

Suggestions for Visitors to Granada Relocation Center (Amache) National Historic Landmark, near Granada, CO

Setting

Amache is 1.5 miles southwest of Granada, Colorado. This part of Colorado is on the High Plains, an arid, windy, and sunny environment. Summer temperatures average in the 90s, but can peak into the 100s. The site is home to many scratchy plants like cactus and yucca, **as well as rattlesnakes**. The footing can be quite uneven. There is a driving tour with signs, although the roads are not labeled. You can preview the tour and download a map at <https://amache.org/driving-tour-map-podcasts/>. The Amache museum is on Highway 50 in Granada.

Schedule

If you plan to visit the site in the summer, try to avoid being on-site during the heat of mid-day. Visits are best planned for the early morning or evening, but do pay attention to the weather predictions. Hazardous thunder and hailstorms are common and you should **avoid being onsite during a lightning storm!**

During the heat of the day is a great time to visit the museum. Check <https://amache.org/amache-museum/> to find out current open hours of the museum, any operating notes (currently the museum is under COVID restrictions), and schedule a tour. Please schedule as far in advance as possible to help the Amache Preservation Society plan for your visit.

What to bring and wear

Always have drinking water with you during site visits as there is none available on-site. Also consider bringing sunscreen, a hat, and snacks. If you intend to walk anywhere on-site beside the welcome kiosk or the cemetery, you should wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. A walking stick will help you navigate the uneven terrain and flush out snakes.

Field logistics

There is no bathroom on-site at Amache, but there is one at the museum or at the Stop2Shop store in town.

Lodging & Restaurants

There is one restaurant in Granada (Shorty's, which serves Mexican food—cash only), a food truck (also Mexican food), and convenience foods are available at the Stop2Shop. The nearest lodging to the site is in the town of Holly, about 10 miles east of Granada. A wider variety of lodging and restaurant options are available in Lamar, 18 miles west of Granada.

Transportation

Denver International Airport is the nearest major airport to Granada, which is approximately a 4-hour drive. Colorado Springs airport is another good option, which is approximately 3 hours by car. Lamar is served by Amtrack.

A special note for those with a personal or family connection to Amache

If you or a family member were confined at Amache and you wish to find your family barracks, this online directory will help you do so: <http://arccg.is/108DGC>. You may wish to have these results available to you in hard copy or as a saved image while visiting. Individual barracks blocks are not marked on site, so finding a specific block can be challenging. One way to assure that you can find them is to plan your trip during a planned community event. See <https://amache.org/current-activity-news/> for upcoming events.

