

# Welcome to Crocker...

## Town History:

In 1854, a trading post named Humbolt was established, but soon disappeared with the construction of the Frisco Railroad. The area bustled with activities, and in the midst the town of Crocker arrived. Named after an official of the railroad, Eurilis J. Crocker, Crocker became the hub of many activities. One of the main attractions in its day, was the depot. The Depot was the mail pick-up and distribution point for many of the area's surrounding communities.

## The Depot Museum



As the train approached the depot, it slowed to pick up the outbound mail from the "catcher" and toss incoming mail to awaiting depot employees.

Crocker was the host to the last depot in Pulaski County. The depot was moved from its original location by the Corp of Engineers to its present location on Tenth Street, right across from the Post Office. It serves as a museum and is filled with artifacts and memorabilia from years gone by.

## Parks & Recreation

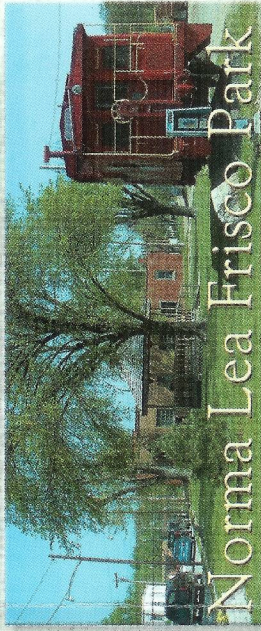


There are two parks located within the city limits of Crocker. The city park, located on Park Street is widely used by the local communities. In the park through out the year, one can enjoy music at the gazebo or fish in the large pond on a warm summer day. Railroad Days, a citywide festival, is also mainly located in the park in September. If you enjoy softball or soccer the fields are filled with games during the year. Also located within the park is the large arena used by the Saddle Club, which hosts riding events. The park contains several covered pavilions for picnics and special gatherings.

Through donations and hard work by the community, a swimming pool was constructed near the entrance to the park. The swimming pool is open during the summer months and can be rented out for private groups.

In recent years, a helicopter pad was constructed for emergency medical use. It's location is near the large pond.

For recognition of her service to the community and serving as mayor for 24 years, Norma Lea Frisco Park was constructed in honor of Norma Lea Mahalevich. A gazebo is enjoyed by many along with the old Frisco caboose.



## Norma Lea Frisco Park

## Crocker High School



In the beginning of the educational programs for Crocker students, the school year was four to six months. The first school was built in 1870, but destroyed by fire in 1933. Not to be denied an education, the community built a school at the intersection of Hwy 17 an U. One of the historic parts of the school is the wall surrounding the outside which was built by the WPA program during the depression. Rising to the educational needs of it's students, Crocker constructed a new High School in 2002.

## Calendar of Events

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** - Held in February during National Prayer Week hosted by Crocker Ministerial Alliance and Crocker Senior Center.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Held the Saturday before Easter. Hosted by VFW Auxiliary and Area Merchants.

**Community Yard Sales** - Held the first Saturday, April thru October in Norma Lea Frisco Park.

**Railroad Days** - Held on Saturday closest to Labor Day. Hosted by Crocker Chamber of Commerce.

**Christmas Downtown** - Held on the Saturday closest to the first weekend in December. 10 am - 6 pm in the downtown area.

## Little Known Facts About Crocker...

- The average temperature is 78 degrees
- The hottest month is July
- The coldest month is January
- Average rainfall per year is 40 inches
- It is 1101 miles to New York City
- Crocker School is Crocker's major employer
- The first graduating class from Crocker High School was in 1916.
- Crocker is hometown to 2003 Star Search Winner Jake Simpson.



## All Aboard...Next Stop Crocker

Take a drive along scenic Highway 17 and catch a glimpse of the natural beauty of the Ozarks. The caves in the bluffs along the Gasconade or the winding Roubidoux River along the highway will bring you to the community of Crocker, Missouri.

The Crocker Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to visit us.

