

The Peru Depot Information Center

The Peru Depot Information Center will be completed by Spring 2001.

The center will include a multi-purpose room, two wheelchair accessible restrooms and a covered area with picnic tables.

Large display windows will feature information on the Steamboat Trace, local historic sites, food and lodging.

The Information Center is designed for the convenience of hikers and bicyclists on the trail, educational groups, small meetings and family reunions.

Made possible by

Nebraska Game and Parks
Nebraska Trails Foundation
Scores of local businesses, organizations, and individuals

The Peru Depot Gandies

The Peru Depot Gandies is a diverse group of dedicated volunteers who are working to showcase the beauty and recreational value found in and around Peru, Nebraska. Founded in 1997, the Gandies goals are to:



Establish, maintain and promote the Peru Depot Museum at the Steamboat Trailhead.



Educate the public on the conservation, history, and ecology of the Missouri River corridor in Southeast Nebraska.



Enhance, manage, preserve and protect Southeast Nebraska's cultural, historic and natural resources.

Peru Depot Gandies

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Peru, NE 68421
www.ci.peru.ne.us/depot.html

Peru City Hall

402-872-6685
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- Gandies Gear

Key Fobs	\$2	Hats (mesh)	\$6
Patches	\$4	Hats (solid)	\$7
Guidebooks	\$5	T-shirts	\$10
<i>One guidebook was written and published by a PSC honors class and describes sites of special interest along the trail. The Peru Depot Gandies wrote and published a second guidebook describing 112 species of flora and brief descriptions of fauna that make the area home. The book summarizes the Trailblazers who impacted the Peru area and also shares a few local legends</i>			
		Children	\$14
		Adult (S-XL)	\$17
		Adult (XXL)	\$19
		Adult (XXXL)	\$21
		Sweatshirts	\$23
		Adult (L-XL)	
		Adult (XXL)	

Prices include sales tax only. Shipping and handling will be added to mail orders.

Items are sold at

Peruse Books & More
808 Fifth St
Peru, NE 68421



Peru Depot

“The Heart
of the
Steamboat
Trace”

The Peru Depot

The first building on the Peru Depot site went up shortly after the town was founded in 1854. The depot served the river boats that paddled up and down the Missouri River with newly arriving pioneers, food and supplies.

After the Missouri River carved a new bed farther from town, a second depot on the current site accompanied the opening of the Midland-Pacific trunk-line from Nebraska City to Brownville in 1875. The train brought mail, newspapers, freight and students arriving to attend Peru Normal School (as it was known then), Nebraska's oldest college, founded in 1867.

When Burlington Railroad acquired Midland-Pacific, it brought in its own depot - Peru's third - which continued to greet students and faculty of the now-named Peru State College. The railroad ceased operations in the 1960s.

Today, Peru's fourth depot - the Peru Depot Information Center - is under construction. When completed, it will greet hikers and bicyclists on the Steamboat Trace, part of the nationwide Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.



From the Peru Depot trail-head, the Heart of the Steamboat Trace, visitors can go south to historic Brownville or north to the ghost town of Minersville.

The trail stretches 21 miles through quiet woodlands, wetlands, and prairie land. The Loess bluffs shelter swallows' nests and carvings from years gone by.

Downtown Peru Becky's Cottonwood restaurant

Caseys

Gas, food, telephone

Coleman Bed and Breakfast

Deckers Food Center

Cold drinks and packaged foods

Peruse Books & More

Bicycles, by the hour or day
Drinks, snacks and gifts

Campground

Primitive camping

anticipated completion, Dec. 2000

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Mail with check to:
Peru Depot Gandies
P.O. Box 21, Peru, NE 68421

Membership Levels

Passenger (Students/Seniors)	\$5
Individual (Individual)	\$25
Conductor (Family)	\$50
Fireman (Family)	\$75
Engineer (Family)	\$100
Station Master (Family)	\$150
Railroad Tycoon (Life)	\$1,000

