

Northern Virginia Local Museum Favorites

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Museums and parks with exhibits about topics we cover

Life on the Farm: Frying Pan Farm Park shows what farm life was like in the early 1900s, and is free to visit. It's in the western end of Fairfax County. Colvin Run Mill, an old water powered mill, is part of a park in the Great Falls area of Fairfax County. It is free to visit the park, but there is a small charge to take the tour through the inside of the mill. The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is a bit farther away in Sterling, in Loudoun County, but has lots of interesting things to see about farm life. There is a small fee.

Industry, Inventions, and More: The National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., is free. There are exhibits on railroads, automobiles, steam engines, electricity, American life, the Civil Rights Movement, and much more!

Conflicts and Wars: The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a 25 minute drive down I-95. It has great exhibits on the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Admission is free.

Up, Up, and Away: The Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., is free and has lots of great exhibits. More exhibits, including a Space Shuttle, are at the museum's Udvar-Hazy Center near the Dulles Airport. It's also free, but there is a parking fee.

Local History: The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum and the Alexandria Black History Museum in downtown Alexandria both have interesting exhibits. There is a small admissions fee. The Torpedo Factory, on the waterfront, is now an art center, but it was a torpedo factory during World War II. A small exhibit tells the story, and it's free.

Search online with the museum name to get more information and directions for visiting!