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On The Front Cover:

The Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

This cabin was owned by Lincoln's father, Thomas and is located just outside of Charleston and Lerna, Illinois.



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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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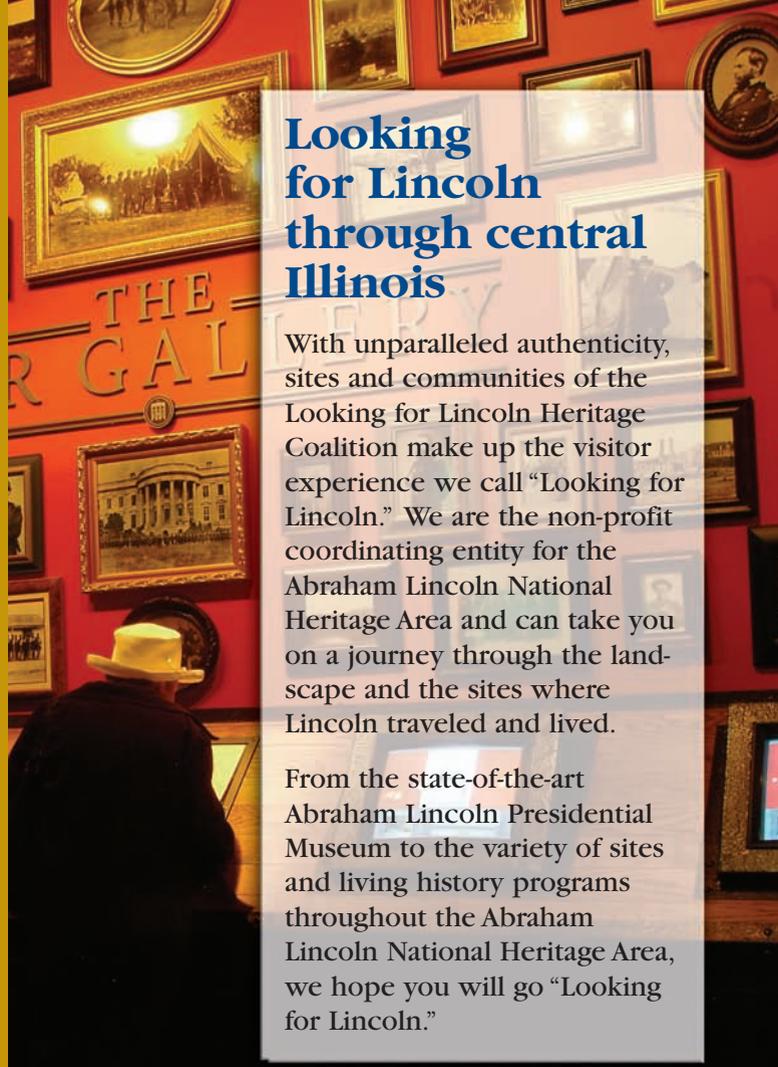


David Davis Mansion State Historic Site, Bloomington



Lincoln and Civil War Legacy Trail, Alton

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



Looking for Lincoln through central Illinois

With unparalleled authenticity, sites and communities of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition make up the visitor experience we call "Looking for Lincoln." We are the non-profit coordinating entity for the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area and can take you on a journey through the landscape and the sites where Lincoln traveled and lived.

From the state-of-the-art Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to the variety of sites and living history programs throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, we hope you will go "Looking for Lincoln."



Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg



Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Lerna

Looking for Lincoln Communities and Historic Sites

ALTON

(25 miles north of St. Louis — 85 miles south of Springfield)

Alton is full of rich history and exciting recreational opportunities. Founded in 1837, Alton was the site of the final debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. Alton's location near the three great western rivers in the early nineteenth century America thrust the



city into the forefront of the great issues of the early nineteenth century. Robert Wadlow, the world's tallest man,



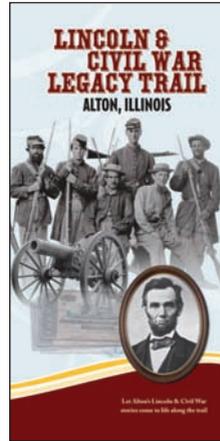
was born and raised in Alton and legendary jazz musician Miles Davis was born here. Alton is also considered one of the most haunted cities in America. It is home to three historic districts, the Great River Scenic Byway and a variety of educational, recreational and cultural institutions.

