

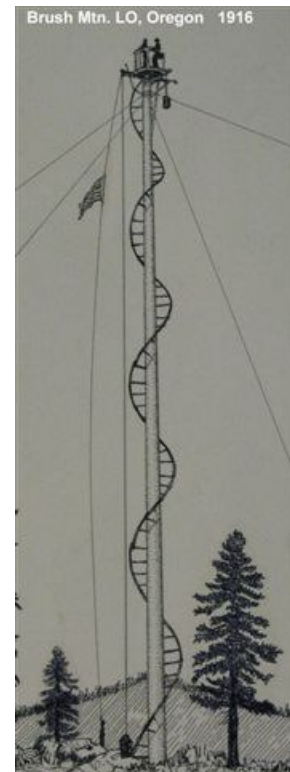
Lookout Show`n Tell #5 – Most Unusual Lookout Designs

Dixie Ranch L.O. near Slidell, Louisiana in 1926. A dairy silo with a recycled oil derrick on top, and a cabin atop it.



Dixie Ranch LO, Atop a Silo at Slidell, LA 1926

Brush Mtn. L.O. near Ashland, Oregon in 1916-1930. A limbed & peeled spar tree with 66 yew wood pegs for steps and a crow's-nest 104 feet up. Retired Norwegian sailor Dan Pederson even had an elevator for his fast escape; a rope, pulley, and a bucketful of rocks for the counter-weight.



Crow's Nest (Brush Mtn LO,OR) 1916

Roderick Dhu L.O. near Greenwood, British Columbia since 1990. Its small 6x6' fiberglass cab is a familiar design across Canada; but the TV broadcast tower it sits on isn't. Most of them sit at the top of a 100' ladder straight up a lightweight metal tower. At least, in B.C. and Alberta, the sleeping quarters at all lookouts are luxury; even when fifty miles from the nearest road.

Roderick Dhu LO, BC Canada 1990



Livingston L.O., Louisiana in 2000. Its plain and simple 7x7' Aermotor metal cab sits atop a unique 20' spiral staircase extension above a typical Aermotor tower; a quick fix for a tree canopy that grew over twenty years.

Livingston LO,LA



Brasstown Bald L.O., Georgia since 1966. At 4,784', it is the highest point in the state. The unique fire tower is part of a visitor center in north Georgia's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.



Brasstown Bald LO, GA 1966

Harney Peak L.O., South Dakota since 1938. Elevation 7,242'. Highest point in the Black Hills, and the highest place between the Rockies and the Alps of Europe.



Harney Peak LO, SD

William Penn Memorial Fire Tower on a hilltop overlooking Reading, Pennsylvania since 1939. The 120' tall brick landmark is today undergoing full restoration by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry for possible use again as a fire lookout.



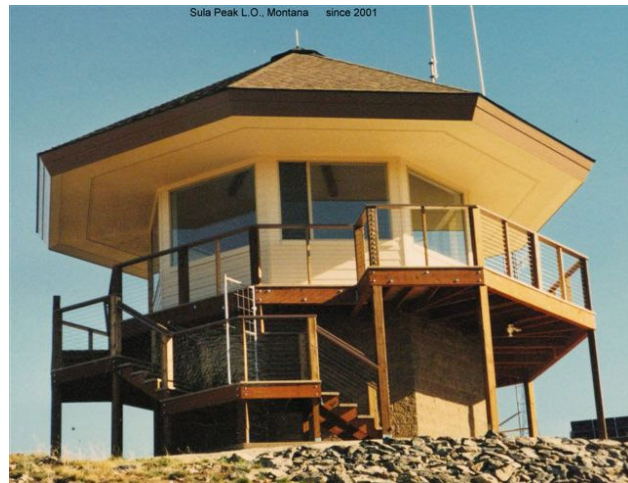
Wm. Penn Mem. Fire Tower, Reading PA

Mount Constitution L.O. on Washington's Orcas Island. A tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, now, and for always.



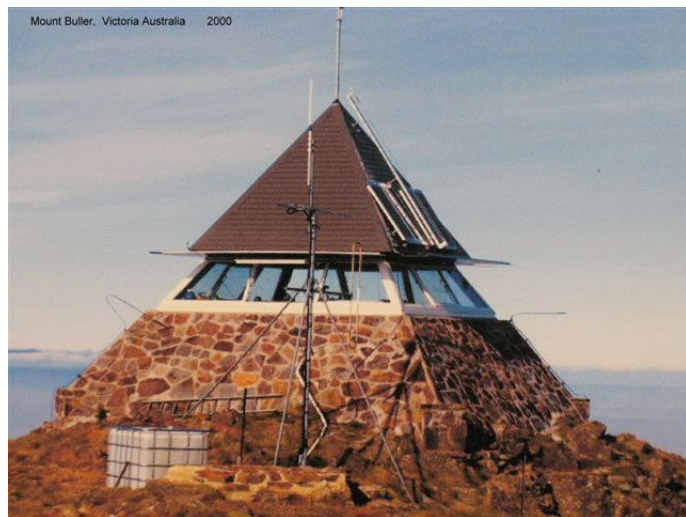
Mt. Constitution LO, WA

Sula Peak L.O. Montana since 2001. It replaced a victim of the great fires of 2000.



Sula Pk.LO,MT 2001

Mount Buller in Victoria Australia. Today.



Mt. Buller, Victoria Australia 2000

Ray Kresek - Fire Lookout Museum - Spokane, WA