




Mt. Baldy Visitor Center Angeles National Forest, California

People and Places of the Mountain

In 1993 The Acorn Group coordinated an award-winning project to restore the historic 1921 Mt. Baldy Village schoolhouse and interpret the mountain's life stories. Within the schoolhouse, an immersive exhibit leads visitors through dramatic changes as they complete a simulated climb from lower-elevation chaparral to subalpine forest. Poems and clues guide the way for visitors as they "gain altitude". In a second exhibit area, the human history of Mt. Baldy is showcased in a series of exhibits focused on mining, alpine skiing, and a child's daily life in a one-room schoolhouse.

 The Mt. Baldy Visitor Center project is the recipient of the 1995 Exhibit Design Award by the National Association for Interpretation.