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Fort Pitt Museum to Temporarily Close for Updates Ahead of America's 250th and NFL Draft

-The museum is set to reopen on March 1 following exhibition and facility improvements-

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29, 2025 – As Point State Park prepares to welcome thousands of visitors ahead of the 2026 NFL Draft and America's 250th anniversary, the Fort Pitt Museum – part of the Senator John Heinz History Center's family of museums – will temporarily close from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28, 2026 for exhibition updates and facility improvements.

The museum will reopen to the public on Sunday, March 1.

During the closure, the museum will prepare new exhibitions that showcase Pittsburgh's role and impact during the American Revolution.

Opening on March 1, the ***Pittsburgh's Revolution*** exhibition will feature rare artifacts, interactive activities, and powerful imagery that explore Fort Pitt's history as the epicenter of the Revolutionary War in the West. Focused on defense of the expansive Ohio Country frontier, Pittsburgh served as the hub of American diplomacy and conflict with the Native tribes of the Ohio Country.

In June 2026, just ahead of America's 250th anniversary on July 4, the museum will also debut a temporary exhibition exploring the unique weapons and tactics used on the 18th-century frontier.

During the January and February closure, staff will also complete deep cleaning of galleries and public spaces, annual maintenance of the Fort Pitt diorama, upgrades to permanent interactive exhibits, and preparation of newly acquired artifacts to be displayed throughout 2026.

For more information, please visit heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt.

The Fort Pitt Museum, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



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