

Discover the Calico Rock Museum



Original artifacts from the 1905 railroad depot, a century old Native American dress, and the last remaining piece of a blackboard from the Corinth School (one of the many one-room schoolhouses in the area) join thousands of artifacts that beckon visitors to the Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center.

Located in four historic buildings on lower Main Street that have been beautifully restored and joined together. In total, there are over 20,000 square feet of museum exhibits, art galleries, archives, meeting and classroom space, and gift shop.

A family from Chicago visited the museum recently and commented, "This is a hidden treasure!" They proclaimed the museum rivals the quality of exhibits found at the Field Museum in their hometown. While we don't like to brag, the museum really is something to behold and well worth a visit.

The Calico Rock Museum is located at 105 Main Street in Calico Rock. It is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is always free.

In the Visitor Center, guests have the opportunity to get valuable visitor information, use the public restrooms, and chat with our friendly staff. In the Artisan Gift Shop guests can find affordable, handmade products by local artisans. Then, they take a journey they may not have expected to find in our small town.

Entering the Heritage Center, guests are transported back in time along the banks of the White River at Calico Landing. Visit the Native American village that once stood along the banks of the river across from town. Take in the camp of original settler Jahu Falenash and take a walk down the landing to board the Ozark Queen steamboat. Guests become immersed in the time and culture taking a

turn at crossing the river on the ferry, an 1800's winter camp, shopping in a 1910 general store, and preparing to travel by rail in the replica Railroad Depot. Life in the late 1800's comes to life in the Homestead exhibit and a tribute to life on the battlefield honors our soldier's memories.

Important art works from the region are displayed in the museum's expanded art center, which is opening in 2025. Several important works by American folk artist Emma Drown Morgan, named one of the 10 most influential folk artists in America during the 1970's. Morgan's works continue to inspire long past her death in 1977. Art works by up-and-coming Arkansas artists Guy Bell, Linda Williams Palmer, and Andrew Blanchard are prominently displayed. The center also contains works by famous American artists including Alice Neel, Robert Redbird, Dale Chihuly, and Louis C. Tiffany, among others.

The new Ben Sanders

Discovery Center allows guests to experience a Shawnee encampment and enjoy the White River Experience. This new center is being opened in the museum's latest expansion in 2025.

"You can see things at our local museum that normally you would have to drive to Little Rock or Bentonville to see," noted a recent high school graduate.

Call 870-297-6100 to visit with Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center staff or visit www.CalicoRockMuseum.com.

