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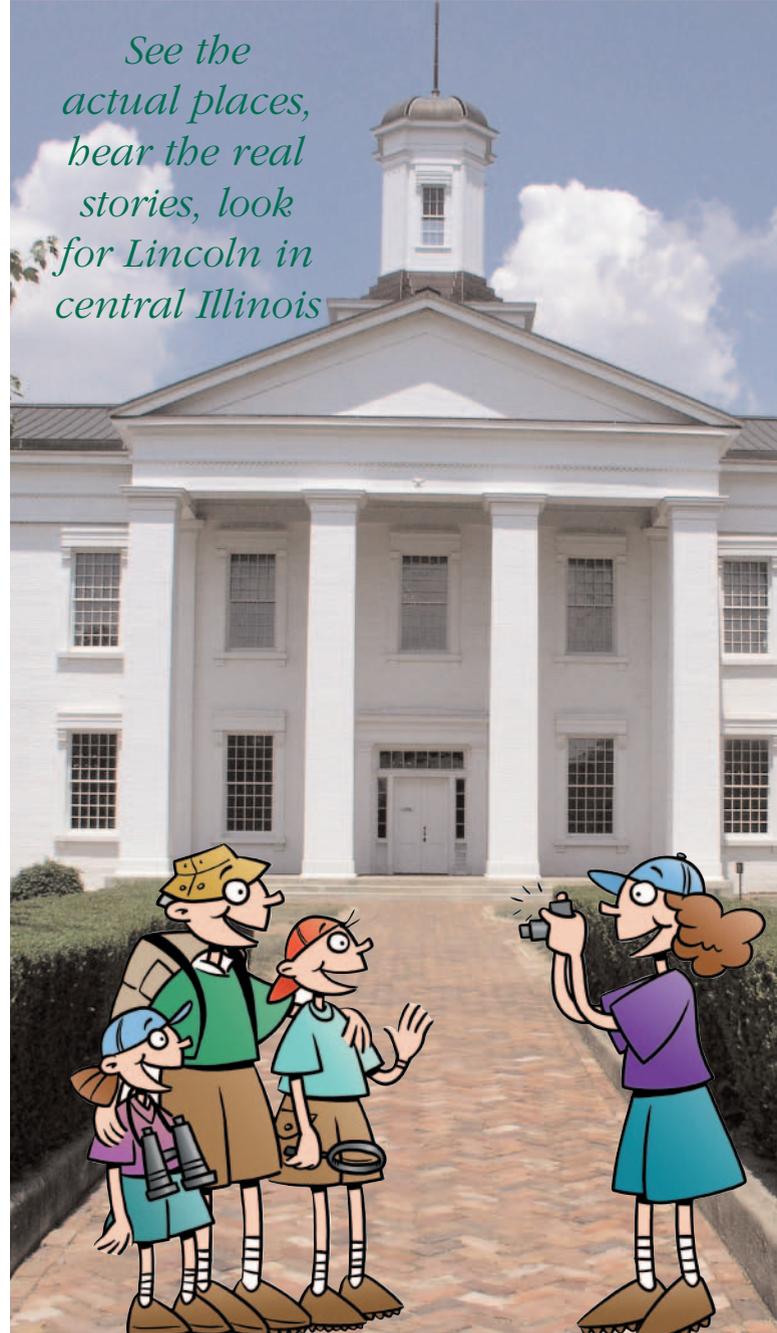
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*See the
actual places,
hear the real
stories, look
for Lincoln in
central Illinois*



