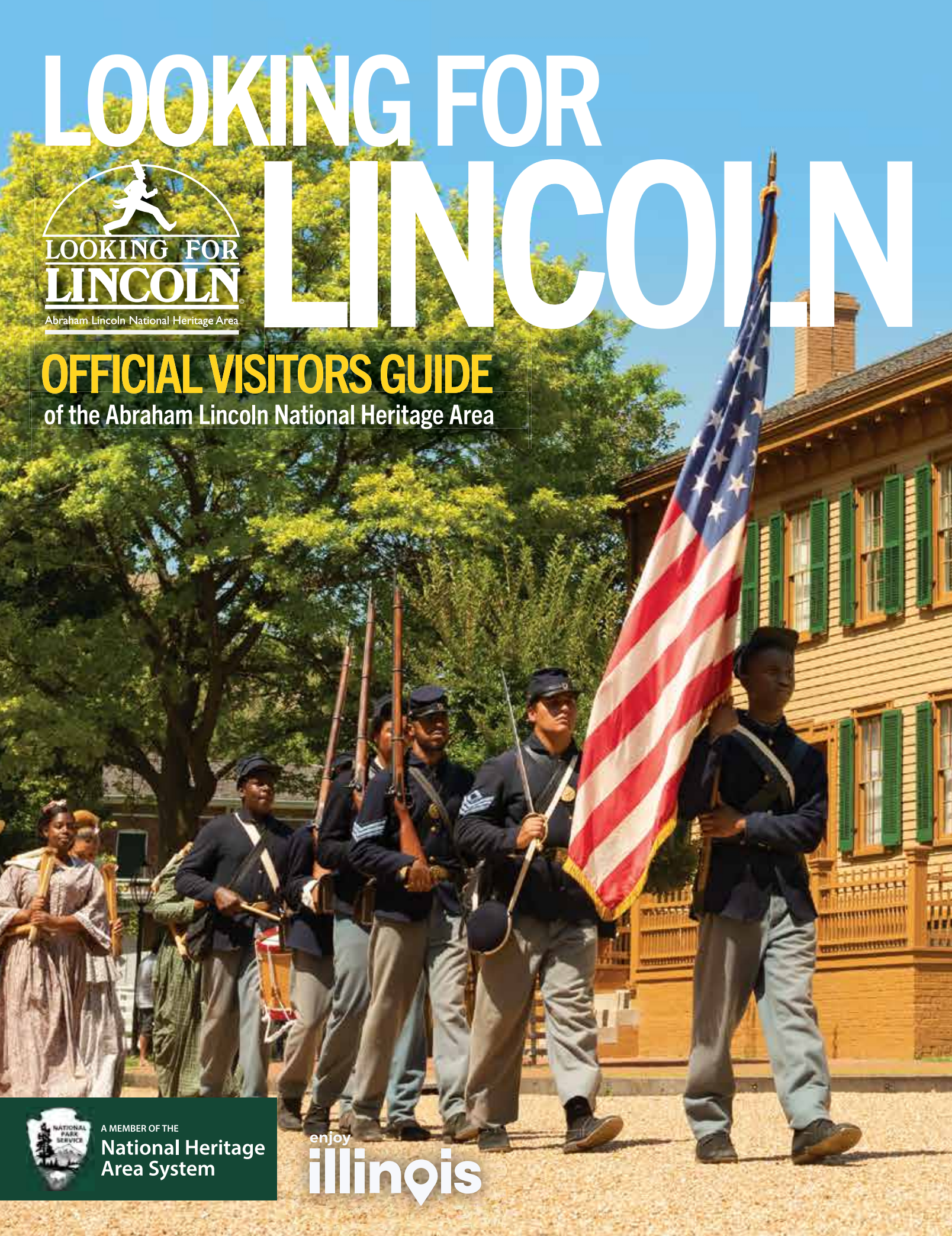


# LOOKING FOR LINCOLN



**OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE**  
of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area



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# WHAT IS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA?



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National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. Through their resources, NHAs tell nationally important stories that celebrate our nation's diverse heritage.

Looking for Lincoln unfolds the rich history and story of Mr. Lincoln's life and times across the 43-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area encompassing over 30 years of his life spent in Illinois. Be prepared to be inspired by experiencing through stories and storytellers, the facts, the figures, the places, the events, the impact of Lincoln's humble beginnings to his presidency of the United States.

No matter what your historic adventure is comprised of - from the elaborate Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, to the warm Lincoln Home National Historic Site, to inspirational history programs, to an informative wayside exhibit history trail stop - you will feel welcomed and sense the passion of the communities sharing Lincoln's history.



Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum  
Beardstown

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# MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

The breadth of Lincoln's storied history is all encompassing throughout the 43 counties of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Each story told through exhibits, events, programs, and authentic historic attractions builds one upon another to reveal the legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Each of these major historic attractions is sure to make a unique impact on your journey as you explore the life and times of Lincoln.

LET'S GO LOOKING  
FOR LINCOLN

Lincoln's New Salem  
Petersburg



Abraham Lincoln Presidential  
Library and Museum  
Springfield



Bryant Cottage  
Bement



C.H. Moore Homestead  
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## ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

212 N 6th St, Springfield [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov)

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.

## BRYANT COTTAGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

146 E Wilson St, Bement

[enjoyillinois.com/explore/listing/bryant-cottage](http://enjoyillinois.com/explore/listing/bryant-cottage)

Step into the historic parlor where Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln met on July 29, 1858 to negotiate their seven joint discussions that would famously become known as the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. History credits these debates as helping to launch Lincoln's Presidential candidacy two years later. This historic site also tells the story of the home owner Francis Bryant and his family.

