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Field Trip: Field Trip to Evergreen

Date of trip: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: 11:50-4:30 PM

Where: Chief Hosa Lodge (Evergreen), Sarah Schenck Grave (Bergen Park), Hiwan Homestead Museum (Evergreen), and Muddy Bucks Coffee House (1886 Evergreen Hotel).

Cost: Free!

Leaders: Dennis Kristensen and Gary Wallden

Overview:

First, we will visit the historic Chief Hosa Lodge, designed in 1918 by Architect Jacques Benedict. Using timber and stone from the surrounding area, Benedict designed the lodge to blend into the hillside. It originally served the “tent community” that vacationed in Genesee Park. Since the lodge was constructed, it has also served as a World War I museum, gambling-hall bordello, scout camp, and youth hostel. Today the lodge is used to host wedding receptions, conferences, and similar functions. The City of Denver leases the building to a concessionaire who rents the space as an event's center.

Next, we will visit the grave of Sarah Schenck in Bergen Park. Who was Sarah Schenck? Why is this single lonely grave from 1863 out in the middle of Bergen Park? (... and now in the middle of a lumber yard?!)

From there, we will continue to the Hiwan Homestead Museum, and have a short picnic and finally a tour of the Hiwan Homestead Museum. The homestead started in 1893 on the north edge of what is now Evergreen CO. It encompassed an astounding 15,000 acres, an unfinished barn, and a tent. It eventually expanded from a barn to a one room cabin. Josepha Neosho Williams lived in the cabin while all men slept in tents outside. Josepha became one of the first women doctors in Colorado and was referred by all as “Dr. Joe.” As more rooms were added (13+) NO trees were allowed to be removed, giving “natural” form to the homestead’s unusual layout. The Homestead was levied in until the 1940s, keeping it in unusually good condition, but historically interesting. We will tour all the Homestead’s rooms and observe its unique architecture and style. It is fully furnished, and several of the outbuildings and horse corrals have survived in good condition.

For those who wish to linger afterwards, we will have coffee (or other refreshments) at the 1886 Evergreen Hotel on Main Street (Highway 74) at the Muddy Buck Coffee house very much in its original style.

Itinerary: Friday, October 28, 2022

(All times subject to change)

11:50AM - Meet at Chief Hosa Lodge

Address: [27661 Genesee Lane, Golden, CO 80401](#)

12:00-12:30PM - Tour Chief Hosa Lodge

As this is now an event center, there are no furnishings, only the unique buildings. We will get a quick history and tour. Afterward we will carpool to the Sarah Schenck grave in Bergen Park.

12:50-1:20PM – Sarah Schenck Grave

Address: [1232 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, CO 80439](#)

Who was Sarah Schenck and why is her grave (1868) in a lumberyard in Bergen Park? Located in the Diversified Lumber Products Yard next to Wild Game/Casa Tequilas restaurants in Bergen park. First left turn upon entering Bergen Park. Dennis will provide history of the grave. Afterward, we will carpool six miles to the Hiwan Homestead, where we will have a picnic (outdoors if weather permits).

1:30-2:00PM – Picnic at Hiwan Homestead

Address: [28473 Meadow Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439](#)

This will be a bring your own lunch style picnic. The GTC Refreshment Committee will provide water, and Dennis will provide a cake for dessert. Weather permitting, we will picnic in the gazebo at Hiwan. Otherwise in a nearby indoor location (TBD). This is a BYOP late lunch picnic. Since it will be late October, anything is possible weather-wise. Please check the weather as the trip gets closer, and dress accordingly. Restrooms are located nearby.

2:00PM and/or 2:30PM - Tour of the Hiwan Homestead

We will get a special tour of the Hiwan Homestead! This is an excellent tour for people with mobility problems, little walking, and few stairs. Depending on how many attend this trip, we may have one tour, or two separate tours (they have a capacity limit, hence the two times listed above) Please RSVP with the trip leaders (see info below) so we can tell the museum how many to expect. Afterwards, those that wish to stick around can meet at the Muddy Buck Coffee house.

3:00PM – Muddy Buck Coffee House

Coffee or other Libations at the Muddy Buck coffee house in the Evergreen Hotel.

Address: [28065 CO-74 #101, Evergreen, CO 80439](#) Muddy Buck is located in the 1886 Evergreen Hotel (still original).

If you are interested in participating in this field trip, please RSVP as soon as possible (we need to know how many will be joining on the Hiwan Homestead Tour). If you need a ride and want to carpool, please contact Gary Wallden (information below).

For any other questions, please contact the trip leaders:

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