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LINCOLN THE PRESIDENT-ELECT



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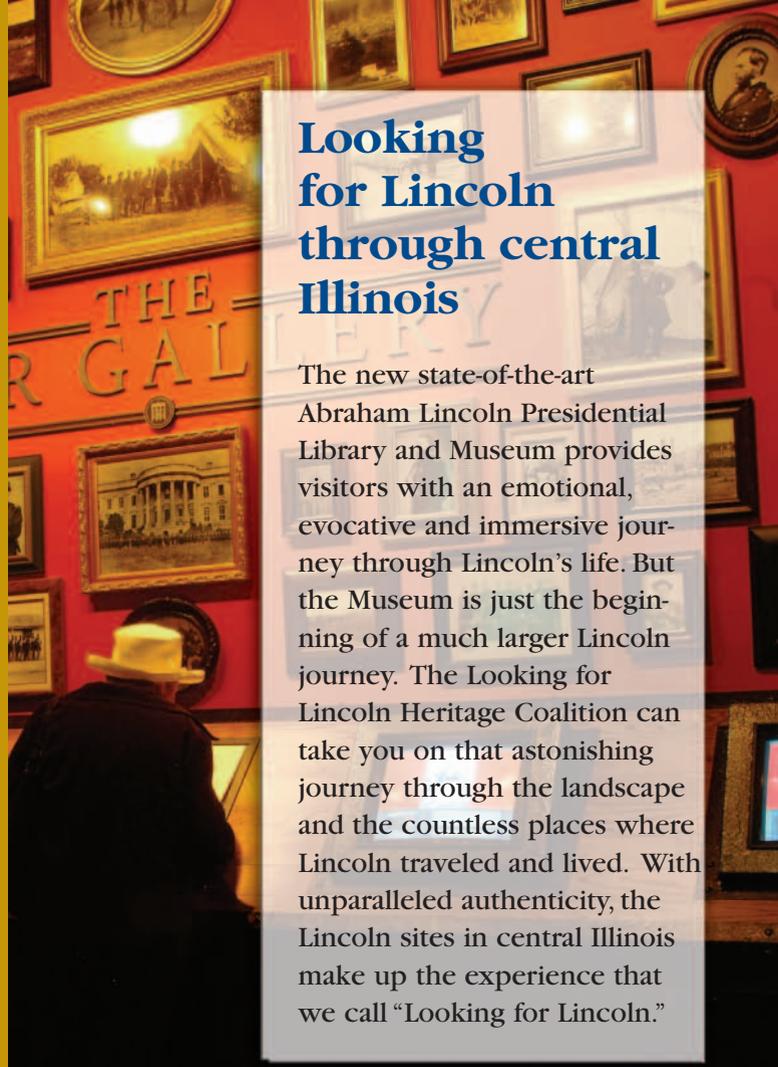
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LINCOLN THE RAIL-SPLITTER



Lincoln spent almost 30 years of his life in central Illinois.



Looking for Lincoln through central Illinois

The new state-of-the-art Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum provides visitors with an emotional, evocative and immersive journey through Lincoln's life. But the Museum is just the beginning of a much larger Lincoln journey. The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition can take you on that astonishing journey through the landscape and the countless places where Lincoln traveled and lived. With unparalleled authenticity, the Lincoln sites in central Illinois make up the experience that we call "Looking for Lincoln."



Looking for Lincoln Communities and Historic Sites

ATHENS

12 miles north of Springfield - 7 miles east of
New Salem

ABRAHAM LINCOLN LONG NINE MUSEUM

200 S. Main Street

The Col. Matthew Rogers Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the home of the Long Nine Museum. In 1837 the citizens held a banquet for Lincoln and the eight other legislators who were responsible for moving the state Capitol from Vandalia to Springfield.



A visit to this site reveals the details of that celebration and many other Lincoln ties in Athens. This small community is easily accessible to visitors going to or from New Salem.

For information: 217-636-8755

Hours: June 1 – September 1
Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BEARDSTOWN

(45 miles from Springfield)

Beardstown, first settled in 1819, is one of the oldest towns in Illinois. Lincoln argued many cases in the Beardstown Courthouse, including his best known, “The Almanac Trial.” Lincoln was also installed here as a captain of the Sangamon County Company during the Black Hawk War. During the Senate race of 1858 he spoke to the people of Beardstown on the city square. Stephen A. Douglas had spoken prior to Lincoln’s speech.

Beardstown is a bustling river town, about an hour’s drive from Springfield. The community is nationally

known as the home of the famous “Beardstown Ladies,” who have authored best-selling books on commonsense investing.

For information: Beardstown Chamber of Commerce, 217-323-3271

LINCOLN COURTHOUSE

3rd & Washington Street — Downtown Square



Built in 1844, this Cass County courthouse is where Abraham Lincoln used an almanac to win acquittal for “Duff” Armstrong in the celebrated “Almanac Trial.” Lincoln often appeared



in the second floor courtroom, which still is used by the Circuit Court. Visitors will see the courtroom, an original 1857 almanac similar to the one

Lincoln used, a famous Lincoln photo taken during the trial and the jail cell where Armstrong was held. The museum features an extensive collection of antique firearms and Indian arrowheads.

For information: 217-323-3271 or
217-323-3225

Groups: 217-323-3216 or 217-323-2323
(Group tours year-round)

Hours: April – Mid-December
Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

(140 Miles from Downtown Chicago — 70 miles from Springfield)

Lincoln probably spent more time in Bloomington than any other city in Central Illinois outside of Springfield. He had many close political and legal associates from this area, including David Davis, whose influence on Lincoln's legal career and run for the presidency were crucial to Lincoln's success. The McLean County History Museum, housed in an old courthouse on the square in Bloomington, is good place to learn about the area.

Bloomington-Normal provides a variety of historic, educational and entertaining attractions, including the Children's Discovery Museum, the Miller Park Zoo, and in the summer, Shakespeare under the Stars. If you add galleries, unique retail shopping, dining and summer festivals, this area is a great place to visit.

