

CARRIAGE MUSEUM

CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOWCASE IN RAYMOND

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he Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond is North Pacific County's most-visited tourist attraction. Voted one of Washington's best museums, the Carriage Museum houses one of the finest collections of 19th century horse drawn vehicles in the entire country. Every year, thousands upon thousands

of people make the Northwest Carriage Museum a "must see" destination stop while visiting the Pacific Northwest. Visitors have been pleasantly surprised to find such a world-class collection of horse-drawn vehicles in the small town of Raymond.

The Northwest Carriage Museum opened in 2002 as a result of a very generous donation of 21 carriages from a local family. Over the years, the collection has grown to 50 vehicles, including a variety of carriages, buggies, wagons, sleighs and commercial vehicles. The museum's collection includes an 1888 Stagecoach, a 1900 hand-carved hearse from Vienna, Austria, a chuck wagon, a beautiful cut under Wicker Phaeton, a 1880 Mail Wagon and the magnificent Brewster Summer Coupe Brougham. Several vehicles in the collection have an old movie connection. Come see our C-spring Victoria used in Shirley Temple's "Little Princess" or the beautiful Landaulette used in the original "Ghost and Mrs. Muir" starring Rex Harrison and Gene Tierney. Everyone loves viewing the museum's famous Shelburne landau, which was Belle Watling's carriage in the classic "Gone with the Wind."

In addition to many vehicles, the museum houses many other period artifacts from the 19th century. Clothing, travel trunks, harness gear, hand tools, carts and an amethyst glass collection are beautifully displayed throughout the museum. Looking for something fun for the kids? The museum includes a user-friendly one-room schoolhouse where children can write on the chalkboards and ring the school bell. They can also dress in period clothing and have their pictures taken on a Three Spring Democrat Wagon. Parents will also enjoy visiting the wheelwright/blacksmith display where they can view how wooden spoked wheels were made.

The Northwest Carriage Museum is located at the junction



The Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Pacific County. Take time to visit it on your way to or from the beach. — CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

of U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 6 in Raymond. Right outside their doors is the beautiful Willapa River and a well-maintained park, which is the perfect place for visitors to enjoy a picnic. Within walking distance are restaurants, and shopping opportunities. Bring walking shoes or bikes and hike/ride the Willapa Trails pathway to South Bend. Bring a kayak and put in at the city dock right next to the museum.

The Northwest Carriage Museum is open year round from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It has a unique gift shop feathering a variety of jewelry, books, toys and local products. Group tours are a specialty and can be arranged in advance. Admission discounts are offered for families, seniors and military personnel. AAA members can show their card and save as well.

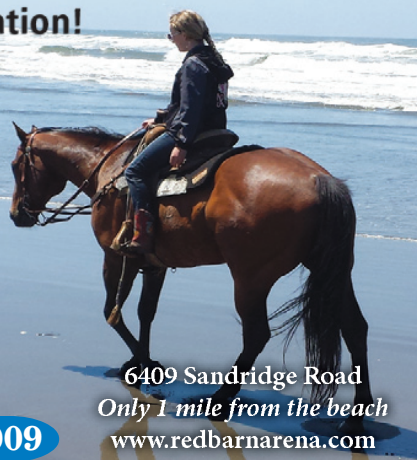
More information is available at www.nwcarriage-museum.org or by calling 360-942-4150. The museum posts updates on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram.

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