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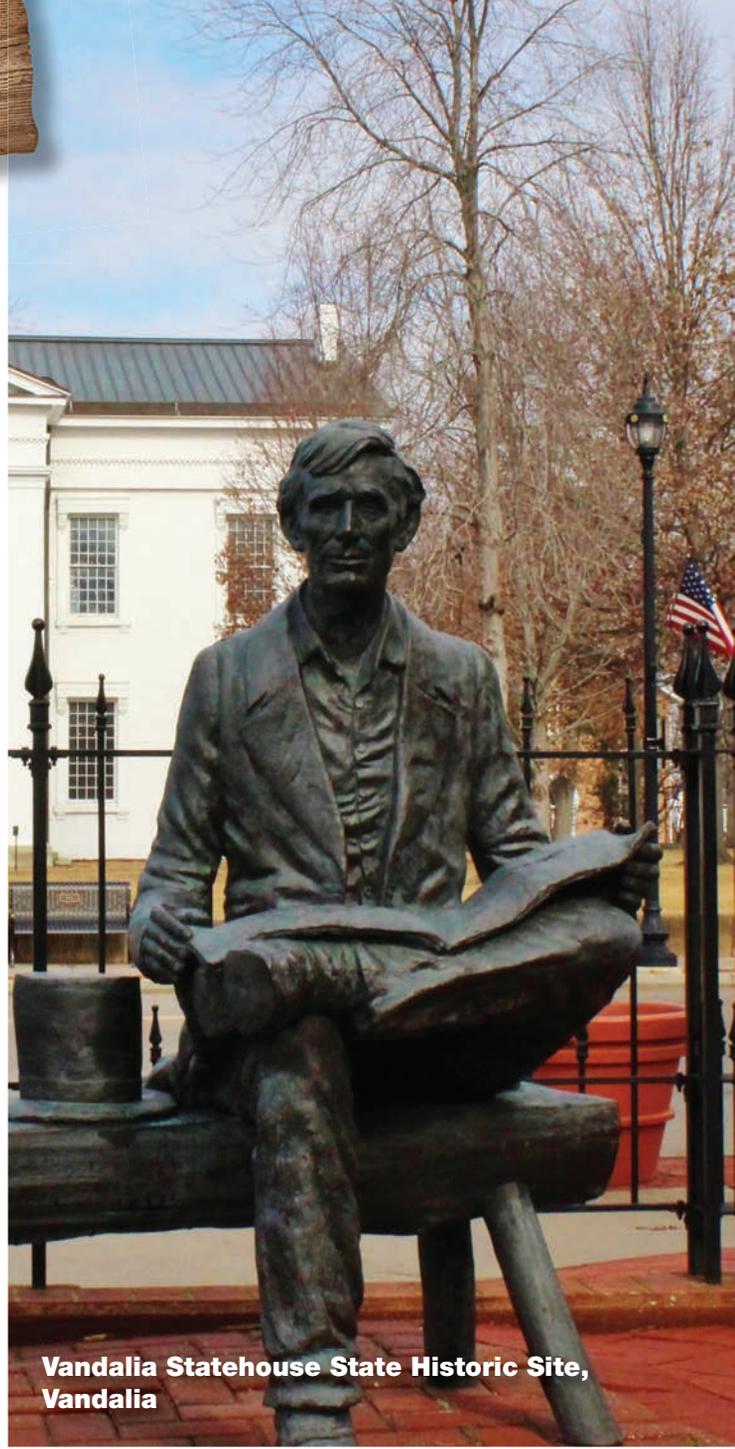
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Gateways to the National Heritage Area

Whether you have just a day or two to explore, or you're planning a week-long vacation in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area – our six Gateway Communities are waiting to welcome you. In each Gateway, you'll find a visitor friendly place to get information about the National Heritage Area, including where to stay, what to do, and places to see.



*As you're planning your trip to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, stop by our website anytime at **LookingforLincoln.com** and click on "Explore" for up-to-date information and links to many Looking for Lincoln communities, attractions and events in and around our Gateway cities.*

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Alton



Meeting of the Great Rivers,
Alton

On the shores of the Mississippi just 25 miles north of St. Louis, MO, this historic town is full of rich history. Begin your Lincoln adventure at the famous Lincoln-Douglas Square, site of the last “great debate” with the issue of slavery on the minds of everyone. Walk in the footsteps of Abraham and Mary Lincoln as they visited the area, or the Civil War soldiers – Confederate captives and their Union guards – many of whom are buried here. And, take in the landscape of the small Midwestern town where U.S. Senator and Alton resident, Lyman Trumbull, would author the 13th amendment, abolishing slavery in the United States. Long considered one of America’s most haunted cities, in this quaint river community, you’ll feel history come to life.