For information: Bloomington-Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-433-8226

DAVID DAVIS MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE

1000 E. Monroe — near east Washington and Davis Avenue



This beautifully restored 19th-century mansion tells the story of Lincoln and David Davis — two self-made men from very different back-



grounds. Davis helped to shape Lincoln's political career and was responsible, in part, for his success in obtaining the Republican nomination.

The house, which contains a remarkable array of mid-19th-century modern conveniences, also serves to



illustrate the life of a wealthy Victorian family. This is an environment that is not typically associated with Lincoln, but he often moved comfortably in circles that included politically and socially powerful men. The Davis Mansion is the best place to hear that part of Lincoln's story.

For information: 309-828-1084

Hours: January — December

Wednesday — Sunday, 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM
(Last tour starting at 4:00 PM)

LINCOLN'S BLOOMINGTON AND NORMAL ILLINOIS: A TOUR NARRATED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

In this CD-Audio, President Lincoln reminisces about the places he visited and their meaning to him. The tour includes sites in the historic downtown where Lincoln practiced law, the building where Jesse Fell suggested Lincoln run for the presidency and other sites. The accompanying booklet includes photographs, tour directions, maps and commentary. Special tour markers are placed at the designed stops on the tour.

The tour may be purchase for \$19.95 at the Museum of History, 200 N. Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

For information: 309-827-0428, www.mchistory.org

Hours: Monday, Wednesday — Saturday,
10:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Labor Day to Memorial Day

Sunday, 1:00 — 5:00 PM

CHARLESTON

(70 miles from Decatur — 100 miles from Springfield)

Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother, were among the early settlers of the Charleston area. Lincoln visited Charleston on legal business and for pleasure with some regularity. In 1858, Charleston was the scene of the fourth Lincoln-Douglas debate where an aspiring young politician and his rival, Douglas, debated the issue of states rights and race relations in front of a crowd of 12,000 people. It was to Charleston and nearby Lerna that Lincoln made his last trip from Springfield before going to Washington.

Typical of many university towns, this city of 21,000 offers a varied array of activities, including an art museum, concert halls, theatres, a bike trail, golf courses, parks, shops and restaurants, plus a delightful display of outdoor murals that illustrate the city's history.

For information: Charleston Tourism Office,
217-348-0430

THE LINCOLN – DOUGLAS DEBATE MUSEUM

126 E. Street – Coles County Fairgrounds

This museum, built on the spot of the 4th debate, is the only one in Illinois that retraces the senatorial debates between Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. The museum provides a self-guided environment using interactive displays, audio selections, artifacts and photos that address the significance of the debates, what the issues were, and how these dialogues affected the county. The museum also includes an interpretive film, a children's hands-on area, a gift shop and a life size



sculpture of Lincoln and Douglas — the perfect photo opportunity.

For information: 217-348-0430

Hours: Open 7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

LINCOLN LOG CABIN STATE HISTORIC SITE

400 S. Lincoln Highway — 8 Miles south of Charleston



This was the last home of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, Lincoln's father and stepmother. Today the site includes a working living-history farm developed around a two-room cabin. Nearby is a second farmstead that helps visitors understand rural life

in Illinois during the 1840's and enables them to compare two different styles of farming. The site also offers a



broad array of interpretive programs, some of which

are first person. In addition, a beautiful visitor center houses a museum, gift shop and an orientation theatre.



The Reuben Moore State Historic Site is part of this complex and is within a five-minute drive. It was the site of a celebration dinner that Lincoln attended honoring his election to the presidency. The Shiloh Church & Cemetery State Memorial, where Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln are buried, is also nearby.

For information: 217-345-1845

Hours: March 1 – October 30

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November 1 – February 28

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed: Monday – Tuesday

DANVILLE

(85 miles from Indianapolis — 120 miles from Springfield)

Lincoln's connection to this city is a rich one. He argued cases here on the Eighth Judicial Circuit and practiced law in Danville from 1849 to 1859. He shared an office here with a local attorney, the only office he ever had outside of Springfield. It was in Danville where he made his final address in Illinois from a train bound for Washington and the presidency.

Danville is the first Illinois stop from the east on I-74. The variety and quality of parks and recreational opportunities make this city a popular one for the visitor who is interested in adventures in nature. Over 15,000 acres of public parkland include the Middle Fork River, the only federally designated scenic river in Illinois.

For more information: Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 217-442-2096 or 800-383-4386

DR. FITHIAN HOME

116 N. Gilbert — Corner Gilbert and Lafayette Streets



The home of Dr. William Fithian, build in 1855, is part of the Vermilion County Museum complex. Dr. Fithian was a prominent 19th century physician, who was a friend, client, and political supporter of Abraham Lincoln. On September 21, 1858, during his bid for a U.S. Senate seat, Lincoln

made an impromptu speech from the second-floor balcony outside the bedroom he occupied. The room and the bed, in which Lincoln slept, are part of a tour of the Dr. Fithian home.



