

▼ Trench digging at Camp George West



▼ Construction site at Camp George West



The historic architecture of the post, predominately the stone and frame buildings, is a collection reflecting Early Camp Military History (1903-1932) and projects representing New Deal Era Public Works Projects (1932-1941). In fact, this post represents the largest single collection of Works Progress Administration sponsored buildings in the state and typical military temporary buildings that followed standard U.S. military plans.

These collections of buildings, including others along South Golden Road, are designated as a National Historic District and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In January 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy took possession of a 6.8 acre parcel of the historic district for use as a research campus. These buildings will help usher in a clean energy future for our country, combating one of the most critical issues of our time. This parcel, now the South Table Mountain Energy Park (STEP), is envisioned to be a new technological hub. Future uses may include housing startups, entrepreneurs, and new innovations to move the latest renewable energy research and products closer to commercialization.

▼ Underground construction at Camp George West



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A brief history of how this historic location continues to serve our nation



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The Colorado National Guard established its only permanent training facility at this site in 1903, and it served as a rifle range and a storage and supply facility for local Guard units and the location of the Guard's summer encampments from 1906 to 1944. The post was designated Camp George West in 1934. NREL's South Table Mountain Campus is on land that was the firing range for Camp George West when it was still an active military post.

This space of Camp George West became a correctional center in 1969 as a minimum-security facility. More than 150 inmates lived in this work-camp setting, and it offered them a chance to work off the property, including supervised positions within the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Today, other sections of the historic district beyond this parcel house several state government agencies including classroom training facilities for the Colorado State Patrol, while maintaining storage, maintenance, and training facilities for the Colorado National Guard.



▲ Trolley near Camp George West

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▼ Camp George West, 157th Infantry, 1937



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