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Gateway: Alton

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Jonesboro

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southernmostillinois.com
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Quincy

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seequincy.com
800-978-4748

Vandalia

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vandaliaillinois.com
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*Bloomington-
Normal*



**David Davis Mansion State Historic Site,
Bloomington**

Outside of Springfield, Lincoln probably spent more time in Bloomington than in any other Illinois city. Here Mr. Lincoln cultivated many close political allies and legal associates. Perhaps one of his closest friends was Bloomington's Judge David Davis, whom history has shown played a pivotal role in Lincoln's successful legal career and his run for the presidency. For a rare glimpse into the daily lives of a wealthy Victorian family, don't miss a visit to the stately David Davis Mansion. Meet the people and hear the stories of this city during Lincoln's time with a visit to the McLean County Museum of History.

**Contact: Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
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- Jesse Fell Home
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Charleston



**Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site,
Lerna**

Thomas and Sara Bush Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother, were among the early settlers in the Charleston area. Today, you can experience what life was like for the Lincolns on a visit to the nearby Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site on the Goosenest Prairie in Lerna. Later in his career, Abraham often visited the area, both for business and pleasure. He tried many cases here and in 1858, Charleston was the scene of the fourth Lincoln-Douglas Debate – witnessed by a crowd of over 12,000 people. Charleston was the last trip from Springfield he made before assuming his place as our 16th president. Lincoln's affection for the humble folk of the Goosenest Prairie remained strong throughout his life.

**Contact: Charleston Tourism Office
217-348-0430 | charlestontourism.org**



Gateway: Charleston

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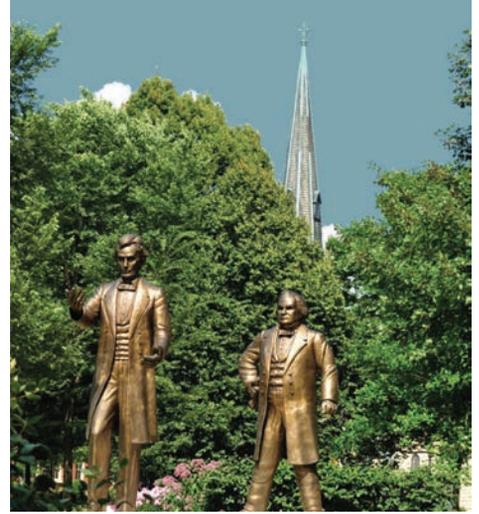


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Mattoon ~
 Historic Mattoon Depot
 Lincoln's Last Visit Wayside Exhibit
Lerna ~
 Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site



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Contact us on more ways to spend your time Looking for Lincoln in Coles County!



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Danville



**Fithian Home,
Danville**

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The city of Danville was part of the now famous 8th Judicial Circuit in Illinois where a young prairie lawyer, destined for greatness, would practice law. As a young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln would travel throughout central Illinois. During this time, he developed deep and lasting friendships with the people he met along the Circuit – many of those in Danville. Today you can walk where Lincoln walked as you take a stroll down Vermilion Street and explore the Vermilion County Museum – replicating that early courthouse where Lincoln argued cases for his clients. Next door, you'll find the Fithian Home, a Lincoln site on the National Register of Historic Places. The people of Danville love sharing their many stories about Lincoln's time in their community.

**Contact: Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
800-383-4386 | visitdanvillearea.com**

Gateway: Danville

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We'll make sure you have everything you need to plan your next adventure in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

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We are proud of our Lincoln heritage and invite visitors to learn more about the humble prairie lawyer who rose to become one of our nation's most important and admired Presidents.