THE VERMILION COUNTY MUSEUM

116 N. Gilbert

www.vermilioncountymuseum.org



Completed in 2002, this recreation of the 1833 Vermilion

County Court House showcases the county's rich history. Upon entering the



facility, visitors are greeted by a life-size bronze statue of Lincoln the circuit-riding attorney. In the Lincoln/Lamon law office display is the desk used by Lincoln and his law partner, Ward Hill Lamon, in their Danville office. The Lincoln Gallery displays other Lincoln-related artifacts, and the museum research library has a collection of over 400 Lincoln and Civil War Books.

For information for both sites: 217-442-2922

Hours: January 1 – December 31

Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

DECATUR

(40 miles from Springfield)

Macon County has a rich Lincoln history and many Lincoln "firsts." Decatur was the first Illinois home of the Abraham Lincoln family, he was first nominated for the presidency at the state Republican Party convention, and he made his first political speech in downtown Decatur. The Rock Springs Center features a natural history museum and extensive hiking trails. Some of which pass through tall-grass prairie. Decatur also offers opportunities for recreation, including Lake Decatur, which is surrounded by parks, nature trails and a golf course. Scoville Park includes a children's museum and nearby zoo, as well as a playground and picnic area. Decatur's

central location makes it an ideal jumping off place to look for Lincoln.

For Information: Decatur Area Convention & Visitor Bureau, 1-800-331-4479

MACON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMPLEX

5580 North Fork Road — near Decatur Airport

This five-acre museum complex contains several period buildings that have been gathered on site to help interpret the heritage of the area, including Macon County's first courthouse where Lincoln participated in five court cases dating back to the 1830's. The Museum also features the "Lincoln Connection Exhibit" and a video that chronicles Lincoln's arrival in Illinois, and his early legal and political careers in the Decatur/Macon County area.

For information: 217-422-4919

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Every 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

GALESBURG

(50 miles from Peoria — 120 miles from Springfield)

Lincoln's connection to Galesburg is an important one. Old Main at Knox College, the site of the 5th Lincoln-Douglas Debate, is the only original debate site still standing. Two large bronze tablets commemorating the debate flank the east door. Inside are additional historical displays open to the public, including a chair that Lincoln sat in while visiting friends in Galesburg prior to the debate. Old Main is also the home of the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College. The center is widely renowned for its books and research that have vastly enriched our understanding of Lincoln's life and presidency.



Carl Sandburg, noted both for his poetry and his Lincoln biography, was born in Galesburg, and the Carl Sandburg Birthplace State Historic Site is open to the public. Sandburg's early years in Galesburg helped to shape his literary talents and his life-long interest in Lincoln

For Information: Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-916-3330

JACKSONVILLE

(36 miles from Springfield)

VOICES OF JACKSONVILLE-AN AUDIO TOUR

Abraham Lincoln had many professional connections and personal friends in Jacksonville. In 1856, he made an important antislavery speech in the Morgan County Courthouse Park in Jacksonville.



The city is also rich in Civil War history and was a station on the Underground Railroad. Three Illinois Governors came from Jacksonville, including Governor Joseph Duncan, whose

home is open to the public for tours. "Voices of Jacksonville" is an audio tour that brings all of these Lincoln connections to life by means of a special radio frequency at each of 7 stops. Start at the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 155 West Morton Avenue, to get a tour map.

For information: 217-243-5678 or
1-800-593-5678

LINCOLN

(35 miles from Springfield — 165 miles from Chicago)

Lincoln, known as the “namesake city,” is the only town to be named for Lincoln before he became president. In fact, he christened the city with the juice of a watermelon, which is commemorated by a “Looking for Lincoln” exhibit near the train station. He had many friends, owned property here and practiced law at Postville Court House while riding the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

The century-old Logan County Courthouse is one of the few Illinois courthouses still being used for its intended purposes. It sits on Route 66 on the square of the beautiful and thriving downtown area, featuring several unique shops, businesses and restaurants. For more information, visit the Information Station at the corner of Fifth Street and Route 66.

For more information: A. Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County, (217)732-8687

LINCOLN COLLEGE MUSEUM

300 Keokuk — Lincoln College Campus



This Museum contains a significant collection of Civil War and Abraham Lincoln-related artifacts that includes an original 1860 Lincoln Presidential Campaign Banner, the ballot box in which he cast a vote, an extremely rare copy of “Mortality” — Lincoln’s favorite poem written in his own hand — and many books, furnishings, and other personal Lincoln family items. The museum is located in the McKinstry Library on the historic Lincoln College campus.