For information: 1-800-258-6645
www.visitalton.com

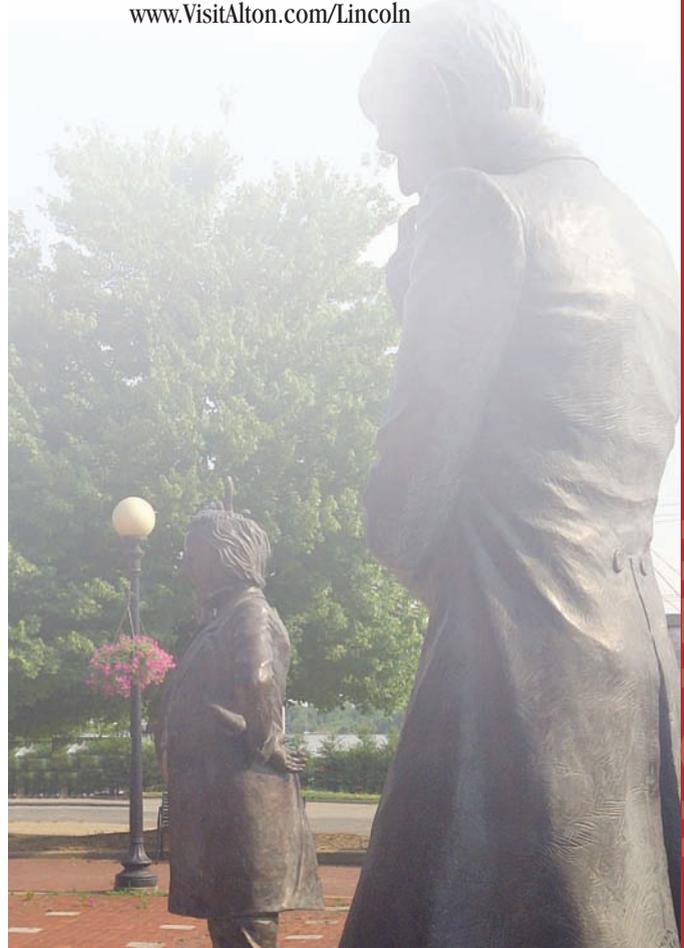
LINCOLN AND CIVIL WAR LEGACY TRAIL

200 Piassa St., Alton, IL

Walk in the footsteps of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, and Civil War soldiers from both North and South. Experience the life of young Lincoln as a lawyer, duelist and orator. The Alton Prison and Confederate Cemetery are some of the rare northernmost monuments to Confederate soldiers. It was here that Alton resident and U.S. Senator Lyman Trumbull authored the 13th Amendment, ending slavery in the United States. Walk with us and experience Alton's lasting legacies that shaped the history of America.



For information: For a complete guide to the Lincoln and Civil War Legacy Trail, please visit: www.VisitAlton.com/Lincoln



ATHENS

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

ABRAHAM LINCOLN LONG NINE MUSEUM

200 S. Main Street

www.AbrahamLincolnLongNineMuseum.com

Built in 1832, the Col. Matthew Rogers Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to the Long Nine Museum. In 1837, the citizens held a banquet for Lincoln and the eight other legislators who worked to move the Capital from Vandalia to Springfield. The site reveals details of the celebration and other Lincoln ties to Athens. While there,



tune to 88.9FM and hear a “talking building” tell its own story. The site is on Route 29 and is 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

Please call to confirm hours.

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

101 West Third 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. **Seven Looking for Lincoln Story Trail wayside exhibits** also serve to share further the community’s rich Lincoln history.

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

Groups: 217-323-4514 or 217-323-3442
(Group tours year-round)

Hours: April – November

Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM

or by appointment (217-323-4514)

Please call to confirm hours.



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 Museum of History, housed in an old courthouse on the square in Bloomington, is a good place to learn about the area and is open on Tuesdays with free admission from 10 AM to 9 PM. This is also a good place to start your tour of the **twelve Looking for Lincoln Story Trail wayside exhibits** in Bloomington and Normal.

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)

Please call to confirm hours.

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

In this Audio-CD, 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 purchased for \$15.00 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

Please call to confirm hours.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY – MAHOMET

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

The western gateway to Champaign County, Mahomet 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

MUSEUM OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE

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

The Museum of the Grand Prairie 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 the exhibit *Champaign County's Lincoln*.