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Danville & Vermilion County

Taking a stroll down Vermilion Street in Danville, circa 1850, you may very well have run into a tall, gangly, somewhat unkempt young attorney, rushing from his office to the nearby courthouse. A young man, probably wearing a tall stovepipe hat, would have been none other than Mr. Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln practiced law here from 1841-1859 as he traveled the now famous 8th Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Explore the Vermilion County Museum, replicating that early courthouse, as well as the adjacent Fithian Home, a Lincoln site on the National Register of Historic Places. Here you'll find many stories surrounding the people and places in the life of Lincoln the lawyer. Proud to be a part of the Looking for Lincoln National Heritage Area.

"If I find I have blessings at my disposal, Old Vermilion will come in for a bountiful share."

Abraham Lincoln
Noon February 11, 1861



Danville Area
Convention and Visitors' Bureau

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Danville, IL 61832
(800) 383-4386
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2018-2019 Calendar of Events

- Mar 31, 2018 and Apr 13, 2019
Easter Egg Hunt
- Jun 3, 2018
Champagne British Car Festival
- Jun 15-16, 2018
Glorious Gardens Festival, Garden Walk
- Jul 21, 2018
History of Bicycles Bike Show
- Aug 4, 2018
Antique Auto Exhibit
- Sep 8-Nov 3, 2018
Fall Photo Opportunities at Davis Mansion
- Sep 8, 2018
Cruise-In at the Mansion
- Oct 31, 2018
Trick or Treat at the Mansion
- Nov 3, 2018
A Bountiful Feast Live Vignettes
- Nov 1-17, 2018
Thanksgiving at Clover Lawn
- Nov 23-Dec 29, 2018
Christmas at Clover Lawn
- Dec 8, 2018
Christmas at the Mansions Tours
- Feb 9, 2019
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- Mar 16, 2019
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David Davis was a US Supreme Court justice, appointed by his friend, Abraham Lincoln. In 1872, Davis, and his wife, Sarah, built this elegant Victorian Mansion. Tours of the site also include a formal garden and an exhibit on Lincoln and the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

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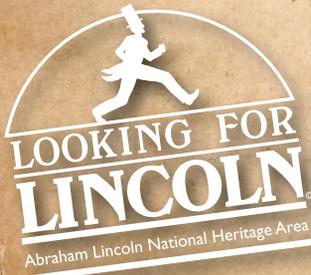
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Quincy



Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Lincoln in the District, Quincy

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800-978-4748 | seequincy.com



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Beardstown

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Jacksonville

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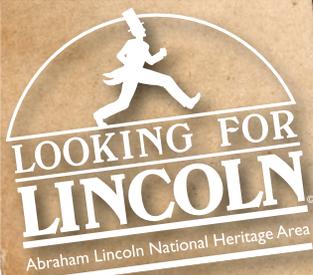
Nauvoo/Hancock County

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Pittsfield/Pike County

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217-285-2971





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Springfield



Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site,
Springfield

Located in the heart of Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, Springfield is the city Lincoln called home for nearly half his life. Springfield and central Illinois had a profound effect on Lincoln's life, as captured in these immortal words, "To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything." Today, Springfield, Illinois' capital city, is home to numerous historic sites, attractions and events – including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Lincoln Tomb, the Old State Capitol and the popular "History Comes Alive" program. In this city he loved, you'll truly experience Lincoln, the man.

Contact: Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
217-789-2360 or 800-545-7300
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Gateway: Springfield

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clintonilchamber.com
866-4-DeWitt

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800-593-5678

Lincoln

(34 miles)
destinationlogancountyil.com
217-732-8687

Bloomington-Normal

(60 miles)
visitbn.org or
800-433-8226

Mt. Pulaski

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mtpulaskiil.com
217-732-8687

Petersburg/New Salem

(24 miles)
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217-632-4000

Pleasant Plains

(17 miles)
clayville.org

Pittsfield/Pike County

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Major Historic Attractions

Hundreds and hundreds of Lincoln stories have been gathered throughout the 42-counties of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area – stories told through authentic historic attractions, wayside exhibits, special events, and living history programs. Here are just a few of the major historic attractions you'll find as you "Look for Lincoln" in central Illinois.



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield)

Get ready to be entertained, educated, and yes, mesmerized! From the humble beginnings of a young pioneer to his rise to the presidency, the story of Lincoln's life and times is captured through original artifacts, a partial reproduction of the 1860s White House, special effects theaters with ghostly images and high action and so much more. Visit here, step outside and look for Lincoln in the authentic attractions, living history events, and a Lincoln Story Trail scattered throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.