For information: 217-732-3155, ext. 295

Hours: January 1 – December 31

Monday – Friday , 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday – Sunday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Closed Holidays

THE POSTVILLE COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

914 5th Street

The Postville Courthouse is a reproduction of the first Logan County Courthouse which was in use



from 1840 to 1847. Abraham Lincoln and other attorneys who traveled the Eighth Judicial Circuit practiced

law here at this site. Exhibits and a tour of the building, provided by volunteers, showcase the typical activities of county government during the mid 1800’s.



For information: 217-732-8930 or 217-735-4977

Hours: March – October

Tuesday – Saturday,

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM

November – February

Tuesday – Saturday,

12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Mahomet

(10 miles from Champaign/Urbana — 40 miles from Bloomington)

This community is home to the spectacular Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, which features a popular golf course, botanical garden, bell carillon, covered bridge, and 3.3-mile bike/pedestrian path. Visitors will also enjoy fishing, boating, hiking and picnicking.

For information: 217-586-3360

THE EARLY AMERICAN MUSEUM

Lake Of The Woods Forest Preserve at Rts. 47 & I-74

The Museum is a facility of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. The museum provides visitors with a glimpse of early-19th-century life, when Lincoln would have been traveling through Central



Illinois as a circuit lawyer. Exhibits provide a rich context to better understand Lincoln's daily life and experience. Lincoln's direct connections with Champaign County

are highlighted in an exhibit on the county's involvement in the Civil War.

For information: 217-586-2612

Hours: *March – December*

Daily, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

June, July & August

Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Metamora

(82 miles from Springfield — 11 miles from Peoria)

The heart of Metamora is its beautiful square in front of the courthouse, still used today for local celebrations as it was when Lincoln, the circuit riding lawyer, passed through town. Weekends are full of events on the square like band concerts, dances and Civil War reenactments. Metamora, an easy 11 mile drive northeast of Peoria, was also hometown to Adlai E. Stevenson, Vice President of the United States under Grover Cleveland. The Metamora Courthouse and the Stevenson House are both on the National Register of Historic Places.

METAMORA COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

113 East Partridge Street — Downtown Square



Lincoln was involved in more than 70 cases, including two harboring slave hearings and two murder cases — some before his friend and future Supreme Court Justice, David Davis. The renovated



1845 Metamora Courthouse is one of only two remaining original courthouses on the Eighth Judicial Circuit. The community museum on the first floor has artifacts from pioneer days through the

Civil War, photographs and even history games.

For information: 309-367-4470

Hours: *March – October*

Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

November – February

12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Other times by appointment

Mt. Pulaski

(25 miles from Springfield — 12 miles from I-55)

Many of Lincoln's friendships were created as he traveled from one courthouse to another on the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Lincoln had many friends in Mt. Pulaski. He spent a great deal of time arguing cases there in a courthouse that is still located on the square in the center of town and is surrounded by lovely old buildings reflective of small-town America.

Mt. Pulaski is a farm town that is only 12 miles from I-55 and 25 miles from Springfield. No matter how you get there, you will drive through some of the richest farmland in the state. This stop offers the opportunity to get off the main roads and see the country.

For information: Mt. Pulaski Visitor and Information Bureau, (217)792-3222 or 792-5657.

MT. PULASKI COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

Town Square

This courthouse is only one of two surviving Eighth Judicial Circuit courthouses in Illinois and the only one that is restored, furnished and interpreted as an operating 1850's courthouse. This is an opportunity to spend time with the spirit of Lincoln and a chance to actually walk the floors where Lincoln walked. The story of this building and the town is lovingly interpreted by a devoted group of volunteers.

For information: 217-792-3222 or 217-792-3919

Hours: *March – October*
12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM
November – February
12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

MT. PULASKI HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND WELCOME CENTER



The Historical Society Museum, which features an official "Looking for Lincoln" exhibit, is directly across the square from the courthouse. The society volunteers have a passion for their community's rich local history, so they can offer a wealth of stories about Lincoln and his friends. They also provide a warm welcome to the many visitors who come to share their history.

For information: 217-792-3719

Hours: *March 1 – December 31*

Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 Noon – 4 PM
Closed January – March. Call for a tour.



PETERSBURG

(25 miles from Springfield)

Petersburg is a scant two miles north of New Salem. Lincoln surveyed the city in 1836. Many former residents of New Salem are buried in Oakland Cemetery, among them Ann Rutledge, who was reputed to be Lincoln's sweetheart. Edgar Lee Masters, who wrote about Lincoln and the many inhabitants of New Salem, was a resident of Petersburg. His home is still standing. Masters is also buried in Oakland Cemetery.

The square features shops, antique stores and restaurants plus the Menard County Historical Museum, featuring a special exhibit about Lincoln the Surveyor. Because it is such a quick drive from New Salem to Petersburg, many hungry visitors take advantage of this charming old town to rest and refresh. Like most river towns, Petersburg is picturesque and hilly and filled with beautiful old Victorian houses.

