

TSUUT'INA NATION CULTURE MUSEUM

Surrounded by stunning mountain scenery, the [Tsuut'ina Nation Culture Museum](#) connects visitors and Indigenous youth with the culture and history of the Tsuut'ina Nation. The museum is located on the beautiful Tsuut'ina Nation just outside Calgary. Visitors can take in stunning mountain scenery and see Chief Bull Head's homestead, which is located beside the museum. The museum contains hundreds of historical artifacts including a rug that hung in Chief Bull Head's tipi more than a century ago. Museum staff can give guided tours that explain the history behind the artifacts and delve deeper into the culture. The museum also has a gift shop that features authentically handmade Indigenous goods such as clothing, jewelry, and moccasins made by over 40 artisans. The store supports local artisans by providing beading and regalia-making supplies to the Treaty 7 area.

Cultural Sustainability and Authenticity

Cultural sustainability and authenticity are at the heart of the Tsuut'ina Nation Culture Museum. All tours of the museum are led by Tsuut'ina staff who have a deep understanding of the history and culture behind the many artefacts contained therein. The museum also operates special programs for groups that take place in tipis and include traditional songs, dancing, and storytelling. To increase the connection to culture in younger members of the Tsuut'ina Nation, youth groups come into the museum in the evenings for special tours and programs. An emphasis is placed on the participation of young people who are in foster care and are disconnected from their culture. In addition, the community uses revenues from the museum to fund programs of the [Tsuut'ina Gunaha Institute](#), which is committed to language revitalization. The teaching of the Tsuut'ina language is offered to all interested individuals, but is particularly focused on children and youth.



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