Life in early America may be glimpsed in the furnishings, clothing, machines, tools and other articles from bygone days. A sampling of these showcases of Americana follows. All are open to the public; days and hours for visiting will vary. In some cases an admission fee is charged. The listing and the map above will help you find some of the places which reflect our heritage from the past. This list is necessarily very limited. Many other places, well worth visiting, can be discovered by reference to other literature.

ALABAMA–Dept. of Archives and History, Montgomery. Collection of historic relics, documents and curios.

First White House of Confederacy, Montgomery. Paintings, furnishings, belongings of Jefferson Davis.

ARIZONA–State Museum, Tucson. Archaeological, Indian relics. Gila Pueblo pottery finest in existence.

Montezuma Castle Nat. Mon. (50 miles s. of Flagstaff). Best preserved prehistoric Indian cliff dwellings in Southwest.

Tombstone, famous mining town (70 miles s.e. of Tucson). Old Court House, Bird Cage Theater, Boot Hill.

ARKANSAS–Judge Parker's Court, Fort Smith. Restored court of Judge Isaac C. Parker, the "hanging judge," who sent 88 badmen to the gallows.

Territorial Capitol Restoration, Little Rock. Early Capitol restored and furnished.

CALIFORNIA–Columbia State Hist. Mon. (70 miles e. of Stockton). Mother lode gold-rush "ghost town." Old saloon, theater, Wells Fargo office.

Monterey (w. of Salinas). One-time capital of California. Old Custom House, First Theater (1845).

State Indian Museum, Sacramento. Examples of Indian culture. Adjacent is restored Sutter's Fort.

COLORADO–Georgetown, 45 miles w. of Denver. Hotel de Paris Museum and Hamill House recall silver-mining era.

Mesa Verde Nat. Park. Largest of cliff dwellings of prehistoric Indians; 200 living rooms and 23 ceremonial rooms. Artifacts preserved in museum.

State Hist. Museum, Denver. Relics of early West.

CONNECTICUT–Colt Collection of Firearms, Hartford. Display of historic firearms in State Library.

Mystic Seaport, Mystic (e. of New London). Restored old seaport includes last of the whaling vessels.

DELAWARE–Amstel House, New Castle (s. of Wilmington). Colonial furnishings, costumes, implements.

Hagley Museum, near Wilmington. Displays of early manufacturing methods. Old powder mills.

Winterthur Museum (n.w. of Wilmington), art objects and Americana.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA–Lincoln Museum (Ford's Theater). Memorabilia of President at scene of assassination.

National Archives Building. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, other priceless records and documents are permanently preserved.

Smithsonian Institution. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," Wright brothers' "Kitty Hawk," other transportation, scientific, historical and art displays.

FLORIDA–Cars of Yesterday, Sarasota. Antique cars, music box display, old cycles. Circus Hall of Fame and Ringling Museum of the Circus also in Sarasota.

Lightner Museum of Hobbies, St. Augustine. Thousands of items of many varieties collected by hobbyists.

GEORGIA–Fort Pulaski Nat. Mon. (20 miles e. of Savannah). Moat-encircled, massive brick fortress is relic of coastal defense.

Ocmulgee Nat. Mon., Macon. Prehistoric Indians inhabited area. Reconstructed earth lodge, temple mounds.

Rhodes Memorial Hall (Dept. of Archives and History), Atlanta. Documents, memorabilia record state's past.

IDAHO–Idaho City (45 miles n.w. of Boise). Mining town of 1860s. Many old structures remain.

Idaho Historical Museum, Boise. Depicts pioneer history. Restored first dwellings in Pioneer Village.

ILLINOIS–Lincoln Home, Springfield. Only home Abraham Lincoln owned, furnished as when he lived there.

New Salem State Park (20 miles n.w. of Springfield). Reproduction of village where Lincoln lived 1831-37 includes Rutledge Tavern, cabins, stores, mill.

INDIANA–Lincoln Pioneer Village, Rockport (25 miles e. of Evansville). Reconstructed log homes, church, stores are memorial to Lincoln and years he lived in area.

Spring Mill State Park (35 miles e. of Shoals). Restored gristmill powered by overshot water wheel is center of a reconstructed colonial village.

