

Wheat Ridge Historical Society

Open House & Guided Tours



Take A Step Back In Time

Put on your overalls and come on down, come see Wheat Ridge before it was a town. Wheat Ridge Historic Park at 46th and Robb Street is open for tours.

The five buildings that make up Wheat Ridge Historic Park are:

- The “Old Soddy” - believed to have been built around 1860 of two-foot chunks of sod containing tall prairie grass roots. It has been covered with plaster for preservation.
- The “Johnson Cabin” - built in 1859 on the 1st registered homestead in the State of Colorado. It was moved to Historic Park.
- The Red Brick Bungalow - built in 1910, this building contains the Historical Society’s collections and is their meeting place.
- The Historic 1st Wheat Ridge Post Office - built in 1913 and moved from its original site on 38th Avenue. The front portion depicts a typical early post office and the back area houses the Historical Society’s research library.
- An Open Shed - where early farm implements are on display from the days when Wheat Ridge was mainly truck farms, orchards, and green houses.

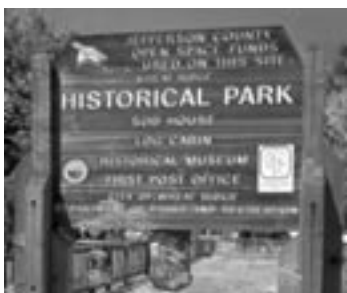
Also, on the corner of 44th and Robb Street is the James H. Baugh Homestead. Within the turn-

of-the-century farmhouse is a one-and-a-half story log cabin built in 1859. It is currently being restored with the help of funds from the State Historical Fund and the Wheat Ridge Historical Society.

After restoration of the Baugh House is completed, it will interpret one of the earliest surviving examples of an agricultural foothold in the Front Range region, an island of history rapidly being lost to sprawl. Today only these 3 acres of Baugh’s original 160 acre parcel remains undeveloped. As reported in the Golden City Transcript, June 1, 1868, Baugh was one of 32 farmers on this line of Clear Creek who had “over 2,100 acres under cultivation, and promising abundant yield”.

During the year, the Wheat Ridge Historical Society invites you to visit Historic Park any Friday between 10am & 3 pm. They also celebrate the arrival of spring each year on the 2nd Saturday in May with their annual May Festival. In the fall, they have Apple Cider Day on the 2nd Saturday in October.

Wheat Ridge Historical Society monthly meetings have speakers on timely topics as well as recollections of by-gone days and are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month September through June at 7:30 pm in the Red Brick Bungalow. A monthly newsletter informs members of upcoming events. Dues to join the Historical Society are just \$10 per year or \$50 for a lifetime membership.



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Red Brick Bungalow



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Open Shed



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