## C. H. MOORE HOMESTEAD

219 E Woodlawn St, Clinton

[chmoorehomestead.org](http://chmoorehomestead.org)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the restored, fully-furnished mansion and spacious grounds whisk visitors back to the Victorian era. The historic house was once home to Clinton attorney, Clifton H. Moore. Visitors will enjoy tours of the mansion and carriage barn, view special exhibits and displays, including stories of the law partnership, political ties, and friendship shared by C.H. Moore and Abraham Lincoln during Lincoln's time in DeWitt County.

*There's a whole lot more...*

# Discover New Philadelphia

Founded in 1836 by Frank McWorter, a freedman, New Philadelphia is the first town in our nation founded and legally registered by an African American. In addition to founding this racially diverse community where African Americans and European Americans lived together in one of the most racially turbulent eras and regions of our country's history, Frank McWorter purchased freedom for himself and at least fifteen additional family members—all through his own enterprises. The McWorter family was known to help freedom seekers, and New Philadelphia became an important stop on the Underground Railroad.

This National Historic Site was designated as a unit of the National Park Service in December of 2022. Located three miles east of Barry, Illinois, visitors will find:

- A pavilion with seven interpretive wayside signs
- A self-guided augmented reality walking tour using a free downloadable app
- A butterfly garden and pollinator plot

You may also validate your "Passport to Your National Parks" booklet with the official National Park Service stamp and the NPS Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program stamp at Barry City Hall or the Barry Library.

Explore this historically significant site and learn about the perseverance of Frank McWorter!



2150 E. County Road 2, Barry, Illinois  
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nps.gov/neph

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## DAVID DAVIS MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE

1000 Monroe Dr, Bloomington

[daviddavismansion.org](http://daviddavismansion.org)

Gaze through a window into the social and political life Lincoln knew at this stately 19th century mansion once owned by his friend, Judge David Davis and his wife, Sarah. History attributes part of Lincoln's success in obtaining the presidential nomination from the influence and support of Judge Davis.

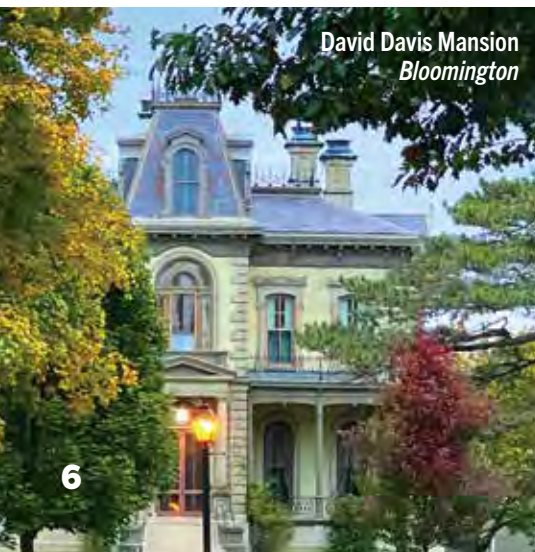
## FITHIAN HOME & VERMILION COUNTY MUSEUM

116 N Gilbert St, Danville

[vermilioncountymuseum.org](http://vermilioncountymuseum.org)

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. That young man, probably wearing a tall stovepipe hat, would have been none other than Mr. Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln

practiced law here for about 18 years 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. Danville is an excellent jumping-off point to explore eastern Illinois.



David Davis Mansion  
Bloomington



Fithian Home & Vermilion County Museum  
Danville



## HISTORIC NAUVOO

290 Main St, Nauvoo  
[beautifulnauvoo.com](http://beautifulnauvoo.com)

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 Illinoisans.

## HISTORY MUSEUM ON THE SQUARE

332 Maine St, Quincy  
[hsqac.org/history-museum](http://hsqac.org/history-museum)

The History Museum on the Square houses permanent and rotating installations, displays, and artifacts from the pioneer era through modern times. A unique feature of the structure is the large, circular corner tower over the front entrance. A sculpture garden on the grounds features architectural artifacts from Quincy buildings that are no longer in existence. Many exhibits interpret the life and times of Lincoln.



History Museum  
on the Square  
Quincy

## JOHN WOOD MANSION

425 S 12th St, Quincy  
[hsqac.org/john-wood-mansion](http://hsqac.org/john-wood-mansion)

Once the home of John Wood, Quincy's founder and Illinois' 12th Governor, the John Wood Mansion was home to a friend and supporter of Abraham Lincoln. The Wood family moved into their third Quincy home from a nearby, two-story log cabin in 1837. Later, the mansion was moved from its original site to its current location, about a block east, so Wood could build an even larger, octagonal mansion that was demolished in the 1950s.

## LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE MUSEUM, CHARLESTON

126 E St, Charleston  
[charlestonillinois.org](http://charlestonillinois.org)

Retrace the senatorial debates of 1858 between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. The museum offers exhibits and interactive displays that tell the debates' story through film, audio selections, artifacts, and photos.



Lincoln Douglas  
Debate Site  
Charleston



John Wood Mansion  
Quincy



Historic Nauvoo  
Nauvoo



Lincoln Heritage Museum  
*Lincoln*



Lincoln Home  
National Historic Site  
*Springfield*

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE MUSEUM, QUINCY

128 N 5th St, Quincy  
[lincolndouglasdebatemuseum.com](http://lincolndouglasdebatemuseum.com)

Located across the street from the debate site in Washington Park, the museum includes five state-of-the-art videos and four new exhibits. The Turning Point video and exhibit panels explain why the debate was so important, how it affected United States history, and its importance in defining the morality of slavery and catapulting Abraham Lincoln to national attention.



Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum  
*Quincy*

## LINCOLN HERITAGE MUSEUM

1115 Nicholson Rd, Lincoln  
[museum.lincolncollege.edu](http://museum.lincolncollege.edu)

Discover over 100 rare artifacts from 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, ranked one of the "Most Amazing University Museums in the World" by [bestcollegesonline.com](http://bestcollegesonline.com) in 2013.



Lincoln Tomb  
*Springfield*

## LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

426 S 7th St, Springfield  
[nps.gov/liho/index.htm](http://nps.gov/liho/index.htm)

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

## LINCOLN LOG CABIN STATE HISTORIC SITE

402 S Lincoln Hwy, Lerna  
[lincolnlogcabin.org](http://lincolnlogcabin.org)

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.

## STEP INTO HISTORY!

The Lincoln Home, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, and Metamora Courthouse allow you to walk in Lincoln's footsteps, and experience sites where he lived, worked, and knew personally.



Lincoln Log Cabin  
State Historic Site  
*Lerna*



McLean County  
Museum of History  
*Bloomington*

### MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

200 N Main St, Bloomington

[mchistory.org](http://mchistory.org)

Hear 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.



Courthouse  
*Metamora*

### METAMORA COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

113 E Partridge St, Metamora

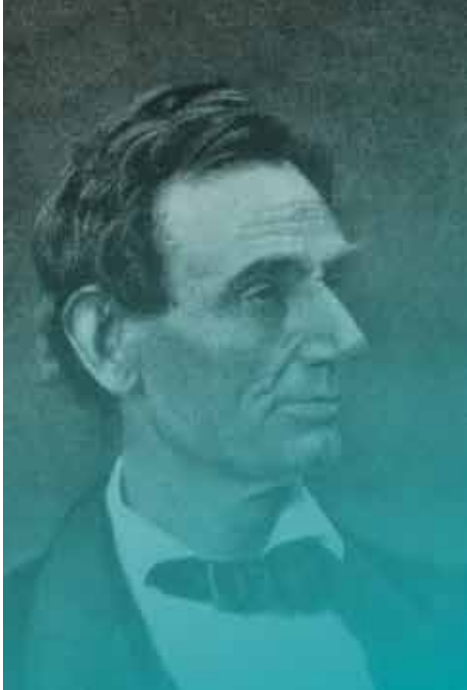
<https://dnrhistoric.illinois.gov/experience/sites/central/metamora-courthouse.html>

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.

### LINCOLN TOMB STATE HISTORIC SITE


1500 Monument Avenue,  
Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield  
[visitspringfieldillinois.com](http://visitspringfieldillinois.com)

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.



## WALK IN ABE'S *Footsteps*

The history of Jacksonville, Illinois, still bears the influence of one of our country’s greatest citizens. Immerse in our legends on the Looking for Lincoln audio narrated wayside exhibits at the historic sites around town. Tour the Governor Duncan Mansion, stand where Lincoln gave an 1858 Senate campaign speech, and see the homes once owned by colleagues, allies, and friends of Lincoln. Between stops, explore the restaurants and shops in long-standing storefronts. No matter what your idea of a good time is, creating your own experiences comes as easily as discovering a bit of the past.



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Mt. Pulaski Courthouse  
Mt. Pulaski



### MT. PULASKI COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

113 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski  
[destinationlogancountyil.com/  
mount-pulaski-courthouse](http://destinationlogancountyil.com/mount-pulaski-courthouse)

Visit 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 an 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.

### MUSEUM OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE

950 N Lombard St, Mahomet  
[museumofthegrandprairie.org](http://museumofthegrandprairie.org)

Explore an extensive collection interpreting life in east-central Illinois. Enjoy two floors of unique exhibits presenting the architecture, trades and occupations, decorative arts, and childhood and domestic life of Champaign County’s past. 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.



Museum of the  
Grand Prairie  
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### NEW PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Broad Street, 2159E Cty 2, Barry  
[nps.gov/places/new-philadelphia-nhs.htm](http://nps.gov/places/new-philadelphia-nhs.htm)

Explore the New Philadelphia townsite, the first town in the United States to be platted and legally registered by an African American. The site interprets the story of Frank McWorter, a former slave, who founded the integrated community and the lives of other residents. The site features a walking trail and augmented reality app that allows visitors to experience New Philadelphia as it looked in the 1830s and 1840s.

### NEW SALEM STATE HISTORIC SITE

15588 History Ln, Petersburg  
[lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://lincolnsnewsalem.com)

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.

### OLD LINCOLN COURTROOM AND MUSEUM

101 W 3rd St, Beardstown  
[beardstownil.org/old-lincoln-courtroom-and-museum](http://beardstownil.org/old-lincoln-courtroom-and-museum)

In the courtroom, Lincoln defended Duff Armstrong in the famous Almanac Trial, and is the only courtroom where Lincoln practiced that is still in use today. The included Beardstown Historical Museum collection includes historically and culturally significant objects and artifacts relating to the community, region, and the area’s Native American Heritage.

### OLD STATE CAPITOL STATE HISTORIC SITE

526 E Adams St., Springfield  
[visitspringfieldillinois.com](http://visitspringfieldillinois.com)

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.

