

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

# FACT SHEET





## 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 non-profit 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 is a state-of-the-art, 308,000-square-foot research institution, located on the Pequot Reservation in Mashantucket, CT. The facility opened on August 11, 1998, and total construction project cost for The Pequot Museum complex was \$193.4 million.

## 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 include:

- Glacial crevasse
- Interactive, multi-sensory 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

## 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.

The research center is devoted to the study of the histories and cultures of American and Canadian Natives, from the 16th century to present day, including print and electronic archives of Tribal records, manuscripts, and other resources that document the activities, culture, and history of the Mashantucket Pequot Nation and other North American tribes

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](http://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.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A wide range of educational programs is offered indoors and outdoors, including:

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

## 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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