For information: Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, 217-632-7363

LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM STATE HISTORIC SITE

Rt. 97 — 2 Miles South of Petersburg
www.LincolnsNewSalem.com

New Salem is a reconstructed pioneer village. Lincoln came here in 1831 and stayed for six years. While here,



he served as a legislator, studied law and occupied a number of other positions. A trip to New Salem reveals the hard prairie life of rural Illinois in the 1830's at the same time reflects a vigorous community. Included among the buildings are numerous log houses, a grist mill, a carding mill, doctors' houses, a tavern and several stores — 23 structures in all.



Interpreters in period dress often demonstrate the daily tasks performed by the pioneers who lived here. The site includes a visitor center,

a museum and an orientation film. Seven hundred acres in all, the park has picnic facilities, campgrounds, hiking trails, two restaurants and an outdoor theatre during the summer.



For information: 217-632-4000

Hours: November 1 – February 28

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

March 1 – April 13

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

April 14 – September 1

7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 2 – October 31

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



PITTSFIELD

(70 miles from Springfield — 55 miles from Quincy)

If you are traveling to or from Springfield west on I-72, Pittsfield and Pike County are an easy stop off the highway. Lincoln's three White House secretaries are associated with Pike County and Lincoln had many friends in this community. Pittsfield's history is rich with people who knew Lincoln and the community has found a very unique way to share that history with visitors.

Pittsfield, in Pike County, is situated between the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers which affords the perfect location for recreational spots. The area also includes 20 hunting lodges and bed and breakfasts that cater to hunters looking for wild turkey and deer. Plus there are many opportunities for the hiking enthusiast.

THE TALKING HOUSES OF PITTSFIELD

Many houses that Lincoln visited are still standing in Pittsfield. While it is possible to actually tour only one, the Shastid House, visitors can pull up in front of eight other houses and two sites and through the car radio lis-



ten as people who knew Lincoln and lived in those houses each tell their story. A map and information

for the Talking House tour are available at the Pittsfield Visitor Center located at 224 W. Washington. The tour begins at the Visitor Center where staff is available during the week. Maps and brochures are always available at that location.

For information: 217-285-2971

Visitor Center Hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lobby open 7 days a week

SPRINGFIELD

(200 miles from downtown Chicago — 100 miles from St. Louis)

Springfield is the heart of Lincoln country. Lincoln moved from New Salem to Springfield in 1837 and left as president-elect in 1861. When visiting Lincoln's Home, the Old Capitol, Lincoln's Law offices, the Lincoln Depot and the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, visitors will begin to understand how this man grew from a fledgling lawyer to a president. Springfield provides insights into Lincoln's personal life as well as his political career.

But Springfield isn't just about Lincoln. It is a state capital with museums and sites appropriate to a capital city. Route 66 cuts through Springfield and attracts visitors from all over the world. A totally restored and furnished Frank Lloyd Wright prairie-style house, a water park, a zoo and a brand new natural history exhibit at the Illinois State Museum are just some of the other options the city provides. There truly is something for everyone.

For Information: Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1-800-545-7300



ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM

212 North 6th Street



Bringing to life the incomparable story of America's most beloved President for visitors of all ages and interest levels are two permanent Journey exhibitions that explore Lincoln's pre-presidential and war-torn presidential years through the use of original artifacts and modern multi-media interpretative elements; a stunning special-effects theater; a spectacular Holavision production; a Treasures Gallery displaying priceless Lincoln artifacts; and a special interpretative play area just for children.

Rotating shows in the Illinois Gallery, including the exhibit *Packaging Presidents: Two Centuries of Campaigns and Candidates*, on display through November 4, 2008, highlight ever-changing historical themes that enhance the visitor experience, as does the Museum's restaurant and extraordinary museum store. Admission charged.

For more information: www.alplm.org

Hours: Open DAILY, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

112 North 6th Street



With more than 12 million items in its collections, the Presidential Library

is the premier repository for Illinois history — including the most complete holdings of pre-presidential Lincoln materials found anywhere. It is a public, non-circulating research facility. Free admission.



For more information: www.alplm.org

Hours: *Library Public Hours*

Monday – Sunday: 9:00 am – 5 pm

Library Research Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday: Closed

The Manuscripts, Audiovisual, and Lincoln collections are not open on Saturdays. The entire Library is closed on state holidays.



LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

8th and Jackson



This is the only home that Lincoln ever owned. He and his family lived here from 1844 until they left for Washington in 1861. A tour of the home and the surrounding 4-block area provides a glimpse into Lincoln's

life, revealing Lincoln as husband, father, neighbor, politician, and president-elect. The historic neighborhood, which appears much as Lincoln would have remembered it, includes two restored houses that provide exhibits, neighborhood wayside exhibits, and a Visitor Center with films and displays that further tell the story of the Lincolns in Springfield.



