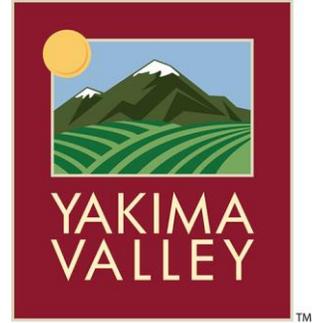

Historic Attractions



Yakima Valley Museum and Children's Underground

This museum offers historical exhibits of the Yakima Valley's natural history, American Indian culture, pioneer life, early city life, and the roots and development of the Valley's fruit industry. It is also home to an exhibit of the Washington D.C. office of former Yakima resident and environmentalist, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. A unique attribute is an operating 1930's Art Deco Soda Fountain where you can order up an old fashioned malt and other ice cream treats.

Yakima Electric Railway Museum

The Yakima Electric Railway Museum is housed in the 1910-built YVT car-barn building which has an ancient belt-driven machine shop, a blacksmith's shop, a 15-ton crane and the entire collection of Yakima trolleys and electric locomotives.

Yakima Valley Trolleys

Vintage wooden railroad trolley cars give rides over the tracks of the 102-year-old Yakima Valley Transportation Company. The shorter run goes up Pine Street and the longer run goes to Selah.

Yakima Valley Rail & Steam Museum

This unique museum has a restored telegraph office and numerous displays about Pacific Northwest railroads and the Yakima Valley. Outside the depot are many pieces of Northern Pacific railroad rolling stock from cabooses to boxcars and a 1902 steam locomotive undergoing restoration.

American Hop Museum

The only museum of its kind in the United States, this museum features the rich history of the hop industry since the 1500's. The Yakima Valley produces approximately 70% of the United States hops. The story is told through fascinating murals, displays, photos, implements, and a colonial brewery exhibit.

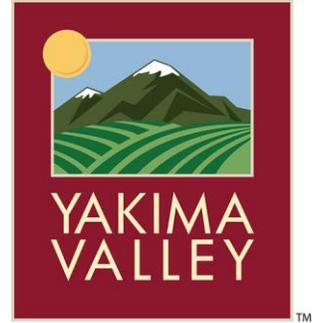
Central Washington Agriculture Museum

Central Washington Agricultural Museum is 15 acres filled with displays of large farm equipment. From Cletrac crawler tractors to Wind Machines, the informative exhibits help tell how machinery was instrumental in developing the Valley's fertile lands into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the nation.

Fort Simcoe State Park Heritage Site

Established in 1856 as a result of hostilities between the Native Americans and the white men, Fort Simcoe has become one of the most-visited historical spots in the Yakima Valley. It was home to the infantry who watched over the area in the mid 1800's and was built as the advance post of the 9th Regiment, United State Infantry in 1855. Its purpose was two fold by protecting the Native Americans against the encroachment of the new settlers on their land and protecting the settlers against Native Americans rebelling against new restrictions.

Historic Attractions (cont.)



Where the West Still Lives, “City of Murals”

Toppenish, the "City of Murals", has over 65 murals with more in the planning stage. The murals show scenes from the Old West, railroading, rodeos, farming, aviation events, and various historical events. Every mural painted is a historically correct depiction of the area's history. Enjoy the annual Mural in a Day held the first Saturday of June. Watch several artists bring their paintbrushes to life and complete a mural in one day.

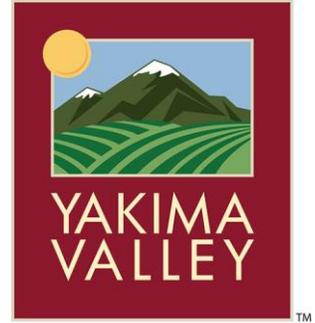
Yakama Nation Cultural Center

The Yakama Nation Cultural Center represents and preserves the history of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. It is comprised of the Yakama Nation Museum, Cultural Center Gift Shop, the Heritage Inn Restaurant, the Heritage Theater and the Yakama Nation Library.

State Fair Park

State Fair Park is home to the Central Washington State Fair and the beautiful Yakima Valley SunDome. Built on 135 acres, the State Fair Park dates back to 1894 and houses such buildings as the Modern Living Building, Pioneer Hall, State Fair Room and 100 year-old Ag Building. The Yakima Valley SunDome is a premier event venue for concerts, rodeo, sporting events, trade shows and conventions. It is also home to the Central Washington State Fair which takes place the last week in September of each year.

Culture



The Capitol Theatre serves as Yakima’s primary performing arts facility and is located in downtown Yakima. This completely refurbished 82-year-old historic Vaudeville theatre is a true testament to the community’s dedication to its past and the arts. The stage is home to the productions of numerous local organizations such as the Yakima Symphony Orchestra, Town Hall Series, Community Concerts, as well as national tours and spectacular Broadway touring productions.

The Warehouse Theatre Company serves as another recognizable art center located in west Yakima. It features an outstanding Art Gallery and offers an impressive series of community plays throughout the year.

Yakima’s Symphony Orchestra provides an outstanding musical series. Each performance includes incredible guest artists accompanied by the orchestra.

The Seasons Music Festival is a former church that was built using 17th century Italian architectural designs. Its stain glass windows and high arching majestic ceiling provide the perfect ambiance for music and unparalleled natural acoustics.