New Philadelphia  
Pittsfield



New Salem  
State Historic Site  
Petersburg



Old Lincoln Courtroom  
and Museum  
Beardstown



## POSTVILLE COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

914 5th St., Lincoln

[destinationlogancountyil.com/postville-courthouse](http://destinationlogancountyil.com/postville-courthouse)

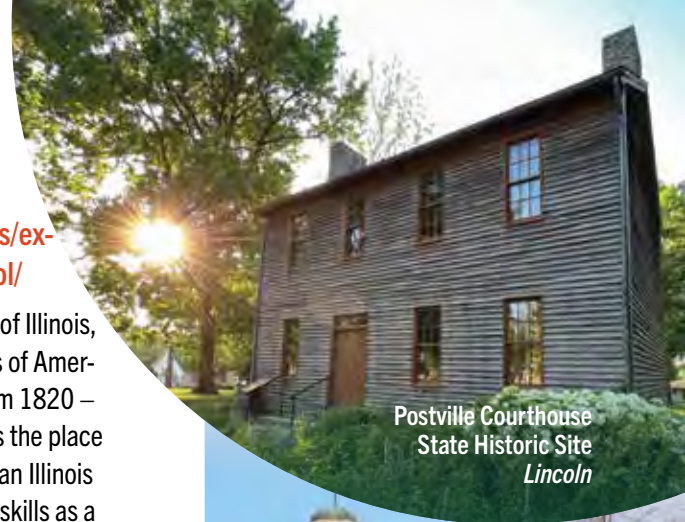
Imagine yourself arguing a point of law in this rugged, brown frame building – a reproduction of the building that served as the seat of Logan County government from 1840 – 1848. Reconstructed in 1953, the Postville Courthouse contains historical exhibits of the 8th Judicial Circuit, and a courtroom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

## VANDALIA STATEHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

315 W Gallatin St, Vandalia

[vandaliaininois.com/for-visitors/explore-vandalia/old-state-capitol/](http://vandaliaininois.com/for-visitors/explore-vandalia/old-state-capitol/)

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



Old State Capitol  
State Historic Site  
Springfield



Vandalia Statehouse  
State Historic Site  
Vandalia

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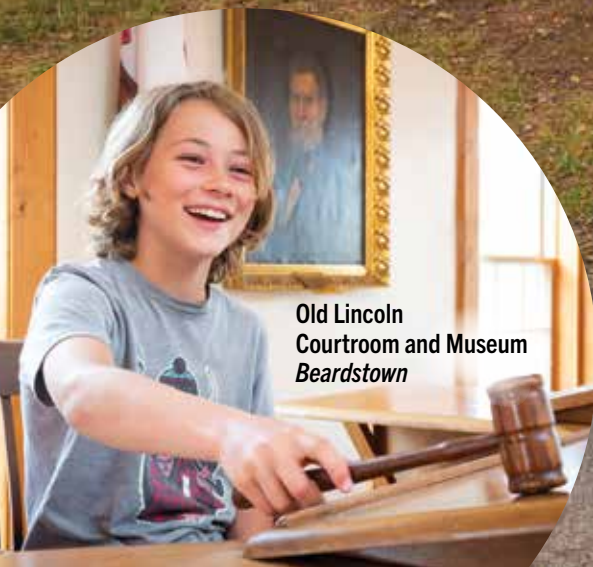


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# EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITIES

Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, is proudly represented by welcoming communities each showcasing a unique Lincoln experience along your journey. Set your GPS and map our coordinates, because all across the state, you will find a Lincoln adventure to explore.

## LET'S GO DISCOVER



Old Lincoln  
Courtroom and Museum  
Beardstown



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Lincoln-Douglas Debate Site  
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### ALTON

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200 Piasa Street, Alton  
(800) 258-6645 or (618) 465-6676  
riversandroutes.com

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.

### ATLANTA

City of Atlanta Welcome Center  
114 SW Arch Street, Atlanta  
(217) 871-7557 atlantailinois.org

Visit this small town in the heart of central Illinois where Abraham Lincoln and Historic Route 66 overlap. The Atlanta History Museum tells the many stories of Lincoln’s connections to this lovely little town. Each year, travelers from around the world make Atlanta a stop on their crosscountry U.S. Route 66 adventure and often include a visit to the famous Bunyon Giant and the Atlanta History Museum.

### BEARDSTOWN

Beardstown Chamber of Commerce  
101 West Third Street, Beardstown  
(217) 323-3271  
beardstownil.org

This charming little river town is one of the oldest in Illinois, nestled on the shores of the Illinois River. Here, Abraham Lincoln the lawyer argued many court cases at the Beardstown Courthouse, including the famous “Almanac Trial” – where Lincoln used the Farmer’s Almanac to prove his theory in a murder trial. During the Black Hawk War, Lincoln came to Beardstown to be installed as a Captain of the Sangamon County Company.

*There’s a whole lot more...*





McLean County Museum of History  
Bloomington



Champaign County History Museum  
Champaign

## BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

**Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
101 S. Madison Street, Bloomington  
(800) 433-8226 or (309) 665-0033  
visitbn.org

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. Meet the people and hear the stories of this city during Lincoln's time with a visit to the McLean County Museum of History and the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site.

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

*Champaign-Urbana, Mahomet*  
**Visit Champaign County**  
17 East Taylor Street, Champaign  
(800) 369-6151 or (217) 351-4133  
experiencecu.org

Lincoln often visited Mahomet and Champaign County as he rode the Circuit from 1841-1859. Throughout the year, Lincoln would travel through the area working on a variety of civil and criminal cases. Learn more at Champaign County's Lincoln exhibit at the Museum of the Grand Prairie in Mahomet and "Abraham Lincoln: Large Presence in a Small Town" at the Champaign County Courthouse in Urbana.

