Herbert Hoover

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National Historic Site
Iowa

Autumn at Hoover's Birthplace Cottage.

Self-Guided Audio Tour

"In no other land could a boy from a country village, without inheritance or influential friends, look forward with unbounded hope."

President Herbert Hoover

A World of Opportunity

Herbert Hoover believed in the "unbounded opportunity of American life" that gave every boy and girl a chance. Born in the village of West Branch, Iowa, to a family of modest means, Hoover could have been any small town boy. He was fortunate that his family and community were strong role models. Instilled with a sense of responsibility and the shared belief in the equality of all people, regardless of race, gender, or creed, Hoover grew up to be a person of vision.

At Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, the landscape and buildings of Hoover's early years tell how family, faith, education, and hard work opened a world of opportunity—even the presidency of the United States—to a man of simple beginnings. Listen to the tour to learn about the 31st U.S. president. At each stop, call **1-888-244-4178** and enter the stop number to hear a short message. Enjoy the tour at your own pace and in any order. Audio wands are available at the visitor center. The park does not charge a fee for the tour.

Visiting Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site is open 9 am to 5 pm daily, except Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1. There is no fee to enter the park or to see the cottage where Hoover was born, a blacksmith shop, the first West Branch schoolhouse, the Friends Meetinghouse, and the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover. Also on site, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is run by the National Archives and Records Administration. It charges an admission fee for ages 16 or over.

For your safety

- Please be careful. Wooden boadwalks are slippery in inclement weather.
- Stay on the trails. Ticks are present in the prairie.
- Stay off the banks of the creek. The creek area is eroded and unstable.

Accessibility

The visitor center, walkways, and most historic structures are wheelchair-accessible.

More information

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West Branch, IA 52358
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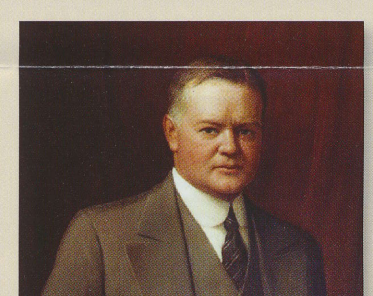
www.nps.gov/heho.



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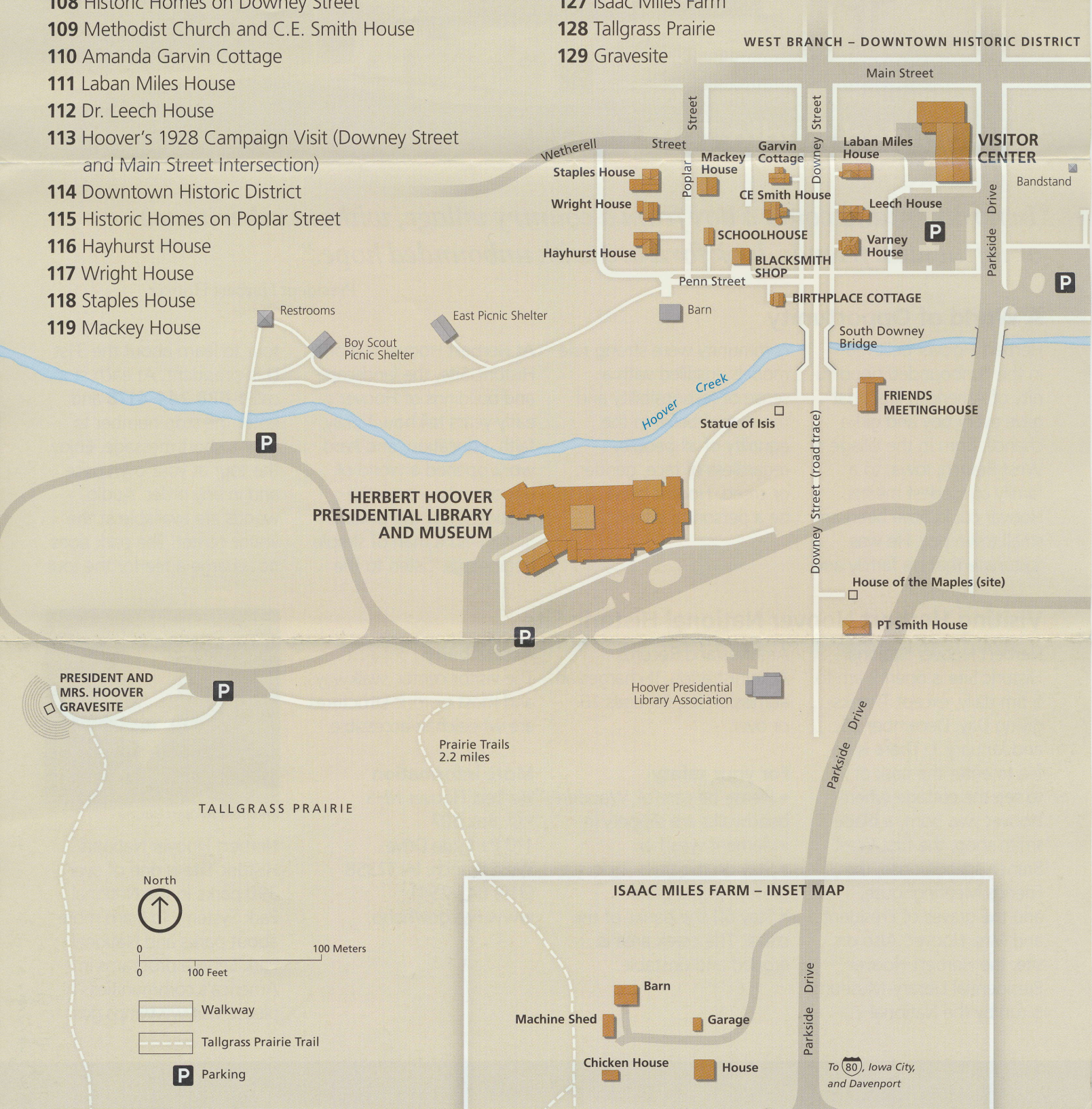
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