



GHOST TOWN CLUB OF COLORADO

Exploration, enjoyment, and preservation of historical sites

Field Trip: Eastern Plains Towns of Aroya and Boyero

Date of trip: 12/10/2022

Meet at 9:30AM at the Union Pacific Roundhouse in Hugo to carpool/caravan to Aroya and Boyero.

Leader: Ashley Doty

Aroya was a railroad stop along the Kansas Pacific Railroad around 1869-1870. Possibly could have been established earlier as a stage station on the Smoky Hill Trail. The town was platted in 1907 and its population peaked at about 100 people. Boyero was also a stop on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and the post office was established in 1902. Boyero was a bit larger than Aroya with a population of about 250. The town was made up of about 50 structures.

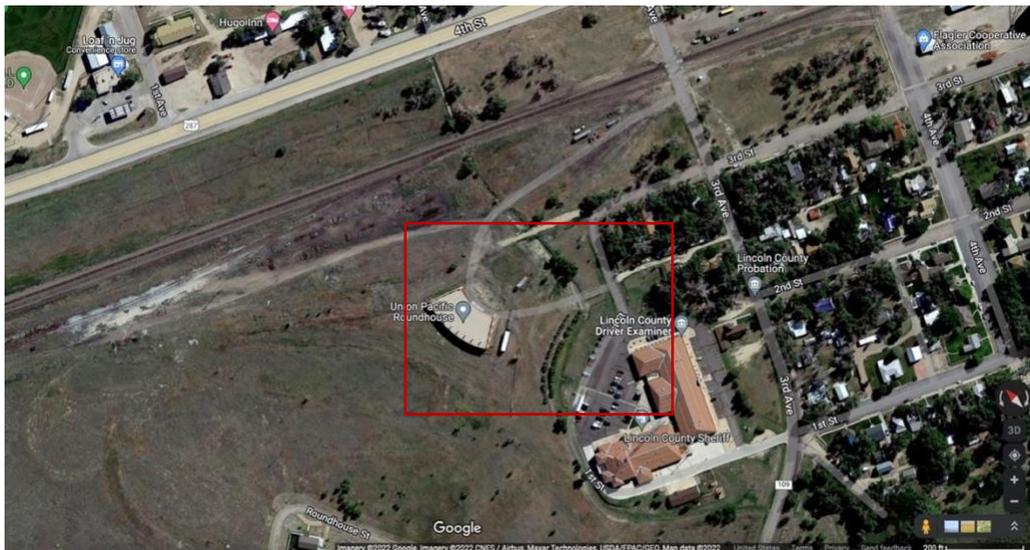
Description of the day:

We will start off by meeting at the Union Pacific Roundhouse in Hugo. We will carpool/caravan over to Aroya around 10:00am. When we reach the site, we will meet with the current owner of Aroya and visit the general store, schoolhouse and few houses left at the site. From there we will visit the town of Boyero. A couple of business buildings remain along with houses, foundations, and the cemetery.

Itinerary:

Meet at 9:30am

Location: Union Pacific Roundhouse Address: [3rd Ave, Hugo, CO 80821](#)



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Leave Roundhouse lot at 10:00am, begin the 30 min drive to Aroya. The road to Aroya and Boyero is almost all paved highway, and then the last road is a packed dirt road. There should be no problem for any cars to make it to this location.

Arrive at the site:

Once we arrive at the sites, we will walk around the site and explore/discuss. The towns are on private property, but we do have permission to be there by the current owner, but please respect their properties. The current weather forecast is between 40-50 degrees that day, so please dress accordingly, but keep an eye on the weather. If the weather that day is snowing the trip will be canceled. So, check your email and the website for cancellation, you can also contact Ashley directly. The plains can be quite windy on any given day and there is no sun protection from any trees, so please wear sunscreen, layers, and a hat. Please bring water and any other items you may need.

Walking around the town site:

The ground is relatively flat with a maintained dirt road leading to the Aroya and Boyero sites. There is some debris due to building deterioration and uneven ground so probably not the most suitable terrain for strollers or wheelchairs, or persons not in good physical health or have difficulty walking.

Eat lunch at Boyero:

Around 12:30 we will eat lunch at the Boyero site. Pack your own lunch, drinks, and snacks, or whatever else you will need. If you need a chair, please pack one as there is no seating at the town site.

Head back to Hugo:

Once we are done visiting Boyero we will head back to Hugo if individuals carpooled. On our way back to Hugo, if the group would like and we have time, we can stop by the townsite of Clifford, not much is left at the site but there is a schoolhouse, some foundations, an abandoned house on private property, and a cemetery (unsure if it is accessible).

Coordinates for locations:

Union Pacific Roundhouse: [39.133658, -103.474364](#)

Aroya: [38.856962, -103.137657](#)

Boyero: [38.942755, -103.271406](#)

Clifford: [39.045494, -103.349439](#)

If you are interested in participating in this field trip, please RSVP as soon as possible. If you need a ride and want to carpool, or have any other questions please contact Ashley Doty (information below).

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