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FACT SHEET

ABOUT NATIONAL ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM:

The National Atomic Testing Museum (NATM) is operated and maintained by the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation (NTSHF), an IRS 501(c)3 charitable, non-profit organization chartered in Nevada.

NATM MISSION:

The mission of the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation is to preserve and foster public accessibility to the history associated with the Nevada Test Site, now known as the Nevada National Security Site, and the nation's nuclear weapons program. The NTSHF promotes and supports cultural, educational and scientific programming to encourage the development and public exchange of views regarding the Nevada Test Site and its impact on the nation. The major program of the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation is the National Atomic Testing Museum.

Designated, by Congress, as a private National Museum in December 2012, the National Atomic Testing Museum is charged to preserve the history of and educate the public about the nation's nuclear testing program. The Museum also upholds the mission of the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation.

COLLECTIONS:

The National Atomic Testing Museum is a repository for one of the most comprehensive collections of nuclear history. The museum covers the period from the nation's first nuclear test, code named Trinity, to the first test at the Nevada Test Site on January 27, 1951, to the present. As part of its mission, the National Atomic Testing Museum seeks to collect and preserve a wide variety of materials and artifacts relating to atomic testing, the Nevada Test Site, the Cold War and nuclear and radiological science and technology. The current collection includes thousands of rare photographs, videos, artifacts, scientific and nuclear reports and data and one-of-a kind scientist collections.

The museum is home to more than 3,500 artifacts, including of one of the largest collections of survey meters spanning



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more than 65 years. The collection also includes Mitchell Cameras, downhole cameras and an international collection of Civil Defense items. The museum houses more than 16,000 official government and unofficial personal photos documenting 70 years of atomic history and 6,000 documents telling stories from the Pacific Proving Ground to the Nevada Test Site. The museum's library includes a large collection of books, some rare and out-of-print, and a large DVD collection of atomic testing movies. New items are being donated weekly and the collection has grown rapidly over the last three years.

EXHIBITS:

Among its exhibits covering American nuclear history is a "Ground Zero Theater," which simulates the experience of observing an atmospheric nuclear test.

Other exhibits include models of nuclear weapons, Geiger counters, radiation testing devices, pop culture memorabilia related to the atomic age and equipment used in testing. Additional displays focus on important figures at the facility, videos and interactive exhibits about radiation. In addition, the museum houses artifacts from Nevada pre-dating the Nevada National Security Site such as items utilized for mining as well as artifacts from Native Americans.

In 2020, the museum added its newest permanent exhibit titled "Trinity, The Day the World Changed." Opening 75 years after the first atomic test in history, the exhibit details the history of the Manhattan Project, which created the atomic bomb. The exhibit also features a 3D printed model of the Trinity gadget.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

With a strong commitment to the Las Vegas community, the museum regularly collaborates with the Clark County School District to host field trips for elementary, middle and high school students. In addition, the museum conducts off-site visits at various schools throughout the district as well as at select colleges. Visits not only include educational lessons about the history of nuclear testing, but also topics related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and more.



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SMITHSONIAN AFFILIATION: The museum is an Affiliate Partner of the Smithsonian Institution. It is one of 37 museums in the United States to hold this designation.

AGE REQUIREMENT: All ages are welcome. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

PHOTOS & VIDEO: Click [here](#).

OPENING DATE: February 19, 2005

HOURS OF OPERATION: NATM Hours
Thursday through Tuesday
Closed Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Museum Store Hours
Thursday through Tuesday
Closed Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NATM is closed Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

TOURS: Regular tours are self-guided and take approximately one to two hours.

School field trip tours are also available by reservation. Nevada elementary, middle and high school field trips are offered at a discounted rate of \$6 per person; out-of-state schools, scouts and colleges are offered a discounted rate of \$10 per person. To inquire about school field trips, click [here](#).

ADMISSION PRICE: Ticket may be purchased [here](#).

General Admission: \$24
Children (7-14): \$18
Family Pack (2 adults and up to three children (7-14)): \$70
Children under 7: Free



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Discounted prices with ID

Seniors 62+: \$20

Students: \$20

NV Residents: \$20

Active Military: \$18

DONATIONS: NATM accepts donations [here](#).

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GROUPS: Group Tours – 10 or more people: \$18 per person

WEBSITE: <https://nationalatomicmuseum.org/>

SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook, Twitter: @atomicmuseum
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HASHTAGS: #atomicmuseum
#NATM

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