

LAKE WALES DEPOT MUSEUM

325 S. Scenic Highway, Lake Wales, FL 33853

Entrance GPS Coordinates: N 27° 53.899 W 081° 35.080

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Bartow follow US98 about 16 miles to S. Wetmore Ave. and turn left. Follow S. Wetmore about .2 miles to W. Johnson Ave and turn right. Follow W. Johnson about .4 miles to SR17 (Scenic Hwy) and turn right. The Depot and parking will be on your left.



ALONG THE CSX HISTORIC CORRIDOR

Constructed of brick and covered with pink stucco, the Depot at 325 S. Scenic Highway was built as a passenger station by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in 1928 at an approximate cost of \$51,000. Replacing service at the original depot, the new location was chosen to relieve traffic congestion in the downtown area. A freight room and loading platform were added in 1938.

Passenger service to Lake Wales ceased in 1954. In 1966, Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line merged to form the Seaboard Coast Line Railway. In 1974, freight service shifted to the West Lake Wales station, and trains no longer stopped at the Lake Wales depot. However, the Spanish style building with the red tile roof remained a landmark of the post-boom era in Lake Wales.

Spearheaded by the Bicentennial Commission, efforts began in 1974 to convert the empty building into a museum and cultural arts center for the citizens of Lake Wales.

Since opening in 1976, the Depot has evolved into a resource center for the collection, conservation, exhibition, and study of materials pertaining to the history of Lake Wales, Florida. It is the goal of the Lake Wales Museum and Cultural Center, popularly known as The Depot Museum, to serve as the means by which the historical record of Lake Wales --both past and present-- may be preserved and shared with the citizens of the community.

The Depot Museum is operated with the support of the City of Lake Wales and Historic Lake Wales Society.

Open 9-5, Monday - Friday
10-4 Saturdays
Closed National Holidays

ATTRIBUTES:



2010 TREK TEN TRAILS CACHE COORDINATES: N 27° 53.886 W 081° 35.067

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS: No hike required. Park in the parking lot and walk behind the Depot Museum, between the fence and the building. Look for the old household appliance. The geocache is located in the appliance.

Special Note: Validate your cache find at the Depot Museum with the Lakes Wales Trailway stamp. Then trek the Lake Wales Trailway if you like. Information available from museum.



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