

Turtle Bay Museum

Redding, CA



An intersection of human history and natural science

The centerpiece of a 300-acre exploration park, Turtle Bay Museum merges five Redding facilities, ranging from an arboretum to an art gallery. Visitors can view live fish from inside an “underground” cavern, pack saddlebags with Gold Rush prospecting supplies, listen to traditional stories in a Wintu bark house, experiment with a stream table in the laboratory, engage in docent-led hands-on interactions with live creatures, or view changing displays by artists such as Ansel Adams.

APA worked with design partners to tie together art, history, natural sciences, forestry, and horticulture to create this unique visitor experience, focused on the Northern Sacramento River Valley’s interwoven human and natural life. Collaborating with museum staff, the APA team delivered a full design package, from overarching conceptual approach to detailed design documentation to management of exhibit fabrication and installation.

