



COLUMBIA GORGE
DISCOVERY CENTER & MUSEUM

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MISSION & VISION

To inspire appreciation and stewardship of the Columbia River Gorge and Wasco County through collection, preservation, and interpretation of cultural and natural history resources.

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Historical Museum aspires to be a self-sustaining organization to:

- » Be a destination for educational programming and events
- » Act as a leader in local and regional historical research, preservation, and interpretation
- » Serve as a resource for local history organizations, providing information, coordination of efforts, and repository services
- » Provide a place to explore and promote understanding of natural history, Native American history and culture of the Columbia River Gorge region

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– PROGRAM OVERVIEW –

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum is the official interpretive center for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Hands-on, multi-media exhibits illuminate the cultural and natural history of the Columbia River Gorge, including Ice Age geology, 10,000 years of Native American culture, Lewis and Clark, Oregon Trail, renewable energy, ecology, live raptor presentations and more. The museum is wheel-chair accessible. Paved walking trails showcase native plants and scenic views.

Educational resources include group tours for schools elementary through college age. We assist teachers, home school instructors, and club leaders in making the most of their students' visit. Evening lectures throughout the year serve adult life-long learners. The William G. Dick research library is available to the public at no cost.

Event Rental: The museum's iconic architecture provides an exceptional backdrop for events. We have rooms large and small, perfect for weddings, holiday parties, receptions or business and corporate meetings.

The Basalt Rock Café & Catering offers excellent on-site catering services. Each meal is freshly prepared to compliment your event's individual needs.

The Columbia River Trading Company museum store is open daily. You never need to pay admission to visit the store. Find local and regionally made products, including art, pottery, wine, jewelry, books, toys, and games.

– GIVING OPPORTUNITIES –

Fundraising Events

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum is an independent 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Many people are surprised to learn the Discovery Center is not funded by tax dollars; we are funded by memberships, admissions, events, donations, and sales through the Columbia River Trading Company museum store, venue site rentals and catering from Basalt Rock Café.

Our annual "A Vintage Evening" fundraising auction is held the first Saturday in October.

Corporate Giving Opportunities

Unrestricted gifts from corporations and foundations help sustain the museum's daily operations, education programs and partnerships, and allow the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum to remain a strong and viable community partner. There are 3 levels of business membership, including: patron, sponsor and benefactor.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships can be made through our Adopt-A-Raptor program to provide care and housing for our raptors as well as educational

outreach. Sponsors can also donate for specific events and programming throughout the year, as well as designate funds for the library, exhibits, education, grounds, and more.

Donations

Donations may be made through our website at www.gorgediscovery.org

Volunteer

Visitors from around the world come to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum to experience natural and cultural history in an interactive way. Volunteers assist with building and grounds maintenance, library, front desk, historic re-enactments, greeters, administrative, office support and more.

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Hours: Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.