

## The Whistler Museum and Archives Fact Sheet

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**ABOUT:** The Whistler Museum and Archives Society (WMAS) was founded in 1986. The vision of the Whistler Museum and Archives Society is to become one of the leading institutions in the collection, preservation, documentation, and interpretation of mountain life. The WMAS offers daily admission to its latest exhibit, “Whistler’s Olympic Journey” as well as a variety of public programs, collection and archive services, photo reproductions and venue rental. Upcoming Museum events can be found on our webpage.

**HOURS:** The WMAS is open seven days a week year-round, unless otherwise specified. Daily 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm.

**ADMISSION:** By donation.

**EXHIBITS:** Whistler Museum & Archives Society is proud to present “Whistler’s Olympic Journey”, a special exhibit to celebrate our community’s journey to the 2010 Winter Games. The exhibit anchors the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in a rich and adventurous story, chronicling Whistler’s journey from a popular fishing destination in the early 1900s to the world-class resort and community it is today. Learn about the six separate bids that culminated in the 2010 Games. “Hosting the World,” an exhibit update that delves further into the experience of the 2010 Winter Games in the Sea to Sky corridor. features artifacts donated by 13 local Olympic and Paralympic athletes, including Olympic gold medallist Maëlle Ricker’s uniform. In addition, it features an Olympic torch visitors can pick up and take a photo with. “Hosting the World” officially opened in January 2011. “The Evolution of Skiing”, an exhibit featuring the progress of the sport, opened in 2014.

**RESEARCH:** Alongside published books, the Museum maintains a cabinet of subject files on all topics arranged alphabetically. These include press cuttings, pamphlets and all kinds of other tidbits relating to Whistler’s history. This is an excellent resource for anyone wanting to delve deeper into Whistler’s past or find an obscure bit of information.

Members of the public are welcome to come and research at the museum. Appointments must be made in advance to ensure the availability of the Collections Manager.

**COLLECTIONS:** The Whistler Museum and Archives Society holds many significant objects and textual records from the early pioneer days in Alta Lake through to today. Our collection focuses on the pioneer era, resort history, Olympic history and natural history.

**RETAIL:** The Museum features a gift shop offering locally produced souvenirs, books from regional authors, and one-of-a-kind gifts.

**REPRODUCTIONS:** The WMAS presents an exclusive assortment of photographic reproductions of historical photography from our own collections. We use the online photo-hosting service SmugMug, which streamlines our online galleries and personal photo order. Our profile can be visited at [whistlermuseum.smugmug.com](http://whistlermuseum.smugmug.com). Specific requests are available by contacting the Collections Manager at [archives @ whistlermuseum.org](mailto:archives@whistlermuseum.org).

**PROGRAMMING:** The WMAS offers organized or self-guided visits for individuals, school groups, tour groups or any other group or association. The WMAS also offers a Speaker Series, historical multi-media tours on or off-site, and village and valley historical walking tours. Programming can be tailored to a specific group.

**TOUR GROUPS:** Tour Group programming is available both on-site at the Whistler Museum as well as off-site. Group tours can be organized by contacting the Manager of Events & Community at [events @ whistlermuseum.org](mailto:events@whistlermuseum.org). A deposit will be required to secure your booking.

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