by the Molson Grange. An aggressive group of volunteers collected and organized displays for the museum to open in 1982.

The tea room provides refreshments and souvenirs in a delightful old fashioned setting. The ice cream table, old school chairs and friendly volunteers invite a visit from all guests. Wheelchair accessible bathrooms are available.



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Day, everyday 10 AM - 5 PM