Lincoln Heritage Museum (Lincoln)

Discover over 100 rare artifacts from our President Abraham Lincoln's life and the Civil War on the first floor. On the second floor, walk with Lincoln through a unique interactive visitor experience. Come see, hear and touch history at the Lincoln History Museum at Lincoln College, ranked one of the "Most Amazing University Museums in the World" by bestcollegesonline.com in 2013.



New Salem State Historic Site (Petersburg)

Explore the reconstructed pioneer village where Abraham Lincoln lived and worked as a young man over 150 years ago. Immerse yourself in the daily lives of the villagers as interpreters and actors in period dress bring history to life to tell the story of the life of Abraham Lincoln – store clerk, postmaster, citizen soldier and more.



Lincoln Home National Historic Site (Springfield)

Step into the world of the Lincoln family when you enter the only home he ever owned. Take a stroll through the lovely neighborhood surrounding the home for a rare glimpse into the daily lives of Lincoln – as a husband and father, a neighbor and friend, a lawyer and a politician.



Old State Capitol State Historic Site (Springfield)

Stand in the very room where Lincoln made his famous "House Divided" speech, or where he argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court, spent hours discussing the issues of the day with his colleagues in the law library, served central Illinois as a member of the Illinois legislature, and finally, lay in state before his burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery.



Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site (Springfield)

Feel the majesty as you gaze upon the stunning granite monument that serves as the final resting place for our 16th president, his wife, and three of their four children. Surpassed only by Arlington National Cemetery in our nation's capital, Oak Ridge is the second most visited cemetery in the United States – welcoming visitors from around the globe.



Major Historic Attractions



David Davis Mansion State Historic Site (Bloomington)

Gaze through a window into the social and political life Lincoln knew when you visit this stately 19th century mansion once owned by Lincoln confidante and friend, Judge David Davis and his wife, Sarah. History attributes part of Lincoln's success in obtaining the Republican nomination for the presidency to the influence and support of Judge Davis.



Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site (Lerna)

Gain an understanding of rural life in 1840s Illinois as you explore this humble prairie farmstead – the last home to Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and stepmother of the man who would become President. Today, you'll find a working, living history farm developed around the two-room cabin belonging to the Lincolns, as well as the Stephen Sargent Farm nearby.



Historic Nauvoo (Nauvoo)

Experience the lives of the early members of the Mormon church who settled along the banks of the Mississippi River in 1839 as the people of Old Nauvoo set the stage for one aspect of prairie life from 1839-1846. Over 30 historic attractions are brought to life through year round living history interpreters and performers who tell the story of these early Illinoisians.



Metamora Courthouse State Historic Site (Metamora)

Be a spectator in the rooms where Lincoln argued more than 70 cases during his years as circuit lawyer. This beautifully renovated courthouse is one of only two 8th Judicial Circuit courthouses remaining on their original sites. In the community museum on the first floor, you'll find an array of artifacts from pioneer days through the Civil War.



McLean County Museum of History (Bloomington)

Hear the stories of the people and landscape of McLean County through the years – including those who would have been Lincoln's contemporaries inside the beautiful old courthouse. Discover the "Abraham Lincoln in McLean County" exhibit examining Lincoln's work as an attorney in McLean County and on the Illinois Eighth Judicial Circuit. It defines Lincoln's pivotal role in the anti-slavery movement and explores his last connections with the people of McLean County.



Major Historic Attractions



Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Site (Mt. Pulaski)

Stop in and visit at one of only two remaining 8th Judicial Circuit Courthouses standing on their original site – and a frequent stop along the circuit traveled by Lincoln, the prairie lawyer. The Courthouse is restored, furnished and interpreted as a 1850s courthouse. Many of the court's records were destroyed in a fire years ago, but records still remain for two important patent cases tried by Lincoln in this building.



Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site (Vandalia)

Step back in time to the early days of Illinois, a new member of the United States of America. The state capitol for Illinois from 1820 – 1839, the Vandalia Statehouse was the place Lincoln worked in his first years as an Illinois legislator. It was here he honed his skills as a legislator and gifted orator, and where his fellow legislators began to recognize his qualities as a leader of men.



