

Tooele County Historic Sites

Ophir-Mercur Area

Ophir Historic District

A portion of the old mining town's buildings has been lovingly restored, including a post office and a train filled with period antiques and artifacts from the past, including photos and historic articles. All of the furnishings reflect life in the late 1800's to early 1900's. To schedule a tour of the Ophir Historical Park, please contact the Tooele School District at 435-833-1900. How to get there: Take SR-36 south from Tooele City and proceed through Stockton to the intersection of SR-36 and SR-73. Turn left onto SR-73 and proceed east for six miles toward the Oquirrh Mountains. Turn left onto Ophir Canyon road and proceed east for three miles to town.



Stockton Area

Stockton Historic Marker

This marker, erected by the 1976 Bicentennial Commission, points out that the oldest mining camp in Utah, the first smelter west of St. Louis and the first electric light in the state, were all located in the Stockton area. The marker is located in the center of town.

Step toe Military Camp Monument

Located at two miles south of Stockton, this monument recaps the history of the first detachment of the Army to enter the Rocky Mountain area. An overland stage was also located here between 1868 and the early 1870's. On the north side of the monument is a slag pot used in Globe's Chicago Smelter.

Stockton Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

Located inside Stockton City Hall, the museum's displays and artifacts tell the story of how the community was founded by miners in the mid-1800's and briefly became a major mining center in Utah before 1900. Artifacts include photos,

furnishings and more. The museum's general opening time is 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Tours are available by appointment. For more information or to make tour arrangements, please call BethOla Blatnick or Pauline Hawk at 435-843-8327 or 435-241-2636. Calls can also be made to Cindy Rydalch at 435-882-0335. How to get there: Take SR-36 into Stockton and turn east onto Silve Ave. And proceed two blocks to Johnson Street, Museum is located at 18 N. Johnson Street.

Tooele City Area

Tooele Valley Railroad Museum

The Tooele Valley Railroad Museum features treasures from the area's early railroad and mining days. Also on the museum property is a miniature train that gives rides to children on weekends and special events every summer. The museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Train rides are only offered on Saturdays. For more information call 435-882-2836. How to get there: From Tooele City's Main Street, turn east onto Vine Street and proceed for three blocks. Turn left on Broadway Street. The museum is immediately on the left. Tooele Valley Engine #11 is seen in front.

Tooele Pioneer Museum Complex

The Tooele Pioneer Museum Complex is a treasure trove of local history, folklore and more. The complex features pre-1900 Tooele County relics, photographs, histories and more. Adjacent to the complex is an original 1854 cabin. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other times by appointment only.

Pioneer Cemetery & Memorial Gardens

The Settlement Canyon Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers created this monument at the mouth of Settlement Canyon to complement a special memorial garden for early pioneer graves that had been periodically disturbed by construction projects, and then relocated further away from state Route 36.

Wendover Airbase Museum

The Wendover Airbase Museum is filled with artifacts, photographs and interpretive displays that tell the story of how the airbase played a crucial role in ending the war with Japan over 60 years

ago. The museum and displays are in the Operations Building. Wendover Airbase is an active airport and the museum is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 435-665-2308 or go online to www.wendoverairbase.com. How to get there: From I-80 exit onto Wendover Blvd. On the Utah side, turn south onto First Street (100 East) and continue south for one quarter mile to the airport property at 345 S. Airport Apron.

Bonneville Salt Flats

The famed 26,000 acre flats are five miles east of Wendover off of I-80. Automobile and motorcyclists converge on the Wendover area each August for the annual Bonneville Salt Flats Speed Week.



Ibapah Historical Monument

On Dec. 20, 1997 the Ibapah Historical Monument was dedicated. This beautiful edifice, erected by the residents of Ibapah, includes four plaques that explain some of Ibapah's most intriguing history, including Deep Creek Station, the Goshute Tribe, Early Settlers and the Lincoln Highway.

