

Women's Museums

With some museums still closed, now is the time to go virtual museum hopping. The United States has numerous museums specializing in women. They may be part of the national park system, sponsored by a state, or financed by an organization. In Celebration of Women's History Month, below are a few interesting stops for your online journey. Enjoy your trip.

National Women's History Museum (Alexandria, Virginia) <https://www.womenshistory.org/>

Even though women sports are now main events in modern Olympic Games that wasn't always the case. Learn about women's slow acceptance in sports, business, science, and other professions.

National Women's Hall of Fame (Seneca Falls, New York) <https://www.womenofthehall.org/>

Do you know who these women are: Annie Jump Cannon, Althea Gibson, or Patsy Takemoto Mink? Find out about the lives of these and other honorees, plus play online solitaire with a unique deck of cards.

Women's Rights National Historical Park (Seneca Falls, New York) <https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm>

Women today take voting for granted. It wasn't always that way. The struggle for women's voting rights took 72 years to finally succeed. Learn more about the struggle and the women who refused to give up.

Elisabeth Ney Museum (Austin, Texas) <https://elisabetneymuseum.omeka.net/>

Born in Germany in 1833, Elisabeth Ney excelled in sculpture and portraiture as a young woman. In 1871, she fled the country as a political refugee to a farm in East Texas. At age 60, she started over again in the state's capital by launching a new career as an extraordinarily successful sculpturer.

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (Knoxville, Tennessee) <https://www.wbhof.com/>

You might be surprised to learn that women's basketball started in 1892, only a year after the invention of basketball. Their rules were nothing like the men's game, but it took more than a half century to change them. The brief biographies about the inductees are also interesting.

First Ladies National Historic Site (Canton, Ohio) <https://www.nps.gov/fila/index.htm>

From this site you can tour the Saxton-McKinley house, where first lady Ida McKinley grew up. While hers is a sad story, other first ladies lead happier lives. The webpage also offers interesting insights into the changing roles of America's first ladies.