Postville Courthouse State Historic Site (Lincoln)

Imagine yourself arguing a point of law in this rugged looking, brown frame building – a reproduction of the building that served as the seat of Logan County government from 1840 – 1848. Reconstructed in 1953, the Postville Courthouse contains historical exhibits of the 8th Judicial Circuit, and a courtroom and offices furnished as they might have been when Lincoln worked here as a circuit lawyer.



Museum of the Grand Prairie (Mahomet)

Explore the Museum's extensive collection interpreting 19th and early 20th century life in east-central Illinois. You'll find two floors of unique exhibits presenting the architecture, trades and occupations, decorative arts, and childhood and domestic life of the time. In the "Champaign County's Lincoln" exhibit you can travel in a buggy with Lincoln, see a daguerreotype camera up-close and hear Lincoln's friends and neighbors talk about the early history of the community.



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 October: 3rd Saturday and Sunday

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History Comes Alive, Springfield

(June-August)

This summer-long living history program brings the historic Springfield of Lincoln's day to life with period re-enactments, musical and theatrical performances, and more as Springfield's Lincoln historic sites and downtown area transport you back to the city Lincoln loved. Don't be surprised if you meet Mr. Lincoln himself enjoying a bit of lunch at a downtown eatery, or you run into Springfield's own 1860s pop stars, the Lincoln Troubadours. From ghost walks to chats with a Civil War soldier leaving home for the battlefields, you'll feel as though you are there. **Check the website at visitspringfieldillinois.com for exact dates and daily schedules.**

Lincoln Days Civil War Reenactment, Lake Pittsfield, IL Route 107

(June)

You can have a front row seat as Civil War battles rage all weekend long between the armies of the Union and the Confederacy on this 480 acre site. Explore the encampments surrounding the battlefield for a rare glimpse into the life of the soldiers, officers, doctors and others who served on the front lines of the War Between the States. Watch as the Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery conduct practice drills. Grab a seat for the ladies' tea and fashion show, take part in children's games and crafts, or take part in a period church service on Sunday morning. **For exact dates and more on this exciting two-day event, visit pikelincoln.com.**

Lincoln in the District, Quincy

(June)

Join in as the city of Quincy celebrates its Lincoln legacy during this unique festival on the historic downtown square. You'll enjoy living history reenactments with Mr. Lincoln's closest Quincy friends. You'll even have the chance to meet Mr. Lincoln, himself. Experience authentic

rail splitting demonstrations, and period crafts and children's activities. Take in a vintage baseball game. Learn about Civil War medical practices and field embalming processes. Treat yourself to a horse-drawn carriage ride.

For exact dates and complete festival information, visit lincolninthedistrict.com.

Lincoln's Festival on Route 66, Bloomington

(July)

Join in the fun as McLean County celebrates its ties to Abraham Lincoln – as well as to Historic U.S. Route 66 – and even William Shakespeare. Share in the stories, and in the fun, at a variety of sites throughout the Bloomington/Normal area – where history comes alive through period reenactments, concerts, storytelling, theatrical performances, children's games and crafts, a classic car show, kids' carnival activities, and much, much more **For exact dates and a schedule of programs, visit lincolnfestival.net.**

Looking for Lincoln at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield

(August)

Each year, Looking for Lincoln and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage brings history to life on the grounds of the Illinois State Fair. Stop by the lawn of the Illinois Building just inside the main gate for a chance to meet Mr. Lincoln, play some period games – including creating your own Lincoln log buildings, watch period demonstrations such as blacksmithing or basket weaving, enjoy period music, and even practice marching drills with the USCT Civil War reenactors. You'll discover the many sites and activities just waiting for you in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. **For more information about the IL State Fair, visit illinois.gov/statefair.**



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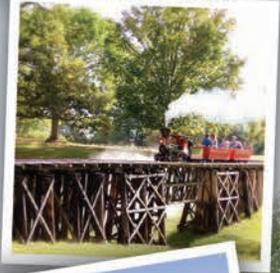
For more on these and all of the events happening all year long throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, contact any local and regional tourism offices listed on page 28 or visit LookingforLincoln.com.



