

1. RFL POST OFFICE

A post office was established in 1896 at the Perry ranch. In 1924, a post office was established at Log Cabin; James Esterbrook was Postmaster. In 1926 the first post office was established in the Red Feather Lakes. A new post office was built in 1968 at its current location.



2. RFL EARLY POST OFFICE

This building was built in 1922 as a rental for loggers, road and CCC workers. Then in 1952 became a post office that closed when the new post office building was opened in 1967. Since that time it has been a realty office and an antique shop and gift store.



3. ICE HOUSE & LIQUOR STORE

This building was used as an ice house in the 1930s and then a liquor store.



4. RFL TRADING POST

The Red Feather Trading Post was established circa 1924 and operated by Goldie Hastings. The Trading Post was sold to others over the years. In 1952 electric power was installed. In 1969 living quarters were added to the south side, and from 1979-1992 there was a restaurant. In 1994 a video store was added, and in 2003 a clear span building was added over the Trading Post and liquor store, giving the building its present-day frontier look.



5. WOOD SHOP & BEAUTY PARLOR

This is one of the few buildings in Red Feather Lakes made of cinder blocks. It may have been built by the Thyfault family who did most of the other block buildings in the area. It was owned by Hans Schmaltzried ("Uncle" Hans) who was a builder, master cabinetmaker and woodworker in the Red Feather area. Elzbeth Bouer bought the building from "Uncle" Hans's family and operated a beauty shop there for many years



6. CHURCH & THRIFT STORE

Mrs. Mahan, a retired teacher, bought a cabin in 1937 and had a local handyman convert the cabin into a church building. In the summertime Mrs. Mahan created a vacation bible school and held Sunday school and church services whenever she could find a minister. Mrs. Mahan died in 1943. The building was acquired by Chapel-in-the Pines in 1967 and used as their thrift store ever since.



7. TROUT LODGE

Trout Lodge has offered lakefront cabin rentals since 1930. The oldest cabin was built in 1925. One cabin that was built in 1929 was designated as a laundry room. In 1982 2 cabins were joined together as a duplex. Today there are 6 rental cabins.



8. RED FEATHER LAKES SCHOOL

This 2nd school site was built in 1953 and had electricity. In 1960 the school name was changed from Westlake to the Red Feather Lakes School and became part of the Poudre R-1 school district. The building later housed Morning Star Church then a medical clinic. It is now a private home. In 1985 a new school was built at its present location on Creedmore Lakes Road.



9. RFL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1959, The Red Feather Lakes community formed a volunteer fire department supported by donations. In the 1980s voters approved a tax assessment of four mills and to issue bonds for building a fire house and buying equipment. The first fire station was built in the early 1960s. Four bays were added in 1985 and in 2003 the old fire station was torn down and a new building was built.



10. ICE HOUSE & POA

This building was originally an ice house. Subsequently it was the POA meeting place and then a youth center. Now it is used for craft fairs and storage.



11. RFL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

In 1920 the first property owners association was called the Red Feather Mountain Lakes Association. The current POA building was built in the 1960s and is used for many activities in the Red Feature Lakes community.



12. RFL FIRST LIBRARY

The Red Feather Lakes Community Library was established in 1969 by the local women's group with \$240 from the Larimer County Commissioners and 250 donated books on shelves from an abandoned store. The original site was in the dirt floor basement of the POA.



13. RFL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Red Feather Lakes Community Library was built in 1986 and the dedication took place in 1987. The library was built with a large bequeath from Mary Stenzel which sparked community donations of land, labor, money and love. New additions of a children's area, meeting room and art gallery were dedicated in 2005.



14. SITE OF RED FEATHER CAFE

Red Feather Cafe was built in the 1940s with Emma Phillips as the original owner. "Mom & Pop" Stevens and family then owned and operated it for many years. It was purchased and remodeled in 2001 and burned down on 6/6/2006. The property was purchased in 2014 and cleared for Ace Hardware store which connects to the previous hardware store.



15. GARAGE, HARDWARE STORE & CHALET GIFT SHOP

The Chalet was a garage and hardware store owned by Ruth Miller. Emma Grauberger and her husband Art purchased it in 1969. They sold groceries, gas and gifts and fixed flat tires. They ran the store until 1976 before leasing it to Dean Castleman who purchased it and then sold it. It remained empty for several years and was then converted to Panhandle Creek hardware store which sold in 2014.



16. BAKERY & LONE PINE REALTY

In the 1920s the Sodateria Bakery was close to the location of the existing building which was built in the 1940s as a gift shop. In the 1960s it was Old Timer Antiques. In the 1970s it was a bar and liquor store. In 1976 the building was purchased by the current owner and 1983 it was leased by Lone Pine Realty.



17. VILLAGE BARBECUE

One of the three barbecue picnic sites set up by the association to encourage families to come to Red Feather Lakes and enjoy the mountains while looking at property to buy.



18. ROBINSON CABIN

Description at site.



19. HILLTOP OUTPOST

Originally built by Richard & Nettie Poore in 1895, then sold to Charles Stryker in 1924 and to Myron Aiken in 1927 and transferred to Wayne Aiken and N.C. Warren. It was sold to Bruce Eaton in 1928. Property sold for taxes in 1930 to Mrs. G.C. Wallace. It was sold to Floyd & Jessie Young in 1947. It sold to others with several name changes throughout the years.



20. WORLEY WELL

The Worley's well was the source of drinking water for the whole community for many years. It served as a sociable meeting place for friends. The well is located on the north shore of Hiawatha Lake.



21. HOTEL, OFFICE, DANCE HALL, CABINS & BIBLE CONFERENCE CENTER

This hotel & dance hall built in 1924 was used to promote Red Feather Lakes. In 1937 it became a bible conference center which lasted until 1946. Jack Dalton was the last owner and he showed movies in the 1960s. The structure had a fire and was torn down in 1970. One of the 7 cabins still stands on the property.



22. FISH HATCHERY SITE

The Red Feather Lakes developers wanted to raise their own trout to stock the lakes and started by building one wooden fish hatchery, but in the 1928 building boom it was immediately replaced with a more expensive stucco building. Laying vacant it was finally demolished and removed in 1969. The site today is Red Feather Lakes Community Park sponsored by the Mountain Lions Club.





A Walk Around Historic Red Feather Lakes



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HISTORIC RED FEATHERS LAKES DESCRIPTIONS & WALKING MAP

