

A Historic Farm in the City

Just fifteen minutes from downtown Denver and five minutes from Cherry Creek Shopping Center, Four Mile Historic Park is a tranquil haven where hurries and worries are left at the gate.

The house and furnishings, costumes, outbuildings and equipment are authentic for the period of 1859-1883.

You're free to stroll the living history farmstead, visit the draft horses and chickens, check on the crops in the big garden, and spread a picnic under the trees.



A Local Landmark

Four Mile House was designated a Denver Landmark in 1968 and enrolled on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

Guided Tours, Gift Shop

You can take a tour of the historic house museum with a costumed guide, or shop for antiques, unique gifts and heritage roses at the Gift Shop.

Stagecoach Rides

On special event days everyone has a chance to enjoy Four Mile's most popular activity — horsedrawn rides on the stagecoach, hay wagon or sleigh.



Special Events

- **April 9-10** -- Celebration of 1860s Work and Play Featuring Old Time Baseball and Farming
- **July 4** -- Old Fashioned Family Fourth of July
- **September 18** -- Organic Fair
- **October 21 - 22** -- Spirits of the Past Halloween Event
- **December 10 - 11** -- Holiday Open House

Prices for these events are subject to be higher.

Special events feature old fashioned foods and costumed farm folk doing the "chores," the fine skills and crafts of —

Blacksmithing • Plowing • Gardening
Harvesting • Quilting • Spinning
Lace Making • Butter Churning
Gold Panning • Baking Cookies
Beekeeping
Caring for the Animals

History

The Four Mile House stagestop is the original log home built in 1859. The frontier home, the oldest still standing in Denver, was built by members of the Brantner wagon train on land rightfully belonging to the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians.

In 1860 a 47-year old widow with two children turned the house into a wayside tavern and inn and operated it as a stagestop. Enterprising Mary Cawker did a rousing business with gold-hungry travelers on the Cherokee Trail. Downstream, Denver City was then just a collection of rough-hewn cabins on a scraggly "street" near the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte River.

After the flood of 1864 surrounded the house, a Wisconsin family paid the disheartened Mary Cawker \$800 for the 160-acre farm. Levi and Millie Booth operated the stagestop and tavern until the railroad reached Denver in 1870. They built the brick addition in 1883, and also moved an 1860s frame house to the site to produce the final "U"-shaped home seen today.

Model pioneers, the Booths added 500 acres of ranch land and, along with their children, became agricultural leaders in the valley and the state.

Volunteers and Community Support

The Park is operated with a small staff and many, many volunteers. Training is offered regularly and new volunteers are always needed.

Four Mile Historic Park is established and maintained by the City and County of Denver's Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Park is supported largely by admissions and charitable donations. There are many ways to contribute to the continued preservation of the Four Mile property. Call the Park for information about these opportunities. Your gift will make a difference!