

EAA Aviation Museum – by Marlon Meyer

The EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin is a must-see destination for aviation enthusiasts and history buffs alike. Located on the grounds of the annual Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture fly-in and airshow, the museum boasts a collection of over 200 vintage aircraft and exhibits showcasing the history and evolution of flight.

One of the highlights of the museum is the World War II Gallery, which features a variety of military aircraft from the era, including a P-51 Mustang, a B-17 Flying Fortress, and a Japanese Zero. Visitors can also see a replica of the Wright brothers' workshop, where they developed their groundbreaking aircraft designs, as well as a display on the history of astronautics and space exploration.

In addition to the static exhibits, the museum also offers a variety of interactive displays and experiences. Visitors can try their hand at flying a simulated aircraft in the museum's flight simulators, or take a virtual reality tour of some of the world's most iconic aircraft. The museum also has a theater where visitors can watch educational films about the history of flight.

One of the most unique aspects of the EAA Aviation Museum is its focus on experimental and homebuilt aircraft. The museum has a large collection of these aircraft on display, including a replica of the Wright Flyer and a variety of aircraft built by EAA members.

In addition to the indoor exhibits, the museum also has a large outdoor display area where visitors can see a variety of aircraft up close, including some that are available for rides. The museum hosts a number of events and educational programs throughout the year, including airshows, fly-ins, and workshops for aspiring pilots.

Overall, the EAA Aviation Museum is a fantastic destination for anyone interested in the history and future of aviation. From its impressive collection of vintage aircraft to its interactive exhibits and events, there is something for everyone at this world-class museum.

