

Fairfield Utah

Brief History

Fairfield was founded in 1855 when John Carson and his four brothers started a settlement in Ceder Valley. Although Fairfield had a relatively small populace before the arrival of Johnston's Army, (The Army sent during the Utah war to fight the supposed rebellion) it became a booming town with the army's arrival. In 1861 the town was given its name of Fairfield instead of its original name of Frogtown. Also in 1861 Johnston's army was recalled to fight the U.S. civil war, which left a series of buildings abandoned, most of the buildings were preserved and are now viewable at Camp Floyd. As of 2010 there were 119 people residing in Fairfield.

Location and driving directions from the nearest airport

From U.S. Airways get on I-80 from terminal drive, take I-15 S to UT-85/W 2100 N in Utah county. Take exit 282 from I-15 S. Take Ut-73 W to 1540 N in Fairfield.

Who was President when it was founded and what was the political environment at the time.

Franklin Pierce was U.S. president when Fairfield was founded in 1855. During the year 1855, the large movements west made frightening wars with the native Americans An example of the warfare that incurred is The First Sioux War.

Oldest Business and largest business today

Despite the small population of Fairfield there are still quite large businesses nearby, such as Mountain Ridge Medical.

City Government

Mayor Pengra is the current mayor of Eagle mountain city (where most of the working populace in Fairfield live) Eagle Mountain also has Youth and City counsels.

Historic Attractions, Festivals and Events

The Largest attraction in Fairfield is Camp Floyd, the historic site where Johnston's army was stationed. Camp Floyd currently houses a preserved Schoolhouse, Inn, and multiple other attractions including a small museum about the Utah War and Johnston's Army.

Where can we stay?

There are multiple places to stay near Fairfield, such as Days inn, Springhill Suites or Hampton Inn all visible from I-15. There are also many wonderful hotels inside Salt Lake City. If you would like a hotel closer to the larger historic sites and tourist attractions of Utah such as Temple Square and Downtown Salt Lake, The Little and Grand American hotels are a fine choice.

Why would I want to visit this historic small town?

Camp Floyd shows the war that many have forgotten, The Utah War, although not very many lives were lost in the war, it was the largest military movement before the Civil War and after the Revolutionary War. It showed a peak in Utah history and is a must see for all Utah tourist.

Links you may wish to visit

<https://www.google.com/maps>

<http://stateparks.utah.gov/park/camp-floyd-state-park-museum>

<http://www.eaglemountaincity.org/home>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_Floyd_-_Stagecoach_Inn_State_Park_and_Museum

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