



# DAY TRIP TO AMACHE

From Lamar · Prowers County, Colorado



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## FOUNDATIONS AND REBUILT STRUCTURES

A national historic site, open in daylight. The Park Service's conditions page, updated October 6, 2026, lists no closures; the site has a cemetery, a monument, foundations and restored and reconstructed buildings.

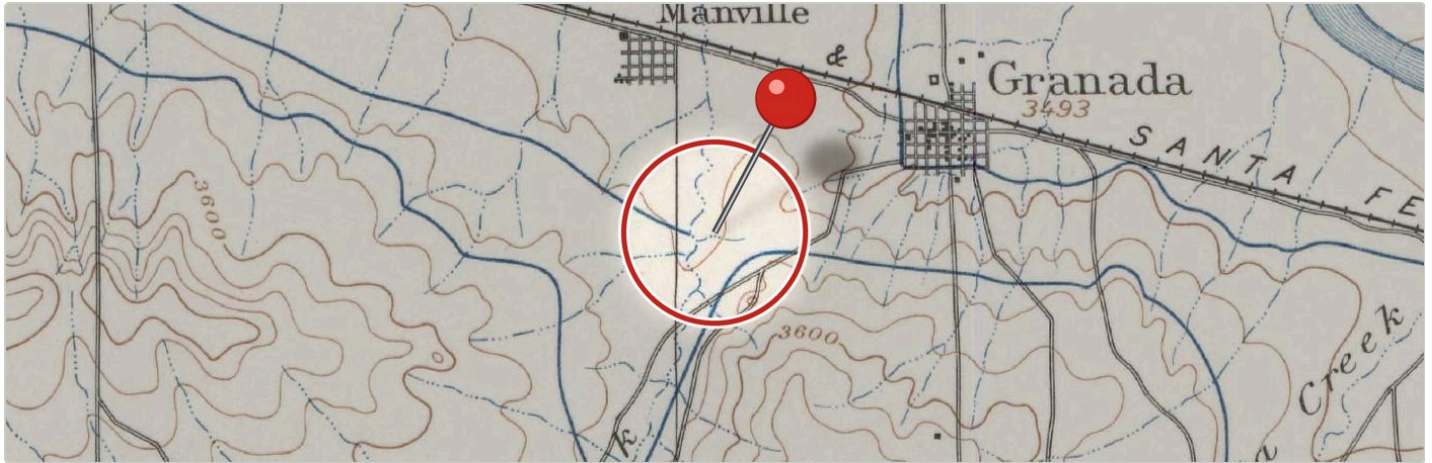
Amache is a half-day from Lamar: the site in the cool of the morning, the museum in Granada in the heat of the day. The site is open in daylight and has no water or restroom, so stock up in Lamar.

## A SAMPLE DAY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:00  | Leave Lamar on US 50/385 east.                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30  | Turn in at the Amache sign. Start at the honor roll and the entrance panels.                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00  | Drive the road grid with the Preservation Society's audio tour: the restored barrack, the water tower, the guard tower. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10:30 | Visit the cemetery and memorial in the southwest corner.                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 | Drive into Granada for the Amache Museum (weekdays).                                                                    |

## WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The guard tower.** Its octagonal cab against the open sky shows how flat and exposed the site is.
- **Foundations in a row.** Shoot low along a barracks block to show how the slabs line up down the grid.



USGS topographic map, 1890 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

## DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

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| <b>DRIVE</b>          | 18 mi, about 33 min each way from downtown Lamar. From Colorado Springs: 178 mi, about 3 h 51 min.                                                                                                                           |
| <b>HOURS</b>          | Site open during daylight hours, not gated (NPS). Amache Museum, 205 E. Goff Ave., Granada: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, Saturday by appointment, closed Sunday and major holidays.                                  |
| <b>RESTROOMS</b>      | None on site. The museum has one, as does the Stop2Shop in Granada.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>FOOD AND WATER</b> | No drinking water on site. Granada has one restaurant (cash only), a food truck and a convenience store; Lamar has more.                                                                                                     |
| <b>WALKING</b>        | A short walking trail at the entrance; elsewhere no established trails, and the ground is uneven, with cactus, yucca and rattlesnakes. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are advised away from the entrance and the cemetery. |
| <b>RULES</b>          | Leave artifacts where you find them; this is an active archaeological site.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>CONTACT</b>        | Amache National Historic Site, 719-936-7600.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>WEBSITE</b>        | <a href="https://nps.gov/amch">nps.gov/amch</a>                                                                                                                                                                              |

## BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

**Coordinates** 38.04962, -102.32860 • 38°02'59"N  
102°19'43"W

**Full guide** [abandonedtowns.com/colorado/amache/](https://abandonedtowns.com/colorado/amache/)

**Directions** [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.