

FREE ADMISSION

LOCATION

120 Main St., Frisco, CO 80443 (corner of Main St. and 2nd Ave.)

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Year Round

Tuesday – Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm

Monday: Closed

CONTACT

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MUSEUM MISSION

The Frisco Historic Park & Museum preserves and promotes the Town of Frisco's heritage and history by presenting an excellent educational museum experience to the community and its visitors, connecting the past, present and future to the world around us.

FUN FACT

Where did the name "Frisco" come from?

Some people assume the town was named after San Francisco, another mining boomtown from the 19th century — not true.

In fact, the area was named "Frisco City" in 1875 by a railroad agent working in Colorado to draw the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway (a.k.a. The Frisco Line). The nickname is made from letters in the name of their rail line: the "F R" from Francisco, the "I S" from St. Louis and the "C O" from Company — making "F R I S C O". In 1879 Frisco was incorporated and "City" was dropped.

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FRISCO HISTORIC PARK & MUSEUM



A BRIEF HISTORY OF FRISCO, CO

In 1879, Colorado chartered Town of Frisco—the area had been inhabited by fur trappers and prospectors for more than 60 years, and by the Ute Indians for nearly 7,000 years before that.

Experience this exciting history first-hand right here at the Frisco Historic Park & Museum! A history that's rich with pioneering, exploration and discovery, as well as peaks of prosperity and depths of hardship.

The Frisco Historic Park features original historic structures including restored mining cabins, ranch homes, a log chapel, the original schoolhouse and a jail.

As you walk through and experience these historically animated spaces, your imagination can't help but bring the many stories of Frisco to life.

To preserve Frisco's heritage for many generations, we've collected historic photos and artifacts, many of which are on display at the Schoolhouse Museum. Exhibits interpret Frisco's story of human settlement, the mining boom and bust, railroading, ranching, skiing, and the transportation and engineering advancements of the 20th century.

Spend a relaxing and educational afternoon in the heart of town and relive the history, a vital part of the Rocky Mountain West, while on a FREE self-guided walking tour.

When you get to the Schoolhouse Museum, be sure to bring a few quarters with you! You will want to start up the model train exhibit. The diorama is a realistic model of Frisco and Ten Mile Canyon, as it appeared circa 1890.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The Museum offers free educational programs and events throughout the year! Whether you are looking to explore the Museum after hours, or listen to fascinating historic tales during lunch or join us for a walking tour of Frisco, there are activities for all ages and interests.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the Museum and Historic Park using the self-guided walking tour. Programs offered throughout the year:

- The Night at the Museum Series
- The Lunchtime Lectures Series
- Founder's Day
- Historic Town of Frisco Tours
- Group Tours of the Museum (Reservations Required)

Visit our website or contact the Museum for details on all upcoming and current programs and events.

*All programs are subject to change.



PASSPORT TO HISTORY

Pick up a free Passport.
Explore the museum.
Play games.
Look for this embosser.
Collect ten stamps.

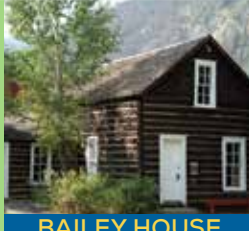




FRISCO HISTORIC PARK WALKING TOUR MAP



BILL'S RANCH HOUSE



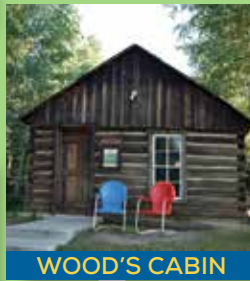
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LOG CHAPEL

