



— MASHANTUCKET —
**PEQUOT
MUSEUM**
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& RESEARCH CENTER

FACT SHEET





OUR MISSION

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum will strengthen Pequot culture to honor and serve our Tribal family and friends.

MUSEUM OVERVIEW

The Pequot Museum is the world's largest Native American museum dedicated to:

- The history and culture of the Mashantucket Pequot
- The histories and cultures of other tribes from the United States and Canada
- The natural history of New England and North America

The Pequot Museum was established solely by the funds of the Mashantucket people as a nonprofit cultural resource. Today, MPMRC is sustained through Tribal support, paid admissions, grants, sponsorships, donations and the support of private and corporate members.

The Pequot Museum opened on August 11, 1998, and is a state-of-the-art, 308,000-square-foot cultural institution, located on the longest continually occupied reservation, Mashantucket, CT.

PERMANENT MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Exhibits take visitors on a journey 18,000 years through time, up to the present day where botany, geology and other earth sciences are explored.

Exhibitions of note:

- Glacial crevasse
- Interactive, multisensory caribou hunt, dating back 11,000 years
- 22,000-square-foot recreation of a 16th-century Pequot village
- 16th-century Pequot fort
- 18th-century Pequot farmstead on two acres of land
- Pequot Lives: Almost Vanished
- The Pequot Nation today
- Crafts and works of art by Native American artists
- Six visitor-interactive computer programs at 23 stations
- 12 original films

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Our tours and enrichment programs guide the learners of today to use disciplinary skills in science, technology, engineering, art, history and social studies.

- Films
- Focus Tours
- Performances
- Festivals
- Lectures
- Conferences
- Educator Workshops

RESEARCH CENTER

The Research Center (which includes two libraries, Archives and Special Collections, and Historical Research) is dedicated to furthering education about Native American histories and cultures.

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MPMRC also features state-of-the-art laboratories for ongoing archaeological and ethnographic research, conservation, and preservation.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Our achievements include long-term archaeological research, documentation and a preservation plan to document battlefields of the Pequot War (1637-1638). Visit pequotwar.org for more information.

Intensive archaeological research has been conducted on the Mashantucket reservation since 1983. Significant finds include more than 250 sites, such as a 9,000-year-old hunting camp called Sandy Hill and a Pequot fort, circa 1675.

FACILITIES

- 85,000 square feet of exhibit space, including a 4,200-square-foot temporary gallery
- Two libraries
- Archives and Special Collections
- Classrooms
- Auditorium (330 seats)
- Museum shop
- Restaurant featuring Native American cuisine and seasonal specialties
- Private event rentals

The Pequot Museum was built to interact with the surrounding environment:

- The building physically embraces the natural tree line
- Two of five levels are beneath the ground, nestling MPMRC into the landscape

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