

Lincoln Boyhood

National Memorial
Indiana



General Information Sheet

Abraham Lincoln spent fourteen of the most formative years of his life and grew from youth into manhood (1816-1830) on this Southern Indiana soil. Many of the character traits and moral values that made Abraham one of the world's most respected leaders were formed and nurtured here. His mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried on a wooded knoll in the park.

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HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time. Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The park grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk.

DIRECTIONS: The park is located on Indiana Highway 162, 8 miles south of Interstate 64. Exit the Interstate at US 231 (exit 57) and travel south on U.S. 231 to Gentryville, then east on Indiana Highway 162, following the signs to "Lincoln Parks."

FEES: Admission to the park is \$3 per person age 17 or over, with a maximum charge of \$5 per family. The entrance fee receipt permits visitors to return to the park, without charge, for seven days from the date of purchase. There is no entrance fee for visitors who present a National Park Pass, a Golden Age Passport, a Golden Access Passport, or an annual Lincoln Boyhood Park Pass. These passports are available for purchase at the park.

RESERVATIONS: Conducted tours for schools and other organized groups should be arranged in advance. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Reservations can be made by calling (812) 937-4541. Arrangements for a spring visit should be made as early as possible.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES: Your first stop should include the Memorial Visitor Center where Park Rangers will provide orientation and information on the park. The Visitor Center features two Memorial Halls, a museum with a variety of exhibits and an orientation film. It is a short walk from the Memorial Center up the Lincoln Boyhood Trail to the gravesite of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and an additional 400 yards to the Cabin Site Memorial and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. From the farm, walk the historical Trail of Twelve Stones which features notable places in Lincoln's life. This trail will return you to the Memorial Visitor Center. Allow approximately two hours to visit.

FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

VISITOR CENTER, EXHIBITS: The exterior of the Memorial Visitor Center features sculptured panels. Inside there is a small museum, orientation film and the Abraham Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Halls. Exhibits focus on the story of the Lincolns as pioneers on the Indiana frontier.

LIVING HISTORY: The Lincoln Living Historical Farm is a working pioneer homestead with a log cabin, outbuildings, split rail fences, livestock, gardens, and field crops. Rangers dressed in period clothing perform a variety of activities typical of daily life in the 1820s. The Living Historical Farm is open every day from mid-April

through September. From October through mid-April the buildings are closed and are not staffed. Visitors however are invited to visit and browse around the farm site.

TRAILS, ROADS: There are three established trails in the park—The Lincoln Boyhood Trail connects the Memorial Visitor Center and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. This trail leads to the gravesite of Abraham’s mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the Cabin Site Memorial and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. The Trail of Twelve Stones begins at the Living Historical Farm and brings you back to the gravesite of the Memorial Visitor Center. Most visitors combine these two trails as a loop walk; the distance is approximately one mile. The Lincoln Boyhood Nature Trail is a circular self-guided trail, approximately one mile in length, which winds through a natural reforested area. Trail Guides are available. Inquire at the information desk in the Visitor Center.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES: In the summer months, there are regularly scheduled Ranger led talks and living history demonstrations at both the Memorial Visitor Center and the Living Historical Farm.

LODGING/CAMPING AND FOOD: Motels, food and supplies can be obtained in nearby Dale or Santa Claus, Indiana; camping facilities are available at Lincoln State Park which is adjacent to Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

OTHER: Books, postcards and other educational materials are offered for sale in the bookstore located in the Memorial Visitor Center. It is operated by the Eastern National Cooperating Association.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Most features of the park are accessible to persons with disabilities. Adjacent to Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is the Lincoln State Park. Camping, picnicking, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing and the “Young Abe Lincoln Drama” are available there. Also nearby are the Colonel William Jones House, Holiday World and Splashin’ Safari and the St. Meinrad Archabbey. Brochures on these attractions are available at the information desk in the Memorial Visitor Center.

We appreciate your interest in the National Park Service and Lincoln Boyhood Memorial and look forward to being of service to you by providing an educational and memorable visit. Should you have any questions, please contact the park at the address or telephone number on the reverse side or www.nps.gov/libo.

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