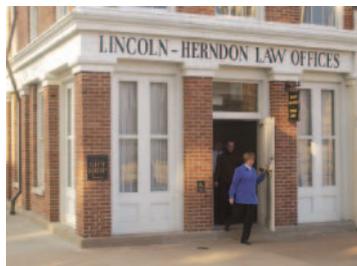
For information: 217-492-4241, ext. 221

Hours: Open daily, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas,
New Years Day



LINCOLN – HERNDON LAW OFFICES STATE HISTORIC SITE

Downtown Mall



These two offices are the only ones still standing where Lincoln practiced law. He moved into the building in 1843, and William Herndon became his partner in 1844. They were still partners when Lincoln left for Washington. Both offices occupied by Lincoln and Herndon are here. The building also contains a post office



and the only Federal Court in Illinois between 1840 and 1848. The first floor of the site also houses Tinsley Dry Goods, where you'll find a great selection of souvenirs and original items to give as gifts or to help you remember your time in the Land of Lincoln.



For information: 217-785-7960

Hours: *March 1 – April 13*
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April 14 – September 1
7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
September 2 – February 28
Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

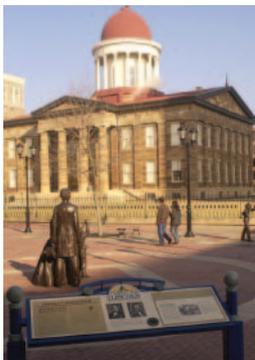


OLD CAPITOL STATE HISTORIC SITE

Downtown Mall



This majestic structure with its imposing porticoes and original facade allows guests to imagine the



state capitol building as it was when Lincoln lived and worked in Springfield. It is here that he practiced law

before the Supreme Court, spent hours with his professional associates in the law library, served as a legislator, and most importantly, in 1858 gave his famous “House Divided Speech.” It is also here that his body lay in state when he was brought back to Springfield after his assassination. Original pieces are mixed with antique furniture and artifacts, successfully re-creating the building as Lincoln would have known it.

For information: 217-785-7960

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Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

“LOOKING FOR LINCOLN” WALKING TOUR



As you walk around downtown Springfield, watch for the “Looking for Lincoln” wayside exhibits consisting of more than 49 “storyboards” re-creating the Springfield that would

have been so familiar to Lincoln.

LINCOLN DEPOT (GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD)

10th and Monroe



The day that Lincoln left to assume the presidency, many close friends came to the depot as a gesture of their affection. In response he gave a very famous impromptu speech of farewell. A video recounts that story and describes the events that were taking place in the country as

Lincoln traveled to Washington. Self guided tour.

For information: 217-544-8695 or
217-788-1356

Hours: *April 1 – August 31*

7 days a week, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



LINCOLN TOMB STATE HISTORIC SITE

Oak Ridge Cemetery



It is said that Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary often visited Oak Ridge Cemetery while they lived in Springfield. They were both impressed by the setting. Remembering that time, Mary insisted that Lincoln be buried at Oak Ridge. The magnificent and imposing tomb designed by world-famous sculptor Larkin Mead stands on a slight rise and provides a dramatic image as visitors enter the cemetery. The tomb contains the remains of the entire

family with the exception of Robert, who is buried at Arlington Cemetery. The 114th Regiment Illinois, a volunteer infantry reactivated Civil War unit, performs a stirring flag ceremony in front of the tomb at 7:00 PM each Tuesday evening during the summer.

For information: 217-782-2717

Hours: *March 1 – October 31*

Daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November 1 – February 28

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TAYLORVILLE

(27 miles from Springfield)

Taylorville is known as “the last stop” because as Lincoln and his fellow lawyers rode the 8th Judicial Circuit, Taylorville was often the last town they visited before returning to Springfield. To commemorate the city’s ties to Lincoln, a statue and Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibit were recently installed on the courthouse square which is the center of a vibrant business district

For information: 217-824-4919

THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Rts. 29 & 48 on Morrison Drive



This museum complex is home to the first Christian County courthouse which was built in 1839 and served as the courthouse until 1856. Moved from downtown Taylorville to another location it

was moved to the museum complex in 1967. The building has been restored to its original specifications and serves as an interpretive center where visitors can hear stories about Lincoln on the circuit. Tales include a local favorite involving Lincoln and some very noisy pigs under the courthouse. The museum complex also includes a prairie schoolhouse, a train depot, a two-story brick farmhouse built in 1854, and a log house built in 1820.

