

Visit Nottoway County and the Crewe Railroad Museum



Crewe owes its existence to the Norfolk & Western (N&W) Railroad. The Norfolk & Western Railroad merged with the Southern Railroad in the early 1980s to become the successful Norfolk-Southern Railroad of today.

The N&W pre-planned and built the town of Crewe in 1888. It was designed first and foremost to support the operations of the N&W as a Divisional halfway point between Norfolk and Roanoke.

The Crewe railroad Museum is a not-for-profit memorial to the many residents of Crewe and the surrounding areas that lived here and were employed by the N&W Railroad. It is staffed and managed by Volunteers. Some of them are retired Engineers, firemen, conductors etc.

The Museum consists of a main building with similar construction as the original Crewe Passenger station. The building houses many artifacts, photos and memorabilia, the majority of which has been donated by the residents of Crewe.

Outside, in a park like surrounding, there is a Steam locomotive, Diesel locomotive, several freight cars, a caboose and the latest acquisition, a passenger coach that was used on the crack N&W Powhatan Arrow passenger trains of the 1940s and 1950s. Many other artifacts are to be enjoyed as well.

The Museum is located on land donated by the Norfolk Southern Railroad and is adjacent to their current operational yards. There are several adequate viewing spots to monitor Norfolk-Southern operations by the most discriminating railfan.

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