## CHARLESTON

**Charleston Tourism Office**  
520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston  
(217) 345-2484  
charlestontourism.org

Thomas and Sarah 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 in Lerna. Lincoln tried many cases here and in 1858, Charleston was the scene of the Lincoln-Douglas debate. Be sure to visit the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum while in town.

## CLINTON

**Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce**  
100 South Center Street, Suite 101, Clinton  
(217) 935-3364  
clintonilchamber.com

Lincoln played an important role in the early development of Clinton, beginning in 1839 as a young lawyer with the 8th Judicial Circuit until he became the 16th President of the United States. Be sure to plan a visit to the mid-Victorian mansion that was home to Lincoln's Clinton law partner, the Honorable C.H. Moore. Afterwards, stop by the Warner Library, where you'll find some of the oldest books and manuscripts in the county.

## FIND EVEN MORE LOOKING FOR LINCOLN INFORMATION ONLINE



Lincoln Log Cabin Site  
Lerna



"The Convergence of Purpose" Statue  
Bloomington



## DANVILLE

Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

100 West Main Street #146, Danville  
(800) 383-4386 or (217) 442-2096  
visitdanvillearea.com

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. 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.



C.H. Moore Homestead  
Clinton



Lamon House  
Danville



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### DECATUR

Decatur Area Convention & Visitors Bureau  
202 East North Street, Decatur  
(217) 423-7000  
decaturcvb.com

Decatur and Macon County have a landscape rich in Lincoln history. Many “firsts” in Lincoln’s life happened in and around Decatur. It was the first home of the Lincoln family when they moved to Illinois. Downtown Decatur was the site of Lincoln’s very first political speech, and it was here that he was first nominated for the Presidency at the State Republican Party Convention. Today, the log courthouse where those cases were heard still exists in the Prairie Village at the Macon County History Museum.

### FREEPORT

Greater Freeport Partnership Visitor Center  
110 W. Main Street, Freeport  
(815) 233-1350  
greaterfreeport.com

When the nation’s struggle over slavery was the largest talk in political debates in 1858, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas reached a tipping point at the second of their seven debates in Freeport. Painted into a corner by Lincoln’s questioning, Douglas shed light on his true feelings regarding slave ownership and rights in what is now known as the “Freeport Doctrine.” This pivotal moment can be traced to a movement that eventually won Lincoln the presidency in 1860.




Pontiac is proud of its Lincoln heritage! We invite you 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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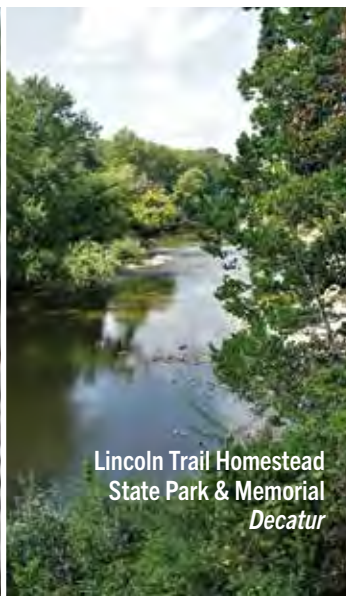
The area is large and varied, making it hard to know how to even begin!

You can check out our pre-planned itineraries on our website at

[LookingForLincoln.org/explore/pre-planned-itineraries](http://LookingForLincoln.org/explore/pre-planned-itineraries)




Macon County History Museum  
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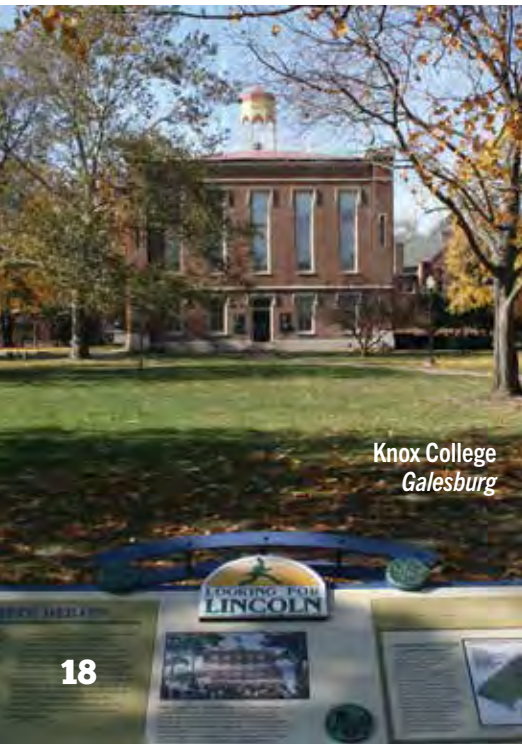
Historic Nauvoo  
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## GALESBURG

Galesburg Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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(309) 343-2485  
experiencegalesburg.com

Old Main at Knox College in Galesburg is the only remaining original Lincoln-Douglas debate site – commemorated by large bronze tablets flanking the east door. Poet Carl Sandburg, possibly one of the most famous of all Lincoln scholars, was born in Galesburg and his birthplace is open to visitors.



