

Marvel in the rich history of the railroad at the Ellis Railroad Museum. Near the museum was a roundhouse where steam engines forged the new western frontier and were serviced to return to the east. Ellis served as the destination of many cattle drives to send beef back east and brought early settlers to the untamed frontier. Come to the museum and step back in time to see artifacts dating back to the early days of the railroad in western Kansas.



At the Ellis Railroad Museum, you'll find:

Ellis History Room

View a room filled with photos and artifacts from Ellis and area railroad pioneers and their families.

Video Viewing Room

A special room designed to view railroad videos and films is scheduled for completion in the near future.

Depot Room

The recreation of the interior of an old-fashioned depot will take you back in time. Special touches include a pot belly stove and antique decorations.

Model Train Display

The Western Kansas Model Railroad Association display is an actual working model train layout.

Union Pacific Caboose

The yellow caboose donated by Union Pacific is located next to the museum building.

Depot Building

An actual depot from Penokee, Kansas is adjacent to the caboose and will be used as a boarding point for train rides. The scheduled date for completion of the renovation is in the spring of '96.

BK&E Miniature Train Ride

A one-third scale General Motors Aero Streamliner travels along a 2.5 mile tract outside the museum. Riders pass by the old roundhouse area and railroad shops east of the museum. The train will pass by Big Creek Lake area. A portion of the track sits on the original trackbed used in the earliest railroad days.