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

Please call to confirm hours.



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY – URBANA

(40 miles from Bloomington)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – DOWNTOWN URBANA

Visit the companion exhibit *Abraham Lincoln: Large Presence in a Small Town* at the Champaign County Courthouse in Urbana. This courtroom experience features Lincoln as a circuit lawyer in the county. Cell phones and cameras are not allowed inside the courthouse. Entry via the Main Street entrance.

For information: 217-586-2612

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed Federal Holidays.

Please call to confirm hours.

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, Stephen A. 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, 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 dia-



logues 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
Please call to confirm hours.



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: *May-September 7*

7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 8 – October

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

November – February

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

March – April

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Call for more information and to confirm hours.

CLINTON

(170 Miles from downtown Chicago — 50 Miles from Springfield)

Visitors can explore a rich Lincoln heritage that has remained untouched for years and discover the important role that Lincoln played in Clinton's early development. Lincoln was frequently seen in Clinton from the time he first traveled there in 1839 as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit, until his election as President, a period of more than 20 years. This community is strategically located between Springfield and Bloomington and was an important stop on the Eighth Judicial Circuit. The *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* includes **nine wayside exhibits** in Clinton and one additional site in DeWitt County

Clinton is conveniently located between Springfield, Bloomington, Mt. Pulaski and Lincoln. Recreational opportunities include seven city parks, Clinton Lake State Recreation area a 9,300 acre facility, and the 550 acre Weldon Springs State Park.

For Information: Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau
1-866-4-DeWitt or 217-935-3364

C.H. MOORE HOMESTEAD AND DEWITT COUNTY MUSEUM

219 E. Woodlawn, Clinton, IL 61727

C.H. Moore and Abraham Lincoln shared legal space and a partnership in Clinton. The C.H. Moore Homestead includes an exquisite Victorian mansion which is on the National Register of Historic places. Visitors can step back 100 years and explore the fully restored building and grounds and tour the house which includes the DeWitt County Museum. While Lincoln never visited this house, it is a great place to



learn about the connection between Moore and Lincoln and experience the extravagance of the Victorian era.

For Information: 217-935-6066

Hours: April – December

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

Sunday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.

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 and 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 parks include the Middle Fork River, the only federally designated scenic river in Illinois.

For 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 re-creation 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: *March 1 – October 31*

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

November 1 – February 28

Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.

DECATUR

(40 miles from Springfield)

Macon County has a rich Lincoln history and many Lincoln “firsts.” Decatur was the first Illinois home of the Lincoln family, he was first nominated for the presidency at the state Republican Party convention, and made his first political speech in downtown Decatur. For two decades, Lincoln also practiced law here, as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit. These stories and more are colorfully retold on *The Looking for Lincoln Story Trail*, which features **fifteen waysides exhibits**. For those looking to broaden their exploration of Lincoln's Illinois, nearby 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 a number of parks, nature trails, and a disc golf course. Scoville Park on the lake includes the Children's Museum of Illinois and nearby Scoville Zoo, as well as a wonderful playground and picnic area. Decatur's central location makes it an ideal jumping off point to go Looking for Lincoln.

For Information: Decatur Area Convention & Visitor Bureau, 217-423-7000

MACON COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM COMPLEX

5580 North Fork Road — near Decatur Airport
www.mchsdecatur.org



The museum complex contains period buildings including an 1860's one-room school house, 1850's log cabin, and Macon County's first courthouse, the only log courthouse where Lincoln practiced law in the late 1830's. The museum also features the *Lincoln Connection Exhibit* and a video that chronicles the life of Lincoln in Decatur/Macon County. Other of the museum's ever-changing exhibits chronicle historical periods of the 1830's to the present day.

For information: 217-422-4919

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Every 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Please call to confirm hours.

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. A life size granite

statue of Abraham Lincoln, modeled after the one in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., greets visitors in front of the Amtrak Depot at 225 S. Seminary St. 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)

Jacksonville is the perfect place to step back in history. The city's rich heritage includes sites that explore Lincoln's connection to Jacksonville and make history relevant to a new generation. **Ten Looking for Lincoln Story Trail wayside exhibits** highlight his relationship to Jacksonville. Six of these exhibits are enhanced by the

Voices of Jacksonville Audio Tour. Options for visitors also include murals depicting the community's history, Underground Railroad sites, including Woodlawn Farm, and Jacksonville's historic homes district. Visitors can walk in the footsteps of greatness by following the lives of Stephen Douglas and General Benjamin Grierson. All of these experiences explain why Jacksonville is so proud of the many important figures who have called this historic city their home.

