

OTHER FEDERAL MUSEUMS

DEA Museum

Arlington, VA

The Drug Enforcement Administration Museum and Visitors Center displays hash pipes, hookahs, bong, American-flag rolling papers, several bags of marijuana, old syringes, bent spoons, a pill bottle labeled "heroin," and a grisly photo of a junkie killed by an overdose. It's a museum about street drugs, their history in America and the history of the DEA.

Department of Interior Museum

Washington DC

www.doi.gov/interiormuseum

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Museum educates the public and DOI employees about the current missions and programs of the Department of the Interior, the history of the Department, and the art and architecture of its headquarters building in Washington, DC. The DOI Museum acquires objects appropriate for promoting understanding of the Department's activities. DOI Museum activities are targeted to visitors to the nation's capital. DOI employees, schools, and other groups we reach through partnerships with other institutions and various media.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Harpers Ferry, WV

www.nps.gov/hafe

A visit to this quaint, historic community, at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, is like stepping into the past. Whether you stroll the picturesque streets, visit exhibits and museums, or hike our trails and battlefields, Harpers Ferry offers a wide variety of experiences for visitors of all ages. Discover Harpers Ferry and see if you agree with Thomas Jefferson who wrote, *the scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic*.

National Archives and Records Administration

Washington, DC

www.archives.gov

Of all documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%-3% is so important for legal or historical reasons that they are kept by us forever.

Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.

National Building Museum

Washington, DC

www.nbm.org

Created by an act of Congress in 1980, the National Building Museum is America's premier cultural institution dedicated to exploring and celebrating architecture, design, engineering, construction, and urban planning. Since opening its doors in 1985, the Museum has become a vital forum for exchanging ideas and information about such topical issues as managing suburban growth, preserving landmarks and communities, and revitalizing urban centers.

National Institute of Standards & Technology Virtual Museum

Gaithersburg, MD

<http://museum.nist.gov>

The goal of the National Institute of Standards & Technology Museum is to provide the NIST institutional memory and to disseminate information about NIST programs through collecting, preserving, organizing, and exhibiting archival materials and artifacts and by recording achievements of NIST scientific and technical staff. Among the many important artifacts in the NIST Museum's collection are the world's first publicly displayed neon sign, Jacob Rabinow's model of his Notched Disc Magnetic Memory - the first computer disc drive in the world, and National Prototype Meter No. 27, the standard of length in the United States from 1893 to 1960. The NIST Museum is located in Gaithersburg, Maryland but is no longer open to the public. In its place, a virtual museum is taking shape, as described on the web site.

NOAA @ NAUTICUS

Norfolk, VA

www.nauticus.org

NOAA @ Nauticus is an exciting partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Nauticus to promote scientific and environmental literacy and to inform the public about NOAA's programs and activities. NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources. Visitors can learn more about NOAA and its resources through exhibits on Nauticus' third floor including *NOAA's Science on a Sphere*, *Navigation Alley*, and *95,000 Miles of Coastal Knowledge*. In addition, visitors are encouraged to stop by NOAA's Education Resource Center on the third floor to access free NOAA educational materials. New permanent NOAA exhibits interpret the Chesapeake Bay and NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary System.

United States Patent & Trademark Office Museum

Alexandria, VA

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ahrpa/opa/museum/>

Throughout history, inventions have helped people discover new worlds, build communities, develop resources, increase productivity, cure diseases, ease burdens, and enjoy life to the fullest. Our nation's founders recognized the importance of intellectual property, and included provisions for its protection and encouragement in the Constitution. Today, America's inventive spirit is one of our most treasured and envied assets. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office works to record, share, and preserve this inventive spirit. Established in 1995, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Museum strives to educate the public about the patent and trademark systems, and the important role intellectual property protection plays in our nation's social and economic health.

The Museum is operated for the USPTO by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and houses both permanent and changing exhibits as well as a Museum Gift Shop.