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**Experimental Breeder Reactor-I (EBR-I) opens for the summer season**

Beginning this weekend, you can take a closer look at INL's historic nuclear energy contributions at the Experimental Breeder Reactor-I museum.

Public tours of EBR-I will resume for the summer starting Friday, May 23. The facility, on the Department of Energy's Idaho Site off U.S. Highway 20, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week through the Labor Day weekend. Visitors can either tour the facility on their own or take a guided tour.

EBR-I was completed in 1951 and produced the world's first usable amount of electricity from nuclear power on Dec. 20, 1951. The reactor was operated until late 1963 and decommissioned in 1964. EBR-I was dedicated as a Registered National Historic Landmark on Aug. 25, 1966, by President Lyndon Johnson and Glenn Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

EBR-I was also dedicated as a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1979 by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a Historic Landmark for Advances in Materials Technology in 1979 by the American Society of Metals and a Nuclear Historic Landmark by the American Nuclear Society in 1987. In June 2004, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) marked EBR-1 as an IEEE Milestone in Electrical Engineering and Computing.

More than a quarter of a million visitors from every state and dozens of foreign countries have come through its doors since EBR-I opened for summer tours in 1975. Learn more at <http://www.inl.gov/ebr/> or watch the video to take a virtual tour of the historic nuclear reactor <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPxAxBul1BI>.

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