For information: www.jacksonvilleil.org
217-243-5678 or 1-800-593-5678

VOICES OF JACKSONVILLE-AN AUDIO TOUR

www.LincolnInJacksonville.com

Follow in the steps of Abraham Lincoln in Jacksonville. While Looking for Lincoln in Jacksonville, see the actual



places and hear the real stories of Lincoln as his friends and associates knew him. A series of creatively and professionally produced audio programs are available by simply

tuning in to a special radio frequency identified at each site. These programs explore the connections between Jacksonville and Lincoln which include two Civil War generals, a vocal abolitionist community and an active Underground Railroad network. The audio tour covers a mural and six of the **ten Looking for Lincoln Story Trail wayside exhibits**.

A map of the tour and a CD are available at the Jacksonville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau or at www.lincolninjacksonville.com. The web site provides an audio download.

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 Story Trail* **wayside 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 HERITAGE MUSEUM

300 Keokuk — Lincoln College Campus
www.lincolnheritagemuseum.org

Located on the campus of the only institution of higher learning named for Abraham Lincoln while he was alive, the Lincoln Heritage Museum exhibits a significant collection of Civil War and Lincoln-related artifacts,



such as an original 1860 “railsplitter” campaign banner, the ballot box in which he cast his vote, an extremely rare copy

of “Mortality,” Lincoln’s favorite poem written in his own hand, and several of his personal law books.

This site showcases an assortment of personal items that belonged to the family, including Mary Lincoln’s jewelry and china, several of Lincoln’s tools from his desk, a small rocker etched with Tad Lincoln’s name on it, and several furnishings from the Lincoln’s home.

The Lincoln Heritage Museum will be moving to a new and greatly expanded location on the campus in the summer of 2013.

For information: 217-732-3155, ext 295

Hours: *January 1 – December 31*

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Closed Sundays, holidays and holiday weekends

Please call to confirm hours.

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

Please call to confirm hours.

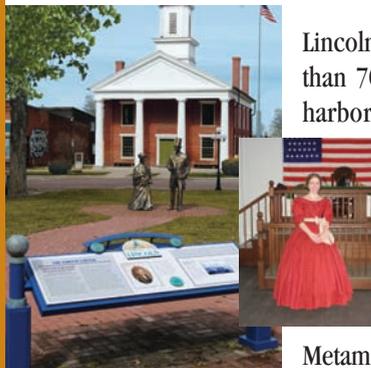
METAMORA

(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. A *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* **wayside exhibit** marks the area where Lincoln mediated conflicts and played horseshoes outside of court. Weekends are full of events on the square like band concerts, dances and Civil War re-enactments. Many featuring the Central Illinois Civil War Dance Society Performers who are sponsored by the courthouse. 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 court-houses 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 or metcourt@mtco.com

Hours: *March – October*

Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

November – February

Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Other times by appointment.

Please call to confirm hours.

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 remaining 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: *Year Round*

Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.

MT. PULASKI HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND WELCOME CENTER



The Historical Society Museum, which features an official *Looking for Lincoln*

Story Trail wayside 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 – 4:00 PM

Closed January to March. Call for a tour.

Please call to confirm hours.



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, one restaurant and an out-door theatre during the summer.



For information: 217-632-4000

Hours: *April – October 31*

Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November 1 – March 31

Wednesday – Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

March – April 15

Please call to confirm hours.



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 eleven other houses and three sites and through the

car radio listen 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: Pike County Chamber of Commerce at 217-285-2971 or The Abe Lincoln Project of Pike County at 217-285-6995

Visitor Center Hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Lobby open 7 days a week
Please call to confirm hours.

QUINCY

(114 miles from Springfield)



Lincoln counted many Quincy residents as his closest friends. He served with future U.S. Senator Orville H. Browning and future Governor John Wood when they all fought in the Black Hawk War in 1832. His many contacts with Quincyans were instrumental to his political and legislative successes. The hallmark Quincy-Lincoln connection is the historic sixth debate with Senator Stephen A. Douglas which was a turning point in the campaign and in Lincoln's political career. In addition to several Lincoln related sites, the home of Dr. Richard Eells, an abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor is open for visits on the weekend. Quincy is an important participant in *The Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* with **eighteen wayside exhibits** describing Lincoln's long-time relationship with the people of Quincy.