Knox College  
Galesburg

## HANCOCK COUNTY

Carthage, Nauvoo  
Carthage Chamber of Commerce  
15 Main Street, Carthage  
(217) 357-3024  
carthage-il.com

Nauvoo Tourism Office  
1295 Mulholland Street, Nauvoo  
(217) 453-6648  
beautifulnauvoo.com

Located in west-central Illinois, Hancock County is home to 11 Looking For Lincoln wayside exhibits. Carthage, the county seat, is where Lincoln tried a murder case (and lost) and gave a speech during the 1858 senatorial campaign. Discover the community's Lincoln connections by visiting the Kibbe Hancock Heritage Museum and six of the Looking for Lincoln wayside exhibits. At nearby Nauvoo, experience the lives of the early members of the Mormon Church who settled along the banks of the Mississippi in 1839. Over 30 historic attractions are brought to life through year-round living history interpretations and performances that share the stories of these early Illinoisans.

## FIND EVEN MORE LOOKING FOR LINCOLN INFORMATION ONLINE



## JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau  
310 East State Street, Jacksonville  
(800) 593-5678 or (217) 243-5678  
jacksonvilleil.org

Just west of Springfield, you can follow in Lincoln's footsteps through historic Jacksonville via the "Voices of Jacksonville." This audio tour will take you to seven sites where you see the places and hear the stories of Lincoln and his association with Jacksonville. Tour the Governor Duncan Mansion and Woodlawn Farm, a stop on the Underground Railroad. You'll find intriguing and extraordinary stories of the life and times of Lincoln here.

## JONESBORO

Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau  
P.O. Box 378, Anna  
(618) 833-9928  
southernmostillinois.com

Located in southern Illinois, the community of Jonesboro was the site of the third Lincoln-Douglas debate in 1858. Lincoln spent the two nights surrounding the debate at the home of David L. Phillips in the adjacent town on Anna. Today, you can visit Lincoln Memorial Park in Jonesboro, the site of the debates. Walk in Lincoln's footsteps in Anna and Jonesboro as you follow the Lincoln Story Trail.

## LASALLE COUNTY

LaSalle, Ottawa, Utica

Ottawa Visitor Center

1028 La Salle Street, Ottawa

(815) 434-2737

[pickusottawail.com](http://pickusottawail.com)

Abraham Lincoln was no stranger to LaSalle County. He tried court cases in the community, was mustered out of the militia during the Blackhawk War, travelled on the Illinois & Michigan Canal and also served as an I&M Canal Commissioner. His most notable visit to LaSalle County took place on August 21, 1858. The first of seven Lincoln-Douglas senatorial debates was held in Ottawa's historic Washington Square. Be sure to take a journey back in time aboard the "Volunteer," a mule-pulled 1840's replica canal boat, as it coasts gently up and down the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Retrace Lincoln's footsteps in LaSalle County.



Woodlawn Farm  
Jacksonville



Constitution Celebration  
Jonesboro



I&M Canal  
LaSalle

### C. H. MOORE HOMESTEAD



### AND DeWitt County Museum

219 E. Woodlawn Clinton, Illinois

217-935-6066

[chmoorehomestead.org](http://chmoorehomestead.org)



Open for Tours Tuesdays-Saturdays 10-5 and 1-5 Sundays (April-December)  
Museum tours include the restored and fully-furnished Victorian mansion which was the home of C.H. Moore, one of Clinton's earliest and DeWitt County's most prominent citizens as well as a long-time friend of Abraham Lincoln; the original carriage barn; special exhibits featuring the Kent Collection, 19th & 20th Century Agriculture Collection, Historic Houses of DeWitt County Exhibit; and more.

#### EVENTS 2024

**June 1-30** Quilt Show

**June 9** Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad Presentation

**August 4** This Land is Your Land: The Folk Songs of Woody Guthrie

**Sept. 28 & 29** Apple 'n Pork Festival

**November 29** Santa Night

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Apple 'n Pork Festival

C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum





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## LINCOLN

**Destination Logan County**  
101 North Chicago Street, Lincoln  
(217) 732-8687  
destinationlogancountyil.com

The only town to be named for Lincoln – before he became President, Lincoln has a rich connection with this city and Logan County. As a lawyer on the 8th Judicial Circuit, Lincoln argued many cases at Postville Courthouse, a state historic site. The Lincoln Heritage Museum houses an amazing collection of rare Lincoln artifacts, including treasures such as china, books, and mourning clothing belonging to Mary Lincoln, as well as original correspondence from President Lincoln written during the Civil War.

## FIND EVEN MORE LOOKING FOR LINCOLN INFORMATION ONLINE



## MACOMB

**Unforgettable Forgottonia– Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau**  
120 E. Calhoun St. #1, Macomb  
(309) 833-1315  
visitforgottonia.com

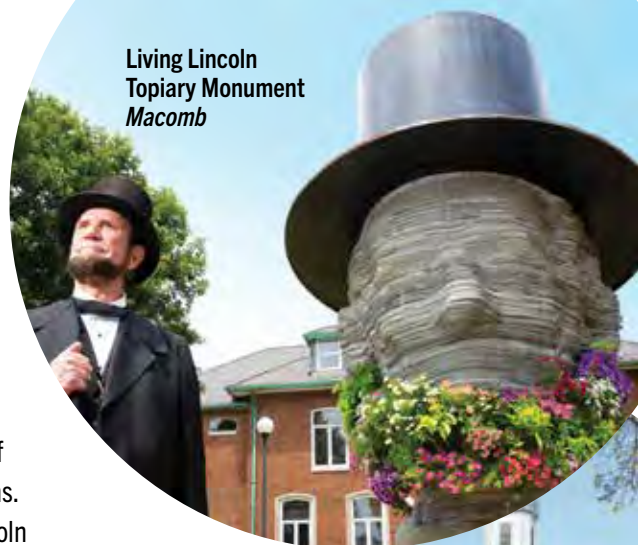
Located in the western Illinois region legendarily know as Unforgettable Forgottonia, the charming community of Macomb has several Lincoln connections. The focal point is the unique Living Lincoln Topiary Monument in which live flowering plants create Lincoln's beard, making it the only one of its kind in the world. It serves as the centerpiece of a 10 site self-guided tour which employs the use of QR-codes linking users to photos, information and videos of Lincoln himself explaining the sites via their mobile phones. The tour includes, among others: the McDonough County Courthouse grounds where Lincoln twice spoke, the Randolph House where he stayed on at least three occasions, a cemetery where civil war veterans, former slaves, Underground Rail Road conductors and friends of Lincoln rest, and the site at which one of the earliest photos of Lincoln was taken.