IOWA–Little Brown Church, Nashua (30 miles n. of Waterloo). Small frame church, built 1864, famous as the origin for hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood."

Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah. Indian relics, old firearms, antiquities of Norwegian pioneers.

State Historical Building, Des Moines. Dept. of History and Archives; state history, Indian life.

KANSAS–Dodge City. "Queen of the Cow Towns." Boot Hill, Front Street replica. Indian and pioneer relics in Beeson Museum south of town.

Old Fort Larned (55 miles n.e. of Dodge City). Well preserved military fort on Santa Fe Trail; museum.

State Historical Society Museum, Topeka. Pioneer implements and furnishings in several period rooms.

KENTUCKY–Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, London. Mill grinds meal by water power. Mountain Life Museum depicts country life of a century ago.

Pioneer Memorial State Park, Harrodsburg (30 miles s.w. of Lexington). Fort Harrod is replica of first permanent settlement in Kentucky (1774).

State Historical Society Museum, Frankfort. Relics include Daniel Boone's rifle, other antiquities.

LOUISIANA–Longfellow-Evangeline State Park, St. Martinville (s.e. of Lafayette). Rich in lore of Acadians; museum.

Louisiana State Museum, Cabildo, New Orleans. History of the state traced by relics and exhibits.

MAINE–Black House, Ellsworth (20 miles n. of Bar Harbor). Built 1820; rare antiques, furnishings.

Penobscot Marine Museum, Searsport (85 miles n. of Brunswick). Ship models and relics of the sea. York Village (n. of Portsmouth, N.H.). Several structures dating from colonial period include Old Gaol, now a museum.

MARYLAND–Fort McHenry, Baltimore. Bombardment by British in 1814 inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star-Spangled Banner." Museum houses military items.

Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore. Original manuscript of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Period rooms exhibit early utensils, china, furnishings.

MASSACHUSETTS–Old Deerfield (s. of Greenfield). Restored 18th-century structures; Memorial Hall museum.

Old Sturbridge Village (20 miles s.w. of Worcester). Living museum of early New England life and crafts seen in reconstructed colonial village.

Plymouth (35 miles s. of Boston). Plymouth Rock is traditional landing place of Pilgrims in 1620. Period ornaments, household articles and garments in Antiquarian House. Nearby Plimoth Plantation exhibits Mayflower II and village.

Whaling Museum, New Bedford. Half-size model of a whaling ship, relics of whaling industry.

MICHIGAN–Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit. Visitors walk through reconstructed early streets.

Greenfield Village, Dearborn (near Detroit). Nearly 100 historic buildings moved from many parts of nation and placed around a village square. Adjacent Henry Ford Museum has fabulous collection of Americana.

MINNESOTA–Fort Ridgely State Memorial (85 miles w. of Owatonna). Ruins of fort, built 1853 against Sioux uprisings. Museum in restored commissary.

Minnesota State Historical Society Museum, St. Paul. Exhibits center around state's early days.

Pipestone Nat. Mon. (20 miles n. of Luverne). Quarry where Indians procured red stone for ceremonial pipes.

MISSISSIPPI–Old Capitol State Museum, Jackson. Treasures of state's past, development, culture, industry, Indians on display in former capitol (1840).

"Sprague," Vicksburg. Famous old Mississippi sternwheeler, now retired, is a museum of river lore.

MISSOURI–Mark Twain Home, Hannibal. Boyhood home of the author-humorist. Adjoining museum of Twain mementos.

Pony Express Stable, St. Joseph. Pony express riders once galloped from this building, now a museum.

Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis. Exhibits on the fur trade, exploration, pioneer life.

MONTANA–Museum of the Plains Indians, Browning. Exhibits on culture and history of the Plains Indians.

Virginia City (70 miles s.e. of Butte). Second territorial capital, restored to gold-rush days appearance.

NEBRASKA–House of Yesterday, Hastings (25 miles s. of Grand Island). One of the nation's largest collections of western Americana. Thousands of Great Plains items.

Pioneer Village, Minden (20 miles s. of Kearney). Items in 20 buildings trace the progress of man since 1830.

NEVADA–Lost City Museum, Overton (s. of Glendale). Artifacts from sites of prehistoric Indian settlements.

