

WREN WELCOME GARDEN

Jackson Street/Highway 8 and Washington Street Intersection

0.2 Acres

Description:

The Wren Property is maintained by Moscow Parks and Recreation as a green space where travelers coming into Moscow from the south or east can enjoy its beauty. The property also serves as a small leisure park for the community.



Amenities:

- Annual Flower Garden
- Artistic Structure (Helio Terra)
- Walkway

History:



1956:

- (Pre-Park History)- Jack Wren moved to Moscow when he purchased the Union Oil Co. Distributorship and then later operated the Goodman Oil Distributorship. He was also credited with opening the first self-service motor fuel station in Moscow.

1965:

- (Pre-Park History) - Jack Wren owned and operated the Wren House, a café located on the site of the Wren Welcome Garden from 1965 until 1968.

1980:

- The Idaho Transportation Department acquired the land which would eventually become the Wren Welcome Garden.

2001:

- For his Eagle Scout project, Dusty Fleener installed a walkway through the Wren Welcome Garden.

2002:

- May 25 – For his Eagle Scout project, Mark Kudrna planted trees and shrubs for the purpose of beautification in the Wren Welcome Garden.
- June - After completion of the South Couplet project in October of 2000, the City of Moscow acquired the Wren Property from the Idaho Transportation Department through a transfer of property.

2006:

- July – The Wren Welcome Garden was given its name through a parkland naming contest. The winner of the contest was the Red Door Restaurant.

2011:

- November 20 – A request for qualifications and proposal for an art piece at Wren Welcome Garden was passed through City Council. The funding to be utilized came from the 1% Public Art Fund.

2012:

- January 3 – Robert Horner’s art design of ‘Helio Terra’ or “a mass of locally quarried earth that is compacted into a form that resembles a seed” was approved through City Council to be built in Wren Welcome Garden with a budget of \$35,000.
- June 15 – The ‘Helio Terra’ was revealed to the public.





Helio Terra