

## Facilities and Exhibits

The Museum's 12-acre Seattle campus consists of a 273,000-square-foot main building and a 35,000-square-foot Library & Archives annex. The main building includes:

- **The T. A. Wilson Great Gallery**, a 3 million-cubic-foot, six-story glass-and-steel exhibit hall currently containing 41 full-size historic aircraft, 22 of which — including the nine-ton Douglas DC-3 — hang from the space-frame ceiling in flight attitude. These aircraft trace the history of the first century of flight.
- **The William E. Boeing Red Barn<sup>®</sup>**, the two-story 1909 wooden structure recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as the birthplace of the Boeing Airplane Co. and the oldest existing aircraft manufacturing facility in the United States. This space features displays on the first two decades of The Boeing Company and the birth of the aviation industry in the Northwest.
- **The J. Elroy McCaw Personal Courage Wing**, the 88,000-square-foot wing that opened in June 2004 displaying 28 World War I and II fighter aircraft in two galleries.
- **The William M. Allen Theater**, a 268-seat auditorium featuring facilities for 16, 35 and 70 mm film, video and data projection.
- Extensive **private event** facilities for hosting meetings, receptions, banquets and other special events, including a full-service on-premises catering kitchen. Space and rate information is available by calling (206) 764-5706 or by visiting [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org).

In addition to the Great Gallery, the Red Barn and the Personal Courage Wing, other major long-term exhibits currently on display at the Museum include:

- **Airpark**: the Museum's outdoor, large-aircraft display area features the prototypes of the Boeing 737 and 747; America's first jet Air Force One; an American Airlines 727-200; and a British Airways Concorde—the only one on display on the West Coast. The public can tour both Air Force One and Concorde free with Museum admission from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, 4:30 p.m. in the summer months.
- **Apollo**: an Apollo Command Module, a Lunar Roving Vehicle mock-up, an original Soviet Sputnik and other space artifacts and interactive elements present the history of the race to the Moon.
- **The Birth of Aviation**: unique artifacts from the Museum's collection of Wright Co. corporate papers tell the story of Wilbur and Orville Wright's struggles to turn their invention into an industry.
- **Cockpits**: visitors can sit in cockpits from an F/A-18 Hornet fighter and an SR-71 Blackbird while enjoying interpretive audio presentations.

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- **Flight Zone:** the Museum's special interactive youth area in which visitors can learn basic concepts of aerodynamics, flight instrumentation, propulsion and aircraft construction through hands-on activities, as well as sit in actual aircraft and experiment with hang glider and hot-air balloon simulators, among other activities.
- **Rendezvous in Space: A Tribute to Pete Conrad:** an intimate and interactive glimpse into the life of astronaut Pete Conrad and his fascinating missions.
- **737 Airliner Theater:** the cockpit and forward cabin of a former USAir Boeing 737-200 converted into a movie theater featuring the original short film, *Time Flies: A Century of Flight*.
- **Simulators:** Museum visitors enjoy several opportunities to experience the thrill of flight while still on the ground. From the pilot-controlled, full-motion X-Pilot simulators that allow unlimited loops, rolls and other aerobatic gyrations to the more sedate Hubble Space Telescope docking units, there is a simulated flight experience at the Museum for everyone.
- **The Tower:** a full-size reproduction of a typical airport control tower overlooks the runways and taxiways of busy Boeing Field. Hands-on and multimedia displays give the visitor a comprehensive look at the fascinating, complex system that keeps air travel safe for millions every day.

In addition to the Seattle campus, the Museum operates a Restoration Center at Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport in Everett, Wash. The center is home to approximately three dozen aircraft in varying states of restoration by the Museum's restorers. The public is welcome to visit the Restoration Center Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$3 donation is suggested. The Restoration Center is located at 2909 100th St. S.W., Hangar C72, Everett, WA 98024. Telephone: (425) 745-5150.

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