Quincy is a community that is proud of its architectural diversity. Four major historical districts provide a rich array of homes and buildings from the period 1850-1930 when Quincy was a prominent river town. Another architectural gem not to be missed is the Villa Kathrine, a Moorish Castle that overlooks the Mississippi River.

For information: Quincy Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1-800-978-4748

JOHN WOOD MANSION

425 N. 12th Street

Lincoln and John Wood were both against slavery and were members of the Whig Party. They worked to establish the Republican Party and campaigned for each other during their political careers. Both men also



served together in the Black Hawk War of 1832. Wood served a ten-month term as Governor of Illinois starting in 1860 when Governor William Bissell died. The site complex also includes an original 1835 two-story log cabin, period garden and a history museum which displays items depicting the his-

tory of Adams County. The adjacent visitor center features a **new gallery** focusing on Lincoln and Quincy. It also includes several rare items associated with Lincoln's assassination. Admission \$3.00.

For information: 217-222-1835,
www.AdamsCoHistory.org

Hours:

Tours: April - October
Tuesday - Saturday,
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Office: Monday – Friday,
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Shop: Tuesday – Saturday,
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Please call to confirm hours.

THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

128 N. Fifth St. — Downtown across from Washington Park

The interpretive center is located across from the site of the sixth Lincoln Douglas Debate and features displays and information that help to tell the story of those debates. The actual debate site in Washington Park features a Loredo Taft bas relief sculpture which has been enhanced by a series of *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* **wayside exhibits** and other interpretive materials.

For information: 217-228-8696

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday by appointment
Please call to confirm hours.



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 the Lincoln Home, the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, or just a stroll past the Lincoln Depot, 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 permanent and changing exhibits 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



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

Hours: June 1–September 7

7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 8 – May

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM

212 North 6th Street • www.PresidentLincoln.org



In a stunning combination of scholarship and showmanship, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum immerses you in Lincoln's world and time. Journey from a rustic Indiana cabin to the Executive Mansion in the nation's capital; follow the fate of America's 16th president and share the joys and sorrows of a family—and a nation.

In the Ghosts of the Library, our Lincoln historian tackles the question: "Why save all this stuff?" As he muses over artifacts and documents, he is joined by ghosts of Civil War soldiers and even Abraham Lincoln himself to reveal why history matters. In Lincoln's Eyes, you peer through a window to Civil War America in this vibrant, multi-screen presentation. The Treasures Gallery rotates our priceless artifacts that range from the extraordinary to the everyday.

The heart of the Lincoln legacy is at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

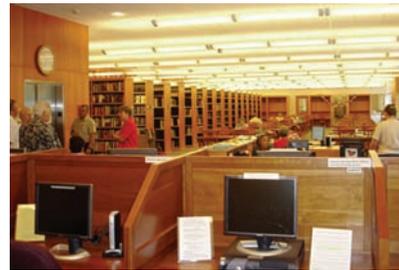
For more information: 800-610-2094

Hours: Open daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years Day.
Please call to confirm hours.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

112 North 6th Street • www.PresidentLincoln.org

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 containing material on all aspects of Illinois history. Free admission.



For more information: 800-610-2094

Hours: *Library Public Hours*

Monday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Library Research Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday – Closed

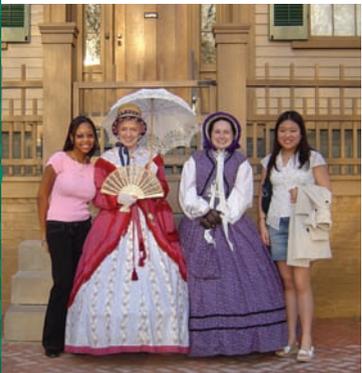
The entire Library is closed on state holidays.

Please call to confirm hours.



LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

8th and Jackson — www.nps.gov/libo/



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: 217-391-3221

Hours: Open daily, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas,
New Years Day
Please call to confirm hours.