Nevada State Museum, Carson City. In former U.S. Mint building. Heirlooms, relics, minerals, guns, Indian arts recall pioneer era.

Virginia City (n. of Carson City). Site of the fabulous Comstock Lode. Piper's Opera House, St. Mary's Church, mansions of the silver kings, other landmarks survive.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Goyette Museum, Peterborough (40 miles s.w. of Concord). Exhibits on early Americana.

Daniel Webster Birthplace, Franklin (25 miles n.w. of Concord). Mementos of the statesman.

Patent Museum, Plymouth (60 miles n.w. of Concord). Working models of old patents displayed.

NEW JERSEY–Batsto Restoration, Batsto (25 miles n.w. of Atlantic City). One-time ghost town where lawless men and bird-like animals were said to dwell. Restored buildings.

Edison Laboratory, West Orange (six miles n.w. of Newark). Original models of early inventions.

Ford Mansion, Morristown (15 miles w. of Newark). Headquarters of Washington in winter of 1779-80.

NEW MEXICO–Aztec Ruins National Monument, Aztec (140 miles n. of Gallup). One of largest pre-Spanish villages in the Southwest. Restored ceremonial chamber.

Old Lincoln Courthouse, Lincoln (30 miles e. of Carrizozo). Relics of Lincoln County cattle war; exhibits on Pat Garrett, sheriff who killed Billy the Kid.

Fort Jordan Stockade, Clayton. Story of Santa Fe Trail told in museum exhibits.

NEW YORK–Adirondack Center, Elizabethtown (36 miles e. of Saranac Lake). Adirondack life, past and present, told in lumbering, mining, pioneer exhibits.

American Museum of Fire Fighting, Hudson (29 miles n. of Kingston). Most complete collection of fire-fighting equipment in America.

Cooperstown (40 miles s.e. of Utica). Farm implements, craft displays, re-created crossroads village in Farmers' Museum. Baseball Hall of Fame. American folk art in Fenimore House.

Old Museum Village of Smith's Clove, Monroe (35 miles e. of Port Jervis). Crossroads village of early America.

Rail City Museum, Sandy Creek (27 miles s. of Watertown). Operating museum with steam engines, rolling stock.

Shaker Museum, Old Chatham (25 miles s. of Troy). Shaker crafts, shops, household items.

NORTH CAROLINA–Hall of History, Raleigh. Storehouse of historic items dating from Roanoke Island colony of 1587.

Old Salem, Winston-Salem. Many buildings of Moravian settlement of 1766 restored. Wachovia Museum contains parts of first log cabin, other relics.

Tryon Palace Restoration, New Bern. Flavor of 18th-century life preserved in replica of Colonial Governor's home and state house built 1767-70.

NORTH DAKOTA–State Historical Museum, Bismarck. Picture of life of North Dakota Indians, pioneer relics.

Chateau de Mores, state museum (20 miles w. of Dickinson). Undisturbed since it was occupied by French nobility in splendor in early days of state.

OHIO–Campus Martius Museum, Marietta (45 miles e. of Athens). Houses Indian and pioneer relics and scale-model steamboats; site of Ohio's first permanent white settlement.

Schoenbrunn Village, New Philadelphia (24 miles s. of Canton). Moravian mission, first town in Ohio, restored.

OKLAHOMA–Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore. Mementos of the cowboy humorist as well as Indian, pioneer, historical and educational items of life on the open range.

State Historical Society, Oklahoma City. Extensive collections of objects illustrate life among the Indians who were sent to Oklahoma from other parts of the U.S. Relics of Oklahoma and the Southwest.

OREGON–Forestry Building, Portland. Sections of great logs and polished slabs of lumber from the state's forests in outdoor logging museum, largest log cabin in world.

Jacksonville, gold-rush town (s. of Grants Pass). Courthouse museum of pioneer relics, mineral display.

Oregon Historical Society, Portland. Rare volumes, old newspapers and manuscripts dealing with provisional and territorial stages of state's development.

PENNSYLVANIA–Pennsylvania Farm Museum, Lancaster (e. of York). Old farming implements, Conestoga wagons, other relics.