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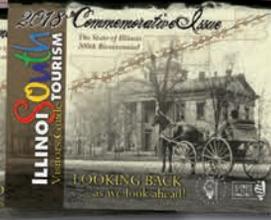






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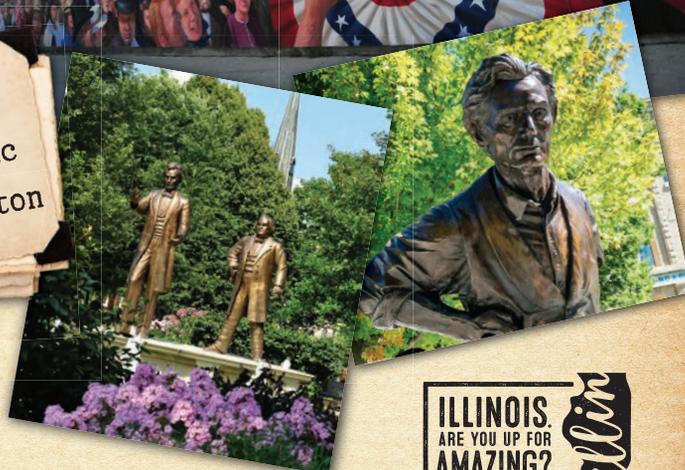



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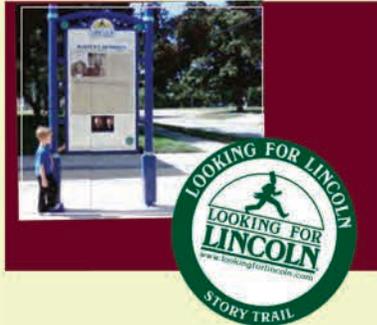
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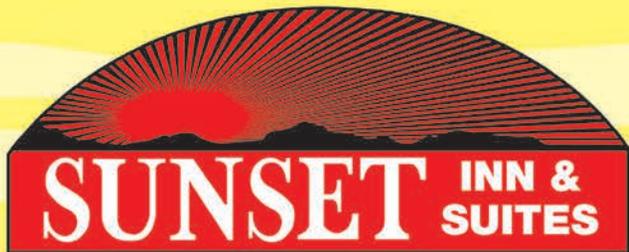


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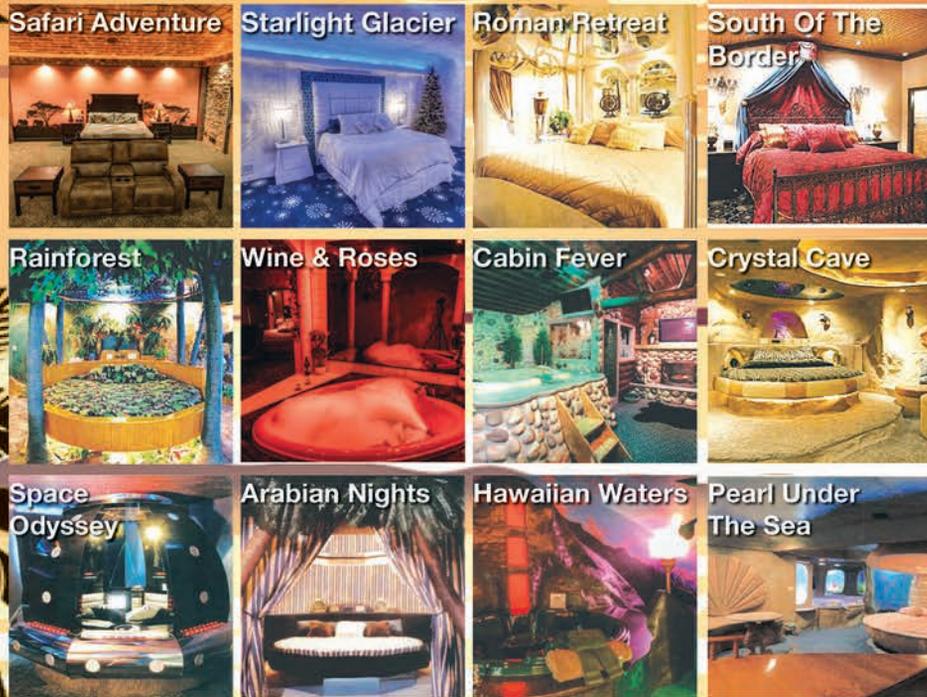


