

Vona Water Tank

OFF THE TRAIL

County: Kit Carson
Site Name: Vona Water Tank
In the SW1/4 of Section 35,
Township 8 South, Range 48 West,
near the intersection of Second
Avenue and Howell Street, Vona,
Colorado 80861

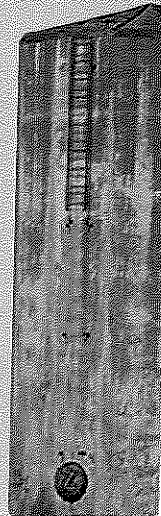


Can a simple water tank tell the story of a small town's battle for existence? Of course. Your next stop proves it.

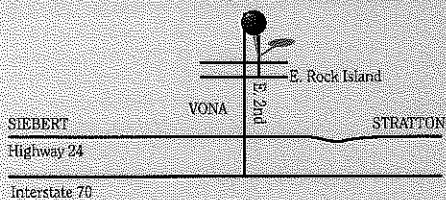
Like a lot of small towns across the nation, Vona found itself struggling both during and after the Great Depression. Its citizens were unable to make an adequate living in town, and they had to travel elsewhere for work. Finally, in late 1935, some work came to town when a water system upgrade in Vona was approved for Work Progress Administration (WPA) assistance. Even though actual work didn't begin for nine months, this new development sparked hope in local residents. During that interval though, a terrible fire ignited one Saturday night in early June 1936. Half of the business section of town was destroyed and the inability to control the blaze was attributed to Vona's small water tank and resulting low water pressure.

Finally, after starting to move past the devastating fire, work began on the addition to the tank. Unfortunately, work was quickly halted once again because the town was unable to provide the required matching funds for the WPA investment. The project languished, and so did the town's hopes of surviving.

Would Vona citizens ever complete their new water tank? And even if they did, could it save the town? You might need to make a trip to Vona to find out.



OBT Directions



- 7 miles west of Stratton
- On the south side of town, turn east on Rock Island
- Turn north on E. 2nd Ave (right after the playground)
- Destination just up the hill

OBT Since You're in the Area

- The boys in this area play six-man football. Stick around for a game.
- Find a wheat field. And while you are at it, find an alfalfa field too.
- Have a contest to see who can name the most towns in Colorado that start with "V" (there are 7).
- Pack a picnic and enjoy a lunch in the park.
- Find 10 things in Vona that start with the first letter of your name.

OBT Geocache information

Coordinates	N 39° 18.211 W 102° 44.509
Size of Cache Box	Regular
Difficulty Level	Easy
Terrain Rating	Easy

Treasure location clue: Where you can be under water, but not get wet.

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