Drake Well Museum, Titusville (n. of Oil City). Relics of early days of oil industry assembled on site where Drake first successfully drilled for oil in 1859.

Pennsbury Manor, Morrisville (25 miles n.e. of Philadelphia). Re-created home of William Penn, notable example of a 17th-century Pennsylvania country estate.

RHODE ISLAND–Breakers, Newport. Fabulous Vanderbilt mansion recalls era when Newport was America's society capital.

Old Slater Mill, Pawtucket (n.e. of Providence). Museum of cotton-textile industry in America.

South County Museum, Exeter (s.w. of Providence). Old tools, implements, machines used by colonial farmers, mechanics, housewives.

SOUTH CAROLINA– Charleston Museum, Charleston. Nation's oldest. Primitive agricultural and cooking implements and other relics of early plantation days.

Old State House, Columbia. Contains numerous memorials to Southern ideals in peace and war.

SOUTH DAKOTA–Deadwood, famous mining community (n.e. of Lead). Frontier characters like Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok, who was shot in the back in Saloon 10, recalled in Broken Boot Mine, wax exhibits, Adams Museum.

State Historical Museum, Pierre. Relics of Dakota territorial days; Indian artifacts.

TENNESSEE–Fort Nashborough, Nashville. Reconstructed blockhouses of 1780 contain hand-made period furnishings.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Museum, Gatlinburg (s.e. of Knoxville). Tools, household objects and hand crafts of the mountain people preserved. Nearby Museum of Cherokee Indian shows artifacts and handwork of the tribe.

Pink Palace, Memphis. Notable collection of relics of the Mound Builders, Indians, Confederates.

TEXAS–Judge Roy Bean Museum, Langtry (n.e. of Del Rio). Saloon-courtroom of notorious judge who made his own laws "west of the Pecos."

The Alamo, San Antonio. Shrine of Texas Liberty and museum of battle relics. Also in the old Spanish section are restored Spanish Governor's Palace and missions that recall early days of Texas history.

UTAH–Pioneer Museum, Salt Lake City. Original leaves from famous Bibles and thousands of pioneer items.

Temple Square Museum, Salt Lake City. Relics of Church of Latter-Day Saints, the handcart migration between 1856-61 and items on present-day Mormon culture.

VERMONT–Shelburne Museum, Shelburne (s. of Burlington). Re-created 19th-century New England village houses extensive collection of Americana.

Sheldon Museum, Middlebury (n. of Rutland). Depicts life in early Vermont in curios, relics and pictures.

Vermont Country Store, Weston (30 miles s.e. of Rutland). Restored emporium of 1897 with potbellied stove and nostalgic atmosphere of early New England.

VIRGINIA–Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg. Restored buildings and shops of Virginia's 18th-century capital are "living museum" of life in colonial America.

Mariners' Museum, Newport News. One of world's greatest collections of maritime objects and relics.

Southwest Virginia Museum, Big Stone Gap (65 miles n.w. of Bristol). Exhibits trace early history of the great Southwest.

WASHINGTON–Cowles-Campbell Memorial Museums, Spokane. Indian arts and crafts, relics, natural history, fine arts.

Point Defiance Park, Tacoma. Reconstructed Fort Nisqually (1833) and nearby Carr's cabin, first house built by white men in city, recall Tacoma's early days.

State Historical Museum, Tacoma. Photo murals tell state's development. Pioneer, Indian, Alaskan relics.

WEST VIRGINIA–Harpers Ferry National Monument, Harpers Ferry (e. of Winchester). Historic town founded in 1700's. Scene of John Brown's raid in 1859 and Civil War battles.

State House Museum, Charleston. Tools of pioneers, implements used by Mound Builders.

WISCONSIN–Circus World Museum, Baraboo (15 miles s. of Wisconsin Dells). Colorful circus paraphernalia recall thrilling bygone days under the big top.

WYOMING–Buffalo Bill Museum, Cody. Mementos of the Old West. Whitney Gallery is showplace of Western art.

Fort Laramie National Hist. Site (e. of Wheatland). Played important role as trading and military post in development of the West.

Wyoming Historical Museum, Cheyenne. Displays include branding irons, early newspapers and Indian artifacts.

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