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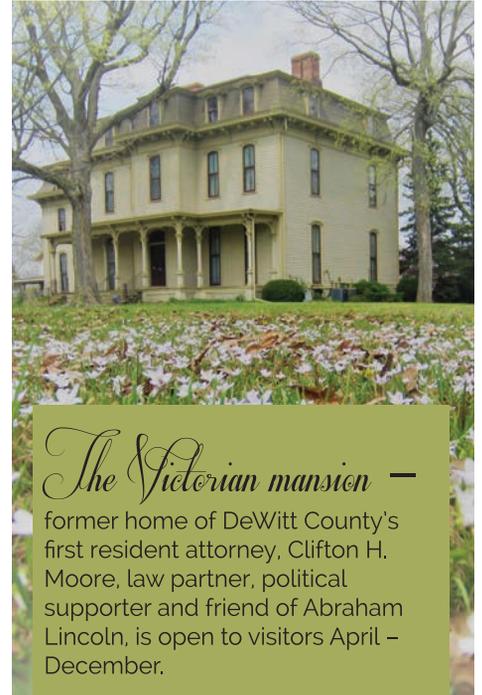
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Great River Road in Illinois



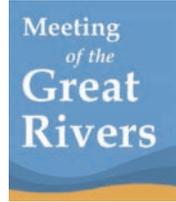
For over 500 miles on Illinois' western border, you'll find the breathtaking views and majestic landscapes along the mighty Mississippi. And, for many of those miles, you'll be traveling in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Here you'll find the country Lincoln loved as

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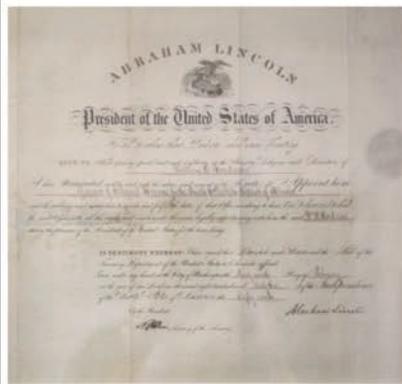
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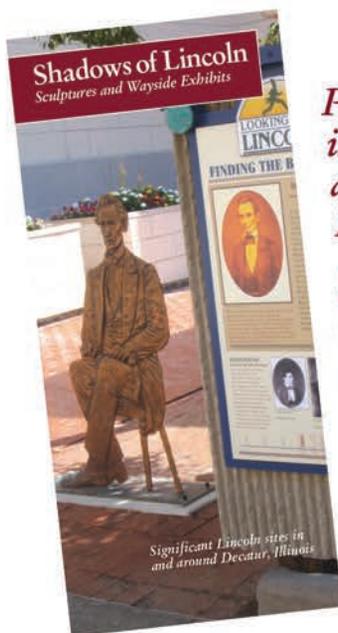


