

Welcome: An Introduction to The Champion Park Railway



The following provides some background facts about Champion Park, railway buildings and rolling stock.

- Champion Park occupies a triangular 54 acre plot of land in Aldersyde, a few miles south of Calgary. Founded in 1979, the site was selected for its prairie like qualities and distinctive panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains.
- Bronze plaques on a cairn just north of the station outside the Waiting Room commemorate the reasons for The Park. Founder Gerald Knowlton's father F.D. (Ted) Knowlton was Agent for a record 42 years at the similar station in Standard, Alberta:
- Along the east fence are a chicken coop, playhouse and clothesline, replicas of those the family grew up with at Standard Station.
- The artificial lake, flanked by gazebo and dock, is stocked with fish. Its depth of 23 feet allows fish to survive a harsh winter below the ice. Water is circulated by pump and aerated over a cascade of rocks.
- The Town of Okotoks and Foothills County formally accepted the donation of Champion Park including the railway by the Knowlton family late 2016.

LIST OF MAJOR PIECES:

Buildings:

1. ICE HOUSE, built 1998 provides covered storage/workshop, patterned on two CPR standard ice house modules placed end to end.
2. CHAMPION STATION, CPR type 5 similar to Standard, built 1911; acquired 1981.

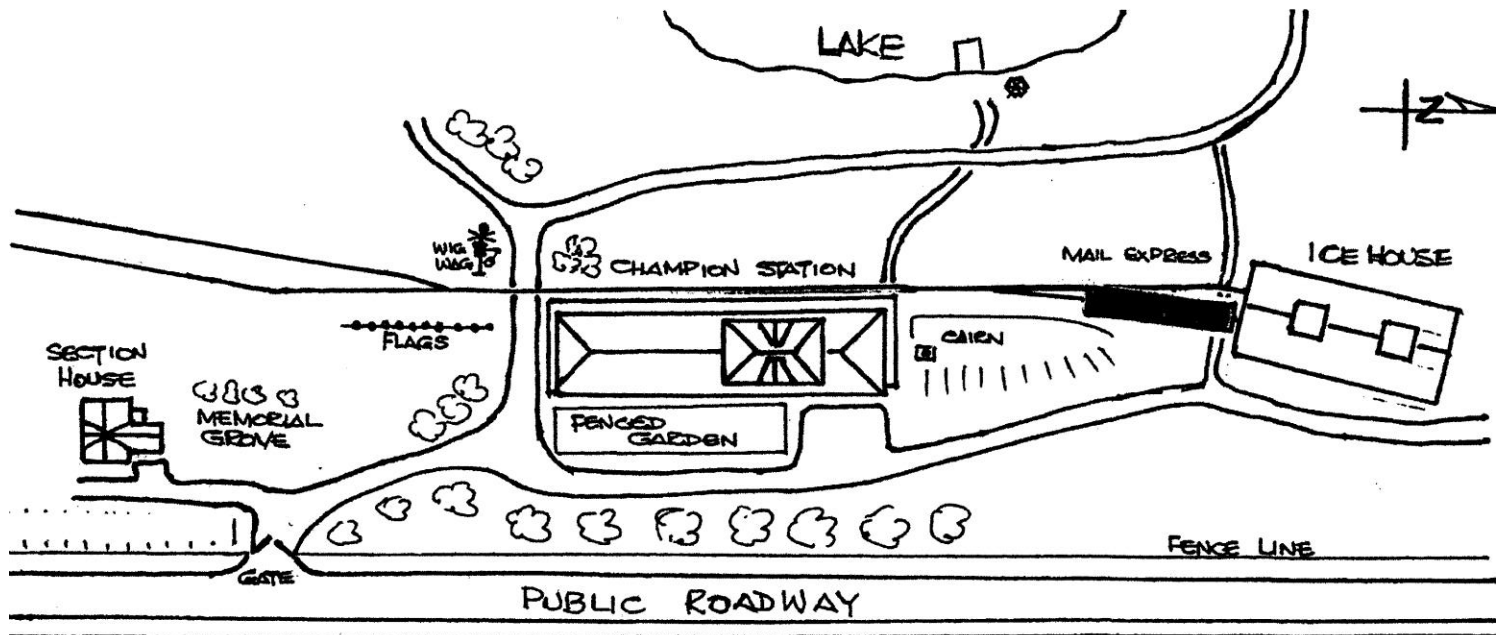


3. SECTION HOUSE, CPR standard prairie style, originally from Woodhouse built mid-1910s; acquired 1990.
4. LOCOMEN'S OFFICE, from the east end of Calgary downtown yard, originally from Ozada; acquired 1990.
5. REGISTER BOOTH acquired from De Winton; acquired 1992.
6. BUNKHOUSE, originally a pre-1900 portable station, ex Milo; acquired 1986.
7. FLAGSTOP, only known survivor of its type, CPR rural passenger shelter from Conrad; acquired 1988.
8. TOOL SHEDS, two, CPR; acquired 1994.
9. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT, separate collection, many examples operable. Owned by Calgary & South Western Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association.

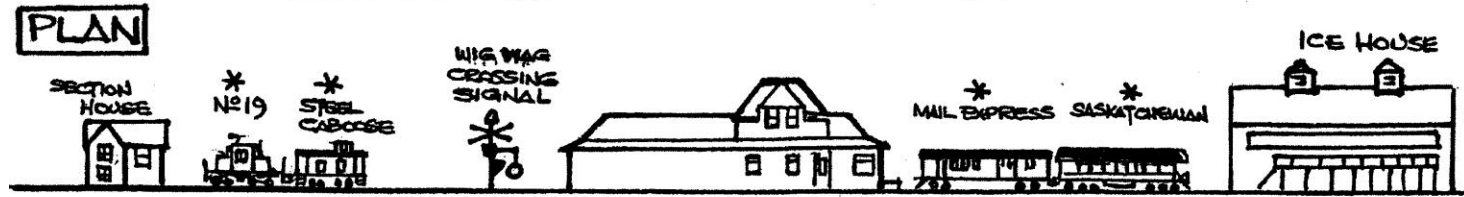
Rolling Stock:



1. CLC 44-TON LOCO CPR No.19 built 1960, Kingston, Ontario; acquired 1987.
2. SUPERINTENDENT'S CAR, 70ft, CPR "Saskatchewan", built 1930; acquired 1983.
3. MAIL EXPRESS CAR, 83ft, CPR No. 3622, built 1949; acquired 2014.
4. WOOD CABOOSE, CPR No.437178, end cupola style, built 1945; acquired 1989.
5. STEEL CABOOSE, CPR No.437266, bay window style, built 1949; acquired 1989.
6. STEEL CABOOSE, CPR No.437269, end cupola style, built 1949; acquired 1989.
7. WICKHAM RAIL INSPECTION CAR, built 1955 in UK, CPR No.M-100; acquired 1996.
8. TANK CAR, riveted construction, CPR No.400304, built 1923; acquired 1993.
9. BOX CAR, 40 ft outside braced, built c.1920, CPR No.236220; acquired 1995.
10. STOCK CAR, double deck CC&F built, 1958, CPR No.278522; acquired 1997.
11. SPEEDERS, MOTORCARS, four models of track cars used for section inspection and maintenance duties.



Guest:



ELEVATION

* SEASONAL DISPLAY POSITIONS

REPRESENTATION ONLY
NOT TO SCALE

CHAMPION PARK RAILWAY
PLOT PLAN & ELEVATION FOR MAIN DISPLAY AREA

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