

## Tour Kankakee County's Historical Museums

Start off by visiting the Kankakee County Museum, 801 S. Eighth Ave., Kankakee, IL, (815) 932-5279, where it is the home of the Kankakee County Historical Society, which was founded in 1906, and is the oldest incorporated historical society in Illinois. The Museum currently contains eight galleries and maintains two historic structures: the Dr. A.L. Small House (1855) and the Taylor School House (1904). Permanent galleries include: The General History of Kankakee County Exhibit, The Native American Archaeological Artifact Exhibit, The Three Governor's Exhibit (Small, Shapiro, Ryan) and the George Grey Bernard Sculpture Exhibit. The museum is always pleased to offer its extensive documentary, photographic and artifact material culture collections to assist researchers. For more information on the Kankakee County Museum visit their online website at [www.kankakeecountymuseum.com](http://www.kankakeecountymuseum.com)

Only minutes away from the Kankakee County Museum, is the Kankakee Railroad Museum. This railroad museum offers a view large operating, running model train displays and railroad memorabilia within Kankakee's restored train depot. The museum also features a scale model replicating the city of Kankakee during the 1950's. A restored 1947 Pullman Stainless Steel coach is displayed outside of the depot containing a small theatre that features railroad films during museum hours. The Railroad Museum is open from Tuesday through Sunday at various times. The museum is located at 197 S. East Ave., Kankakee, IL. You can contact them by phone, (815) 929-9320, or email at [www.kankakeerrmuseum.com](http://www.kankakeerrmuseum.com)

To finish out your day visit the Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery located a block away from the Kankakee Railroad Museum. This not-for-profit Gallery acts as an advocate for local and visiting artists from a variety of genres. It also offers an opportunity to people of all ages to learn about and appreciate the visual arts through our exhibits, tours, workshops and programs offered. The Gallery is uniquely located with Provena Heritage Village senior facility, and continues to enrich the daily lives of the residents here. Admission into the gallery is free and donations are accepted. Gallery hours: 9-5 weekdays and 9-1 weekends. For more information regarding the Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, contact them by calling (815) 939-4506 or visit their website at [www.provena.org/seniors/artgallery](http://www.provena.org/seniors/artgallery).

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