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Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center Director Shannon Mandell (above) poses inside the intriguing building, which houses a treasure trove of artifacts and history and is located in Nixon on State Route 447. The exterior (below) was designed by the late Native American architect Dennis Numkena to resemble a tepee.

MUSEUM

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center beckons tourists

On a rise, northwest of the intersection of State Routes 446 and 447 in the town of Nixon, is a beautiful conical-shaped structure that is home to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Visitor Center. This is where you can find information about the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's history and culture as well as the natural history of the area. The museum contains a gift shop, plus information on camping and fishing at Pyramid Lake as well as day-use permits.

Dennis Numkena (a member of the Hopi Nation) was the designer/architect. His goal was to establish a space that reflected a profound spiritual sense and represented something unique and beautiful. Visitors will be convinced that Numkena succeeded.

On Saturday, November 16, the center is hosting a grand opening of several new exhibits that incorporate interactive kiosks, plus an intimate "cave" where viewers can watch recently produced films about the Paiute culture and the Pyramid Lake area. Admission is free, and it is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this special occasion.

Winter museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. It's closed on weekends and holidays.—*Richard Massey*



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