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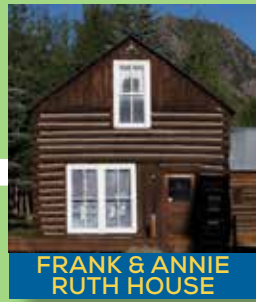
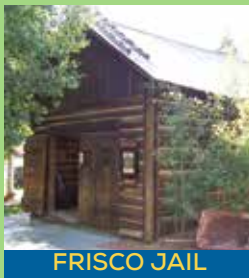
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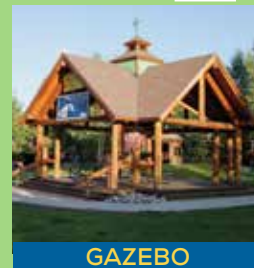
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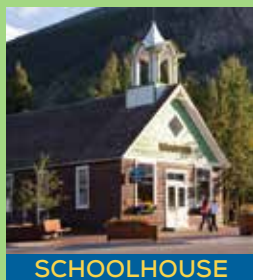
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RUTH HOUSE

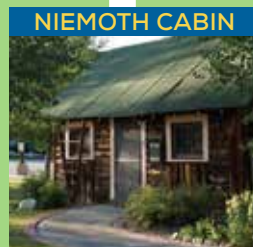
FRISCO JAIL



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SCHOOLHOUSE



NIEMOTH CABIN

FRISCO HISTORIC PARK WALKING TOUR

SCHOOLHOUSE

circa 1899

Original Owner: Oliver Swanson

Located on its original site and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this structure was first built as the Swanson Saloon. The building was purchased by the school district and converted into Frisco's second school which operated from 1901 until 1963. The Schoolhouse Museum was established in 1983.

FRISCO JAIL



circa 1881

Original Owner: Town of Frisco

Frisco's first and only jail featured four 7x10 foot jail cells and was built by J. Scott & William Myers, who used square nail construction and recycled wagon wheels to hand-forge door and window hardware.

NIEMOTH CABIN



circa 1931

Original Owner: Marie & Max Niemoth

Built as a family summer home, this cozy cabin features a river-rock fireplace and original furnishings. Emmanuel Bellom used pioneer logs to build this cabin — one of five original cabins in Bill's Ranch.

WOOD'S CABIN



circa 1860

Original Owner: Gus Levine

As Frisco's oldest standing structure, it served as a family residence, a post office drop, a bank, a madam's house, a saloon, and a general store. This building was constructed with pioneer logs during the Civil War era before both Colorado established statehood and Frisco was founded.

SPRING HOUSE

circa 1900

Original Owner & Donor: Town of Frisco

The Spring House served as a shelter for Frisco's main water supply during warm months.

PRESTRUD / STALEY HOUSE



circa 1899

Original Owner: Henry Hickman

Built by Henry Hickman with pioneer logs and clapboard siding, this building is representative of a middle-class mining family home. The well house is typical of structures used by families at the time. The outhouse is part of the original home.

TRAPPER'S CABIN



circa 1942

Original Owner: Unknown

Frank Ruth and Joe Nelson built this cabin with recycled logs (dating back to 1880) from Curtin, a town once located in the Ten Mile Canyon between Frisco and Copper Mountain.

BAILEY HOUSE



circa 1895

Original Owner: Emma J. Brown

A typical 1890's home, the two-story Bailey House features original newspapers dating back to 1884 — used as insulation for the interior walls. Constructed with hand-hewn logs, it is a classic example of homes originally located in Frisco.

BILL'S RANCH HOUSE



circa 1890

Original Owner: John & Jane Thomas

Originally serving as the main residence for Bill Thomas and his family, who owned a dairy cattle operation, this building features hand-hewn logs and double dove-tail corners, a classic example of late 19th-century homestead construction.

LOG CHAPEL



circa 1943

Original Owner: Rocky Mountain Mission Church

Built by Reverend Harold Thompson, Frisco's first church had a sawdust floor when it served as a place of worship for Frisco residents.

FRANK & ANNIE RUTH HOUSE



circa 1890

Original Owner: Unknown

First built as a barn and later converted into a residence, this building features hand-hewn logs, square nails, a root cellar, and board-and-batten gables.



Push the button on the kiosk in the building for recorded information.

