

Frequently Asked Questions

What are your hours?

Early Season Hours:

Mid-April through mid-May, Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.*

Summer Hours:

(Mid-May-Sept. 30): Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun., noon-4:30 p.m.

Fall Hours:

(Oct. 1 through last weekend before Thanksgiving): Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

*See website calendar for exact dates as they become available.

How do I contact someone at the museum?

Call us during hours of operation at (970) 325-4576 or e-mail us at ochs@ouraynet.com

Where is the museum located?

The museum is located at 420 Sixth Avenue, Ouray, CO.

What is the Admission Cost?

Adults, \$5, children 6-12, \$1, children under 6, free. School groups and other organizations receive discounts. Please call the museum for details and reservations.

Where can I park?

Free parking is available on Sixth Avenue, in front of, or near the museum.

Can I take photographs inside the museum?

Photographs are allowed, but no video please.

How big is your museum?

The museum is housed in a three-story building, built in 1887, that was originally the Ouray Miner's Hospital. The museum has 28 rooms and more than exhibits, including recreated hospital rooms, a simulated mine, mineral room, two outside cabins and a barn.

What types of exhibits will we see in the museum?

Our exhibits display artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia related to the history of Ouray and surrounding region. Themes include mining, ranching, railroading, and daily life from the 1870's through the post-World War II era. In addition, we present several special exhibits per season and an annual quilt show.

Does the museum offer any retail items for sale?

We have a bookstore that offers a variety of excellent books on topics related to western Colorado history, geology, and recreational activities. We also sell maps, posters, note cards, postcards, and collectables. Some of our books may be ordered through our website. (See "Book Order Forms" on the home page menu.)

How do I become a member of the Ouray County Historical Society?

Our website includes a membership form with information on membership levels and benefits. Just click "How to Join" on the menu.

Is the Museum accessible for people with disabilities?

Our main floor and lower level are wheelchair accessible. Since our historic building is not equipped with an elevator, the upper level is accessible only by stairways. Strollers are allowed in the museum.

Are your research and historic photo archives open to the public?

No, but our archivist will conduct research and photo searches upon request. Please refer to the "Research" heading on the home page menu for research request forms and fee information.

How do I become a volunteer at the museum?

We are always looking for volunteers! Please call the museum during hours of operation to speak with a staff person about volunteer opportunities.

What does the Ouray County Historical Society do besides run the museum?

The OCHS offers a free Evenings of History lecture series during the summer and many other educational events throughout each season. The organization also works to stabilize historic structures throughout Ouray County. See our Calendar of Events on this website for upcoming activities.