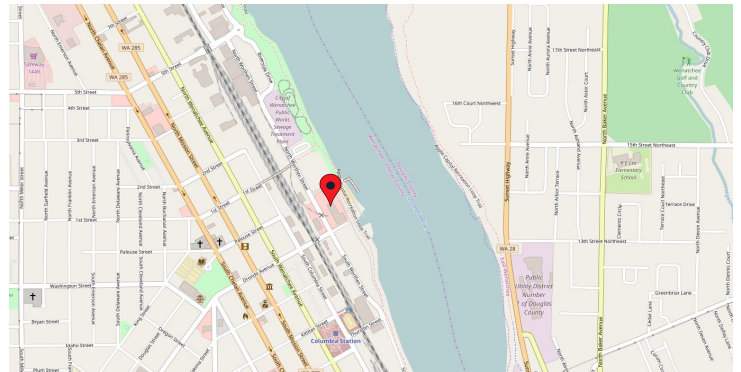


# Cashmere

Historic Museum and Pioneer Village



The Cashmere Historic Museum was opened in 1958 and it is divided into two parts. There is the museum and the pioneer village, a living history museum. In the museum there are shown real artifacts of the Native Americans and the first settlers. You can see how the Native Americans hunted, what arms they used, their land, their jewelry, their clothes, maps and pictures of real Native Americans who lived there. The pioneer village is an authentic copy of a little village with a few huts the pioneers had built to live in. There are twenty houses and you can see different cabins and shops from the time of the settlers. The cabins are like real existing houses, but you are not allowed to go in. If you want, you can get an audio guide for the museum and the village.



museum (living history museum)  
47031'10"N 120028'8"W 791ft (241m)  
opening hours: 01.04 - 30.10,  
Monday-Sunday 10am-4pm,  
Sunday 12am-4pm  
distance to Wenatchee: 10 miles  
\*admission: students 4,50\$; adults 7\$



I liked the museum. It was not very impressive but there were interesting facts about the Native Americans and I learned a lot. But I think without any previous historic knowledge or a guide who can explain it to you (your exchange partner), it is hard to understand the information. The informative texts are hard to read just with "School English". Still, it is nice to look at. In my opinion the village is more interesting because you feel like you are part of people's life at that time. For example, I saw a barber shop, a school and a jail as they looked when the settlers built them. Unfortunately, it is not possible to walk into the huts or to touch the artifacts, but you can take a lot of pictures.

Altogether, I spent one and a half hours there, but I think if you take an audio guide, it will take longer. I really liked the different things to see, things about the Native Americans, the settlers and pioneers, animals which lived at that time and the real photographs. That was interesting. Sometimes the many different things confused me and I was not sure if the thing I was looking at was from 1400, 1700 or 1940. I think without my exchange partner I would have been lost. All in all, it is interesting, but after a time, especially the museum is boring because you can't touch anything and the informative texts are difficult. The sight is good for everybody who is interested in Native American history and the history of the settlers. And, you should be able to speak some English.



## My tipp:

In my opinion you should walk through the gift shop in the entrance hall if you have liked the museum because there are many beautiful and interesting souvenirs and pretty postcards.