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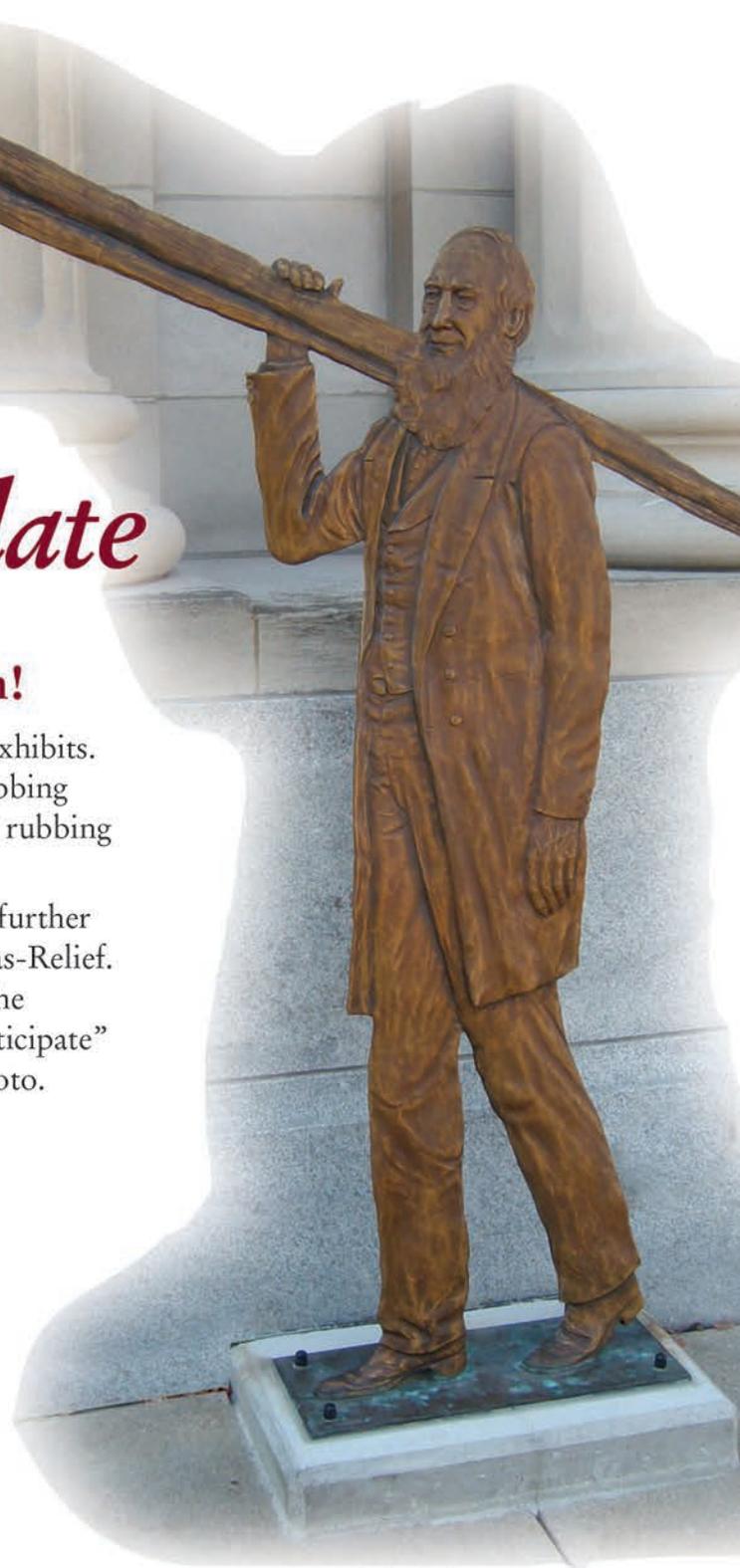
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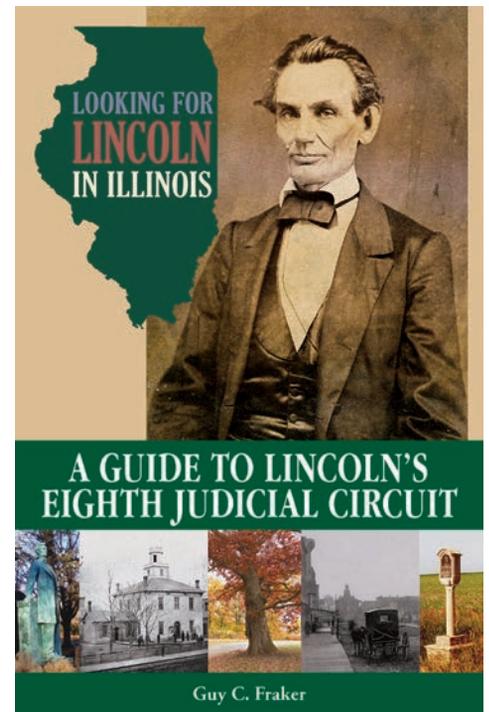
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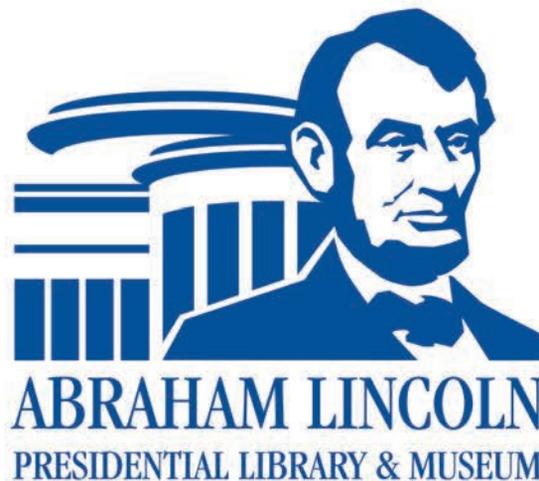
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