

Museums in Durango

Center for Southwest Studies - Center of Southwest Studies was established in 1964 to serve as a museum and a research facility and to develop an interdisciplinary Southwest curriculum. The Southwest curriculum draws from courses in Anthropology, Art, Literature, History, and Sociology. The Center's collection of Southwestern artifacts and historical records and its large collection of books and other printed materials, many of them rare, addressing every aspect of the Southwest, are a resource for every member of the community and beyond. The Center's mission is to identify, preserve, and make accessible this resource for all who are interested in the history of the Four Corners region.



Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum - A wonderful experience for the entire family. Featuring a "Roundhouse" Type experience with many great artifacts of the 1880's. Located two blocks south of the Strater Hotel on Main Avenue.



The Animas Museum

The Animas Museum is owned and operated by the La Plata County Historical Society, whose directors and staff have transformed the 1904 Animas City School building into a charming local history museum.

The Mission of the La Plata County Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history and culture of the San Juan Basin with a focus on La Plata County, Colorado.

The Museum offers a variety of exhibits and programs for all ages, and is also home to our research library and photo archives.

