



Castle Rock Museum • 2019 • 420 Elbert St., Castle Rock, CO, 80104

Castle Rock, first settled in the 1870s, is nestled in the heart of East Plum Creek Valley. Named for the prominent rock formation that overlooks the town, the discovery of rhyolite stone in the butte near Plum Creek is what put Castle Rock on the map and made it an important station for north-south railroad traffic.

At that time, the community consisted of just a few shacks for prospectors, quarry workers and other hired hands. In 1874, settler Jeremiah Gould donated 120 acres that would come to be known Castle Rock. Within a year, the new train depot brought the Denver & Rio Grande Railway to the community unloading supplies for ranchers, shipping rhyolite from the three local quarries, and cheese from the dairy farms in the surrounding area.

The Depot was moved from trackside to its present location at 420 Elbert Street in 1970, and was carefully restored by the Castle Rock Historical Society in 1996 for use as a local history museum. The building still retains the original interior features such as the old ticket window and baggage area with over 140 years of graffiti on its walls.

More information at: www.CastleRockHistoricalSociety.org