



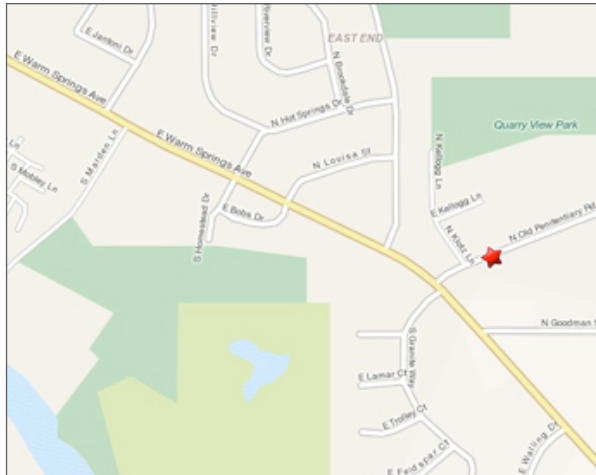
Hours of Operation

Varies by season; please see website or call.

Admission

(Includes entry to Old Idaho Penitentiary and is subject to change)

Adults	\$5
Senior Citizens	\$4
Children (6-12)	\$3
Children (under 6)	Free



Five minutes east of downtown Boise, north of Warm Springs Avenue on Old Penitentiary Road

J. Curtis Earl Memorial Small Arms Exhibit

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ACROSS THE MILLENNIA

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A Partial Listing Of Arms On Display

- ☆ Machine Guns, Gatling Guns, Automatic Rifles, Assault Rifles, Submachine Guns, Anti-Tank Rifles
- ☆ Howitzers, Mortars, Grenades
- ☆ Rifles, Shotguns, and Handguns (including percussion-fired, flintlocks, and matchlocks going back to the 15th Century)
- ☆ Broad Swords, Court Swords, Rapiers, Daggers
- ☆ Mace, War Axe, Halberd, Pike, Partizan, Spontoon, Spear Heads, Arrow Heads
- ☆ Ancient weapons from the Bronze Age (3,500 BC) through the Roman Empire (476 AD)

A World Class Arms Exhibit

J. Curtis Earl

J. Curtis Earl was one of this country's most prolific collectors of military small arms. At one point, he had as many as 250 Thompson Submachine Guns in his collection, earning him the nickname "Mr. Tommy Gun". From 1980 until his death in 2000, he was also a part-time resident of Boise, Idaho splitting his time between Boise in the summer, and Phoenix, Arizona in the winter.

Prior to his death, Curt donated a portion of his arms collection to Idaho State Historical Society, along with a \$600,000 endowment for the construction and ongoing care of an exhibit space. It was his stated intent that this donation of arms and funds be used for public education and enjoyment, as he didn't want these arms to disappear from the public view into private collections.

After Curt's death in 2000, Idaho State Historical Society carved out a portion of a building within the Old Idaho Penitentiary for the J. Curtis Earl Memorial Arms Exhibit. For the small arms collector and enthusiast, this exhibit offers a real treat – it's the only place in the state of Idaho where one can find so many historically-significant and fascinating firearms, as well as bladed weapons going back in time from the Renaissance to the Bronze Age (roughly 3500 B.C.).

Curt was a long-time member of Idaho Automatic Weapons Collectors Association (IAWCA), and served on that organization's Board Of Governors. IAWCA shares Curt's interest in public education pertaining to military small arms collecting, and is proud to support the J. Curtis Earl Memorial Arms Exhibit. Production and distribution of this pamphlet is funded in part by IAWCA, The NRA Foundation, and Friends Of NRA.