

# Tuttle Post Office



## OFF THE BEATEN TRAIL



One visit to your next destination, and you'll always be thankful for the modern convenience of almost always having a post office nearby.

Around 1870, Dr. Herman B. Tuttle settled on the Republican River, about 16 miles north of present-day Stratton, Colorado. This former Confederate Army surgeon was appointed as the first postmaster on March 27, 1883. Quite an honor!

Herman moved the post office around over the years, but in 1903 he moved it and the accompanying Tuttle store one last time. It operated there until the 1920s. The building still stands in its final resting place in the wide-open prairie.

Once you are standing in view of the old building, it is easy to get swept up in the quiet prairie air. This is truly a stop worthy of being called, "off the beaten trail." It's a great place to sit back and imagine what life as a pioneer postmaster must have been like.



- **County:** Kit Carson
- **Site Name:** Tuttle Post Office
- **Approximate Location:** Seventeen miles north and four miles east of Stratton, Colorado



### Directions



- Take I-70 to Stratton, Exit 419
- Go north to Highway 24, then east to Highway 57, north on 57
- At about 17 miles, turn east on Road NN
- Destination on north side of road in 4 miles



### Since You're in the Area

- Be silent for three minutes and write down all of the city sounds you don't hear!
- Pick out your favorite barn as you travel the gravel roads to Tuttle.
- The night sky here is spectacular...consider making this trip near dusk. Don't forget to watch for shooting stars on your way back to town!
- Take a picture, where Tuttle is in the distance, but appears to be in the palm of your hand.



### Geocache Information

Coordinates	N 39° 32.880 W 102° 31.019
Size of Cache Box	Regular
Difficulty Level	Easy
Terrain Rating	Easy

Treasure location clue: Don't fence me in.

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