LINCOLN – HERNDON LAW OFFICES STATE HISTORIC SITE

Downtown Mall

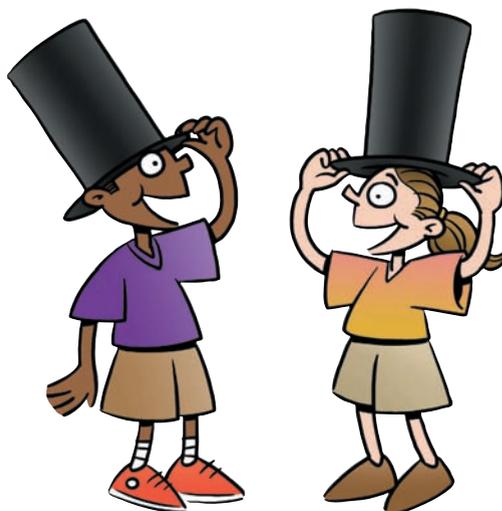


These offices are the only ones still standing where Lincoln practiced law. He moved into the building in 1843, and William Herndon became his partner in 1844. They were still partners when Lincoln left for Washington. The offices occupied by Lincoln and Herndon are here. The building also contains a 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: June 1 – September 7
7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
September 8 – May 30
Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Please call to confirm hours.



HISTORY COMES ALIVE IN SPRINGFIELD



From mid-June until mid-August the days and evenings in downtown Springfield will be filled with entertainment designed to bring history alive. Regularly scheduled programs include strolling musicians, costumed interpreters, visits with Abraham Lincoln, story programs for children and costumed tour guides. Some evening events include a flag lowering ceremony at the Tomb, an old fashion ice cream social, and special appearances by Lincoln at the Old State Capitol. As visitors walk from the



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to each historic site, they just might find living history around the very next corner. For a schedule of these events contact the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-545-7300.

SPRINGFIELD'S LOOKING FOR LINCOLN STORY TRAIL



Springfield was the first city to install *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* wayside exhibits. There are 48 "story boards" throughout the downtown area that re-create the Springfield that would have been familiar to the Lincoln family. Each time a visitor stops to read they will learn something else

about the community and the Lincolns. In front of the Lincoln Law Offices are two exhibits that explain the importance of this community to Abraham Lincoln. Adjacent to the exhibits is a life-size bronze sculpture grouping representing Lincoln, Mary and two of their children — the perfect photo opportunity.

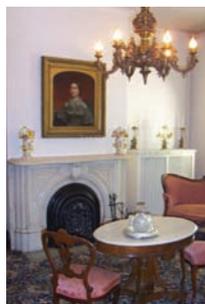
EDWARDS PLACE

700 North 4th Street Springfield



The oldest home in Springfield on its original foundation, Edwards Place tells the story of Benjamin and Helen Edwards and their life at the home from 1843 to 1909. The wonderfully preserved Italianate mansion was once a center for social

activity in Springfield and is now a part of the Springfield Art Association campus. Prominent citizens and politicians such as Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas were entertained at lavish dinner parties and the grounds played host to many summer picnics and political rallies.



Your visit to Edwards Place will include a guided tour through the formal receiving parlor, music room, family dining room and the second floor bedrooms. The home is furnished with wonderful examples of Victorian furniture, including many pieces that belonged to the Edwards family.

You will also see the authentic "Lincoln Courting Couch" from the parlor of the Ninian Edwards home where Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were married.

For More Information: 217-523-2631

Hours: Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and begin promptly on the hour. Please call to confirm hours.

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 June through August.



For information: 217-782-2717

Hours: *March – April*

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

May – September 7

7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 8 – November

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November – February

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.

TAYLORVILLE

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

Taylorville is known as “the last stop” because as Lincoln and his fellow lawyers rode the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Taylorville was often the last town they visited before returning to Springfield. A favorite Taylorville



story about some noisy pigs under the courthouse illustrates Lincoln’s sense of humor. This moment is commemorated by a whimsical statue on the lawn of the Taylorville courthouse. A *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* **wayside exhibit** tells the story of Lincoln and the pigs. The original courthouse built in 1839 was moved to the Christian County Historical Society and Museum complex in 1967. For information about this museum complex and visiting hours please call 217-824-6922.

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. The *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* in Vandalia consists of **ten wayside exhibits** throughout the downtown area and the adjoining cemetery.

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 – April*

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

May – September 7

7 days a week, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

September 8 – October

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November – February

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please call to confirm hours.

