



Free Land was the Cry!

Visit the Homestead Heritage Center

The Homestead Act of 1862 gave individuals the opportunity to claim free government land. Tens-of-thousands of people rose to the challenge and 270 million acres were claimed and settled under the act.

The Homestead Heritage Center is a place where the magnitude and world-wide impact of the Homestead Act of 1862 is told.

Immerse yourself in this epic story from the moment you see this distinct visitor center rising above the prairie. Meant to look like a plow cutting sod, the roof purposely points west.

Experience homesteaders' stories through the national homesteading museum with a viewable museum collection, interactive games, and an award winning film. Even the parking lot has a story to tell. West facing window walls offer a magnificent view of restored tall grass prairie.

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Homestead Act's
150th Anniversary

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The Heritage Center contains the National Homesteading Museum, an award winning film and access to the 1867 Palmer-Epard Cabin, an original settler's home. The Education Center provides lifetime learning with curriculum-based education programs, the technology to bring programs to classrooms across the country and special exhibitions. The Farm Implement Room and a picnic area are also located at the Education Center. The Freeman School is a historic oneroom schoolhouse in use until 1968. Over 3 miles of trails meander through 150 acres of restored tallgrass prairie and oak woodland. Special events and ranger-led activities are scheduled throughout the year.



Disabled parking, wheelchairs, audio description and assistive listening headsets and open captioning are available at the monument.



Directions:

Homestead National Monument of America is located 4 miles west of Beatrice, Nebraska on State Highway 4. If traveling on I-80, take Exit 397 and continue south

on U.S. Highway 77.

Homestead is located about 40 miles from Lincoln and 90 miles from Omaha, Nebraska.

Hours of operation:

Open daily.

Hours vary seasonally.

Please check website.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25 and January 1.

For additional information:

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Free admission