



886 PASSENGER DEPOT

Restored by the City of Douglas, was reopened to the public in 1995. The Depot houses both the Douglas Area Chamber of Commerce and the Converse County Visitor Information Center, with local, regional, and uniting information available.



There is no fee for the Railroad Museum however, donations are always appreciated.



All vehicles can be freely viewed from the exterior, seven days a week. Three railroad cars are open to view the interior during the summer season or when weather permits during off season.



Driving Directions to the Center: From Interstate Highway 25, take Exit 140, and drive the Yellowstone Highway into Douglas, for approximately one mile to the intersection of Center Street and Brownfield Road. Turn Right onto Brownfield Road and location is on the left hand side of road.

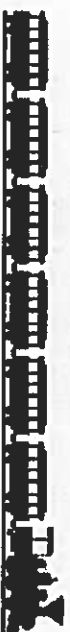
OPEN ALL YEAR

Winter- M - F 9 AM - 5 PM S-S 11 AM- 4 PM
 Summer- M-F 9 AM- 7 PM S-S 10 AM - 5 PM
 (Closed holidays or during inclement weather)

**Douglas
 Railroad
 Interpretive
 Museum & Converse
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**WHERE YOU CAN SEE AND
 TOUCH HISTORY**

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"You know Jack...loves trains!"

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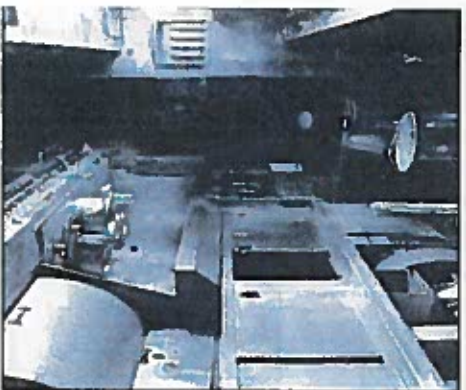
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Douglas Railroad Interpretive Center is arguably the most important historic attraction in Converse County. Like many other cities and towns throughout Wyoming, the city of Douglas was born out of the westward expansion of the railroads. Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern, Burlington & Quincy - the great Northern; these were the arteries that carried the life blood of 19th-century America out into the wilds of the country's western territories. In the process whole towns were born; in the end, east met west, and the nation became truly continental.

Before that transformation, there was little but nature west of the Mississippi and east of the Rockies. Settlers traveled the rough terrain on foot, by horse or wagon enduring great hardships to reach their American dream.

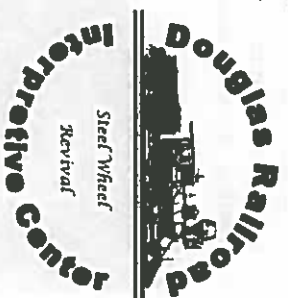
Those conditions vanished forever around the middle of the 19th century, when a new and different breed appeared amongst the equine herds that ran wild across the plains. This was a horse of a different color; it was the iron horse, fixed to two steel channels of harden steel laid out on a path set by engineers. It carried coal, water, and it cut the line of the horizon with plumes of



belched black smoke. It's sole purpose, it's only motive, was movement; hence the name "locomotive". The first came from England to our eastern seashores and into the rails headed west. Out of the old settlements and into the new empty reaches of the western Americas frontier. It towed chains of wooden crates mounted on wheels, they carried an infinite variety of cargo and passengers, too, with an infinite variety of hopes

Trains were the lifeline to many otherwise isolated towns. Today, highways and a changing economy have made most of these rail lines obsolete, and their abandoned grades are slowly fading away into the ever changing landscape.

On the grounds of the center you will find an impressive collection of railroad history. The center houses nine vehicles from a 1884 locomotive to a 1940's steam passenger car. Eight of the vehicles were donated to the state of Wyoming and all were transferred in 1992, to the city of Douglas. Stop in and step back in railroad history with us.



Locomotive Park may be used as a picnic area for your family or come join us on Mondays in July to see a western movie on a train! Starting at 9PM.