FOLLOW THE *LOOKING FOR LINCOLN* STORY TRAIL!

We invite you to explore The *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail*. More than 50 communities throughout central Illinois have installed over

210 Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibits designed

to tell you about each community's connection to Lincoln. Some communities have as many as 18 while others might just have one or two. Springfield has 48 in total. To find these places go to

our web site www.LookingForLincoln.com. Use the web map or contact us for a *Looking for Lincoln Story Trail* brochure. Keep checking the web site for the addition of the GPS coordinates for each wayside.

The wayside exhibits serve as storyboards that describe Lincoln's specific connection to each of these communities. They portray friendships, law cases and important

political events, all leading to his presidential election. More than just a historical marker, these waysides contain illustrations, photographs, text and a 2 inch medallion in bas relief with an image

that is unique to each storyboard. Visitors are encouraged to take rubbings of the medallions and create a collection that commemorates all of the places that they have been to look for Lincoln.



"LOOKING FOR LINCOLN STORY TRAIL"

Community . . # of Exhibits

Athens 1	Galesburg 1	Oakland 1
Atlanta 1	Homer 1	Ottawa 4
Augusta 1	Jacksonville . . . 10	Petersburg 3
Beardstown 7	Jonesboro 3	Pittsfield 4
Bement 3	Kent Township . . 1	Pontiac 9
Bloomington . . 10	LaHarpe 1	Quincy 18
Carthage 6	Lerna 2	Rochester 2
Champaign 1	Lincoln 1	Rushville 2
Charleston 1	Macomb 1	Shelbyville 5
Clinton 9	Mahomet 1	Springfield . . . 48
Dallas City 1	Mattoon 1	St. Joseph 1
Danville 3	Metamora 1	Strasburg 1
Decatur 15	Middletown 1	Taylorville 4
DeWitt 1	Monticello 3	Tolono 1
Edinburg 1	Moweaqua 1	Urbana 4
Elkhart 1	Mount Pulaski . . 2	Vandalia 10
Fountain Green . . 1	Nauvoo 1	
Freeport 1	Normal 2	



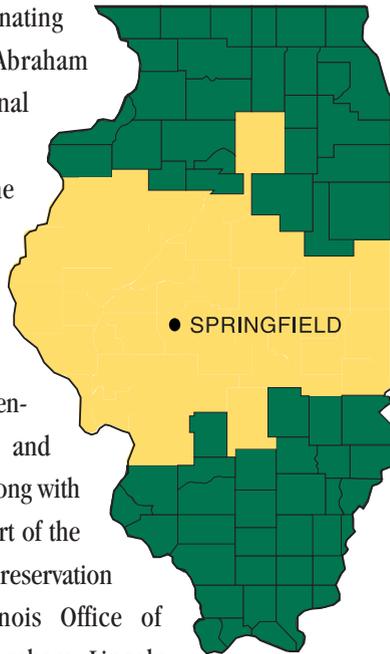
THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Join us while we go Looking for Lincoln!

The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area was designated by Congress and was then signed into law by the President on May 10, 2008. It is the only national heritage area named for a president and its legislation designates the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition (a 501(c)3 organization)

as the coordinating entity for the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Under the coordination of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition – a consortium of central Illinois sites and communities – along with the crucial support of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the Illinois Office of Tourism, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the National Park Service residents can experience the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area and walk in Lincoln's footsteps. The Coalition and the National Heritage Area cover the same 42 counties in Central Illinois and our mission is to preserve, interpret and promote the heritage and culture of the area in the context of Lincoln's Illinois. We further seek to educate, develop and interpret visitor-ready sites,



create a living history experience that chronicles the evolution of the landscape and extend these opportunities to the widest audience possible.

As the result of the heritage area's work, communities across the region understand their history and appreciate how life here has evolved over time. The region's legacy gives meaning and context to experiences today. Heritage area partners work collaboratively to preserve significant resources and strengthen local and regional economies through heritage-based initiatives and innovation. Success is accomplished through a common vision of building prosperity through recognition of this shared heritage.

By means of a thought-provoking engagement with rich stories and evocative tales of connections, we endeavor to explore the themes related to Lincoln the lawyer and politician, Lincoln and civil rights, the underground railroad, and the Civil War – just to name a few.

Join us, as we go Looking for Lincoln!