For information: 217-824-6922

Hours: *April – November 30*

Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

December 1 – March 31

Saturday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM or by appointment



VANDALIA

(80 miles from Springfield — 75 miles from downtown St. Louis)

Vandalia is where Lincoln officially started his political career when he was elected legislator while at New Salem. Vandalia was the state capital from 1820 to 1839. Then it was moved to Springfield, partly through Lincoln's efforts. Across from this imposing building is a small park where visitors can sit with a statue of Lincoln, rest, and have a photo taken with the capitol in the background.

Vandalia is located right at the junction of I-70, US-51 and IL-185 and is the western terminus of the old National Road. The spot is marked by the Madonna of the Trails, an impressive 18 foot statue. Across the street is the Fayette County Museum, which houses items of the Lincoln-era.

For information: Vandalia Chamber of Commerce, 618-283-2728



VANDALIA STATEHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

Corner of Route 51 & Gallatin Street



Lincoln began to hone his skills as a legislator and an orator in this impressive white brick building. It is here that his fellow legislators began to recognize his leadership skills. The building is an elegant



Federal style structure, which was built by city residents in a failed attempt to keep the capital in Vandalia. All

three branches of state government were contained in this building for the first time in the state's history. Totally restored and appropriately furnished, a tour of this building is a lesson in the early politics of Illinois and Lincoln's place in that story.



For information: 618-283-1161

Hours: *March – October*

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November – February

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed: Sunday – Monday

LOOKING FOR LINCOLN HISTORY HUNT

Turn your trip into an adventure! History can be interesting, educational, inspiring and FUN — yup, we said FUN. We have developed a very special program for families traveling with kids that will lead them to the quirky, intriguing and little-known facts and stories that can take a history trip and make it a history adventure.

Just check out our web site for the “Looking for Lincoln History Hunt.” There are photos, little-known facts, history clues and even a challenge called “What the Heck is this?” Before you leave home, just visit us at www.lookingforlincoln.com and click on the History Hunt icon. We’ll help you solve the Mystery of History in the Land of Lincoln.



THE LOOKING FOR LINCOLN STORY TRAIL

If you would like the experience of Looking for Lincoln and you want to know all about the places he has been and the people he knew as he traveled hundreds of miles through central Illinois, then we invite you to watch for more news about the *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail*. By 2009 there will be over 200



storyboards, often called wayside exhibits, scattered throughout the central Illinois landscape. Some communities might have one or two others as

many as 10 or more. Springfield has over 40. The first phase of this project consisting of almost 100 wayside exhibits will be completed by the summer of 2008. The rest will be in place for the Bicentennial year. We will help you in this exciting journey through the land of Lincoln with maps and information. Keep checking our web site for more details and locations: www.lookingforlincoln.com.

When visiting any of the following communities, look for at least one wayside exhibit and remember there are more to follow in 2009.



WAYSIDE COMMUNITIES

Athens	Homer	Petersburg
Atlanta	Jacksonville	Pittsfield
Auburn	Jonesboro	Pontiac
Augusta	Kent	Quincy
Beardstown	LaHarpe	Rochester
Bement	Lerna	Rushville
Bloomington/ Normal	Lincoln	Shelbyville
Carthage	Macomb	Springfield
Charleston	Mattoon	Taylorville
Clinton	Metamora	Taylorville
Dallas City	Middletown	Urbana
Danville	Mahomet	Vandalia
Decatur	Monticello	Village of St. Joseph
Edinburg	Mount Pulaski	Village of Tolono
Elkhart	Nauvoo	
Fountain Green	Normal	
Freeport	Oakland	
	Ottawa	



WHAT IS THE LOOKING FOR LINCOLN HERITAGE COALITION?

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is a consortium of central Illinois Historic sites and communities, that have a common Lincoln history, and have joined together to create a Lincoln experience throughout central Illinois. While focusing upon Lincoln the program also encompasses the rich history of each community in order to create a broader context for Lincoln and his times.



The Looking for Lincoln project is based on stories — stories that provide context to Lincoln's life — stories that teach — stories that are rich in detail, evocative and colorful — unique stories that build connections and set the stage for a better understanding of Lincoln, his friends, his family, his world.

Under the leadership of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and with the crucial support of partners like the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), the Illinois Bureau of Tourism, IHPA's Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the National Park Service, visitors now have the opportunity to literally walk in Lincoln's footsteps.

Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is working with an Illinois Congressional delegation to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. When this bill passes Congress and is signed by the President 42 Illinois counties in central Illinois will be designated as a national heritage area.



LINCOLN

ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL

2009 is the Lincoln Bicentennial.
Illinois is already celebrating with lots of great events Make plans to enjoy the festivities.
Go to www.lincoln200.net and click on the calendar of events.



2008 is the Sesquicentennial of the Lincoln Douglas Debates.
All seven debate sites plus Springfield and Bement have great events planned. Go to www.lincolndouglasreunion.com for more information.

To find great ideas for Illinois travel itineraries packages be sure to check www.enjoyillinois.com

