Fresno County Historical Museum
Honoring the History and Heritage That Shaped Fresno County

The award-winning Fresno County Historical Museum opened in 2015, becoming the only museum dedicated to showcasing the rich history of Fresno County. As one of the largest capital improvement projects at the Fairgrounds in the past decade, the $3.2 million, 14,000 sq. ft., two-story building offers visitors a window into the county's past through historic artifacts, photographs and interactive exhibits.

Community Cultural Center
This section, dedicated to Nat Dibuduo, former Fair Board member, current Friends of The Big Fresno Fair Board member and community leader, highlights the multicultural fabric of Fresno County. Interactive touchscreens feature 76 notable Valley residents from diverse backgrounds, while dedicated spaces honor the Hmong, Italian, Jewish, German and Sikh communities, plus more!

Italian Heritage Exhibit
Part of the Community Cultural Center, this exhibit offers one of the most comprehensive Italian heritage displays in the Western United States. Phase One, which debuted in 2021, features Tuscan-inspired architecture, interactive touchscreens highlighting Italian traditions and achievements, and a ceiling mural inspired by Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam*. Online video tours are available here. This year, the exhibit expanded to include a new recipes section, Italian Heritage Talks – short, documentary-style videos – and updated narration for the Road of Dreams.

1870s General Store Replica
Visitors can explore a late 19th-century general store, complete with a mail station, laundry area, pharmacy, and period-accurate merchandise. Original posters and medicines from the era are on display, alongside a section showcasing women's fashion and daily life.

Veterans Exhibit
Honoring local veterans, this exhibit includes windows from the historic Hammer Field airbase, memorabilia, videos and photographs of six local heroes, highlighting the county's military contributions.

World's Largest Sugar Pine Tree
An intact slice of the world's largest sugar pine, 11.5 feet in diameter, is on display, along with petrified tree rounds dating back 110,000 years and antique logging tools. Plaques on the tree's rings provide a timeline of major historical events dating back to 1492.

William Saroyan Exhibit
This exhibit honors Fresno-born author William Saroyan, featuring 15 photographs, a statue donated by Gregory Don and Linda Mae Balakian-Hunsucker, and artwork by local artist Perry Huffman. Saroyan's works, including *The Time of Your Life*, *My Name is Aram* and *My Heart's in the Highlands*, celebrate the Armenian-American experience in California.

Blackie Gejeian Exhibit
Celebrating the life of racing legend Blackie Gejeian, this exhibit showcases cars, trophies, a 1926 hot rod replica, a Candy Apple Green show car, and a bust created by local artist Debbie Stevenson.

Fresno Courthouse Display
Featuring original furnishings from the 100+ year-old Fresno Courthouse, this exhibit also includes the 1895 *Boy with the Leaky Boot* fountain, two historic goddesses of justice statues and a photo timeline documenting the courthouse's history from Millerton to downtown Fresno.

Iconic Sign Collection
The Fair has preserved and displayed historic Fresno signage around the Paul Paul Theater, including Mar's Drive-In, Louie Kee Market, Eddie's Speed Shop, and the restored Courthouse Cupola. The newest addition, the Lauck's Bakery sign, was added in 2025.

Heritage Talks Documentary - Volumes II & III
These documentary-style videos highlight Fresno County leaders and you hear them recount their memories on how the region has changed. Heritage Talks Volume II & III can be viewed online here.