## METAMORA

**Metamora Courthouse**  
113 East Partridge Street, Metamora  
(309) 367-4470  
villageofmetamora.com/history

Step back in time on the beautiful Metamora town square, surrounding the Metamora Courthouse. Metamora is also the hometown of Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. Vice President under Grover Cleveland. Both Stevenson and Lincoln practiced law in the Courthouse here. Today, you can visit the courthouse and walk in Lincoln's footsteps.

Living Lincoln Topiary Monument  
Macomb



## MT PULASKI

**Destination Logan County**  
101 North Chicago Street, Lincoln  
(217) 732-8687  
destinationlogancountyil.com

Courthouse  
Metamora



A small rural community in the heart of Illinois, Mt. Pulaski boasts a charming town square whose crown jewel is a beautiful red brick Greek Revival building that was the courthouse where Lincoln spent much of his time. In addition to the courthouse, you'll also find the Mt. Pulaski Museum and Welcome Center, as well as several quaint shops and restaurants. A trip to Mt. Pulaski is a chance to get off the interstate and explore the landscape that Lincoln the lawyer traveled throughout central Illinois.

Mt. Pulaski Courthouse  
State Historic Site  
Mt. Pulaski



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## PARIS

Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism  
105 North Central Street, Paris  
(217) 465-4179  
[parisilchamber.com](http://parisilchamber.com)

The county was part of the Eighth Judicial Circuit from 1845 until 1853. During those years, Lincoln tried 50 cases in Paris, the county seat. Edgar County was one of the most populated counties on the circuit, and his legal practice here was instrumental in furthering his political career. Lincoln was also in the county in 1856 and 1858 giving political speeches. Milton Alexander, a prominent man in Paris, often entertained Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas at his home when they were in town.

## PETERSBURG

Petersburg  
(217) 632-4000  
[visitmenardcounty.com/history](http://visitmenardcounty.com/history)

History comes alive in New Salem at this reconstructed historic pioneer village where Lincoln lived and worked as a young man. Just two miles to the north, is the picturesque community of Petersburg, where many of New Salem's residents are buried in the historic Oakland Cemetery – including Ann Rutledge – believed by many to be Lincoln's sweetheart during his time in New Salem. Famed author, Edgar Lee Masters, lived here and wrote about Lincoln and many inhabitants of New Salem. His home still stands in Petersburg.



## PIKE COUNTY

Pike County Visitors Center  
224 West Washington, Pittsfield  
(217) 285-2971  
[pikelincoln.com](http://pikelincoln.com) or [pikeil.org](http://pikeil.org)

Pike County is home to the charming community of Pittsfield, as well as New Philadelphia National Historic Site. A walking trail and augmented reality app combine to allow visitors to experience New Philadelphia as it looked in the 1830s and 1840s. While visiting the nearby community of Pittsfield, be sure to experience the Talking Houses of Pittsfield / Looking for Lincoln Story Trail. Here, you will learn stories about early Pittsfield residents who knew Abraham Lincoln, including some who accompanied our 16th President all the way to the White House.

## PONTIAC

Visit Pontiac Illinois  
115 West Howard Street, Pontiac  
(815) 844-5847  
[visitpontiac.org](http://visitpontiac.org)

While riding the 8th Judicial Circuit, Abraham Lincoln frequently visited Pontiac. Lincoln represented a number of local citizens in legal actions, and made connections here that helped him to rise to prominence in state and national politics. Today, the Lincoln Story Trail tells the many stories of Lincoln's connections to the area. Each year, travelers from around the world make Pontiac a stop on their cross-country U.S. Route 66 adventure and visit many of the attractions.





# OUR STORY

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- Miller-Davis Building
- Train Funeral Marker
- McLean County Museum of History
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Lincoln-Douglas Interpretive Center  
Quincy

## QUINCY

### Quincy Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

532 Gardner Expressway, Quincy  
(800) 978-4748 or 217-214-3700  
seequincy.com

Located along the mighty Mississippi, Quincy was a frequent stop for Mr. Lincoln where he counted some of its residents among his closest friends. Visit the historic Lincoln-Douglas debate site and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum in the heart of downtown. Tour the home of famed abolitionist and Underground Railroad Conductor, Dr. Richard Eells, whose case was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. Get to know one of Lincoln's close political allies, John Wood, as you explore his impressive mansion.

## SHELBYVILLE

### Lake Shelbyville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

315 East Main Street, Shelbyville  
(217) 774-2244  
lakeshelbyville.com

In his years as a circuit-riding attorney, Lincoln was often in Shelbyville practicing his trade at the Shelby County Courthouse. The Courthouse features a painting of the Lincoln-Thornton Debate. While the Lincoln-Douglas Debates are certainly more famous, the earlier Thornton Debate was Lincoln's first public appearance as a Republican and the first time he publicly addressed the anti-slavery notions that would be so important in his later years. This charming community overlooking beautiful Lake Shelbyville is a must-stop on your Lincoln adventure.

## SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Visitor Center  
1 South Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield  
(800) 545-7300 or (217) 789-2360  
visitspringfieldillinois.com

Located in the heart of the 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.

## TAYLORVILLE

Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce  
108 West Market Street # 2, Taylorville  
(217) 824-4919  
taylorvillechamber.com

Taylorville is often referred to as "the last stop" because when Lincoln and other lawyers traveling the 8th Judicial Circuit arrived here, it was usually their last stop before heading home to Springfield. The downtown courthouse square features the only statue of Abraham Lincoln with a pig commemorating Lincoln's famous "writ of quietus." The old courthouse that was the site of many Lincoln trials has been preserved at the Christian County Historical Museum complex. Totally restored using original construction specifications, this 1839 building includes interior furnishings echoing courtrooms of the period.



Courthouse Statue  
Taylorville

## VANDALIA

Illinois South Tourism  
4387 N. Illinois St., Suite 200, Swansea  
(618) 257-1488  
downstateil.org

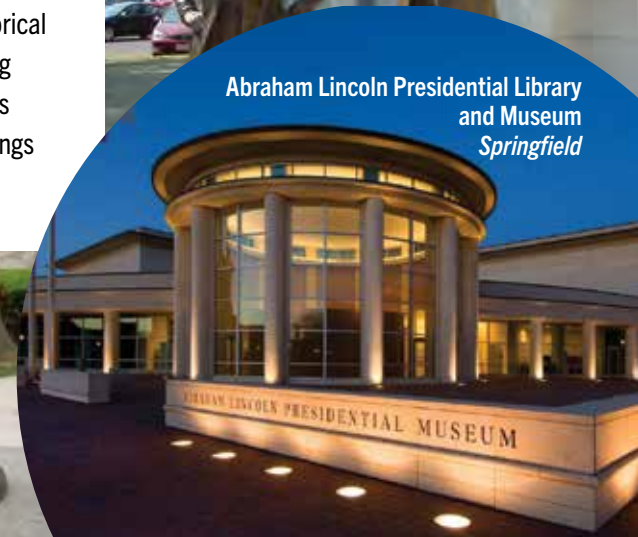
The capital city of Illinois from 1820-1839, Vandalia was the place where a young Abraham Lincoln officially began his political career as an elected state legislator from the village of New Salem in 1834. Mr. Lincoln would play an important role of the controversial effort to move the state capital to the city of Springfield. Today, the Vandalia Statehouse stands as an elegant reminder of Illinois' early history as a new state. Nearby is the Fayette County Museum, featuring Lincoln-era memorabilia and the story of the people of Vandalia and Fayette County.



Vandalia Statehouse  
Vandalia



Thornton Debate Site  
Shelbyville



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum  
Springfield



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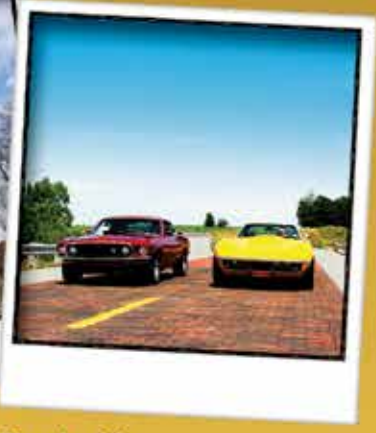
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# COUNTY'S LINCOLN



## ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO PIKE COUNTY.

*He left his judicial circuit and crossed the Illinois River to practice*

law with many of Pike County's leading attorneys, forming close associations with prominent Whig and Republican Party members from the county. He enjoyed close personal friendships with many Pike County residents. Lincoln campaigned often in the county, including a notable rally with U. S. Senator Lyman Trumbull in the 1856 presidential and congressional campaign. He served in the Illinois State Legislature with William Ross and William Grimsdale. His friend Oziah Hatch was Illinois Secretary of State, and Alexander Starnes was Illinois State Treasurer. Nowhere were Lincoln's relationships more personal and enjoyable than in Pike County. Among his old friends were Abraham Scholl, who fought in the Indian Wars in Kentucky with the Lincolns, the Shastid Family, Milton Hay, Daniel Gilmer, Renben Scanland, Aaron Tyler, and Charles Phillbrick. Lincoln's third private secretary. Lincoln's spirit has become a visible part of Pike County; many homes and buildings associated with his visits still survive and have been marked for the Lincoln tourist.

...you had met and spent  
...field, were photographed  
...there's Gallery in  
...ber 6, 1863 John Hay  
...I immortalized ourselves  
...group with the President.  
...who had lived in Peersfield to  
...be was elected president. In  
...Republican article stated  
...ed compliment to Pike  
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...g school here for a



# FIND HISTORY ALONG THE STORY TRAIL

The Looking for Lincoln Story Trail is what you get when you combine pages of an open-air story book with a treasure hunt for dynamic learning.

Over 200 wayside exhibits and statues are placed at significant sites in over 50 communities within the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Each represents intriguing stories and local people that played a key role in Lincoln's journey to greatness.

At each unique exhibit, the engaging story content is presented in way that you are sure to walk away with added knowledge and interesting points steeped in Lincoln's history. Just as Lincoln was a one-of-a-kind person and president, you will have the opportunity to view a one-of-a-kind medallion with an image representing each exhibit. Take a piece of the story with you by using a piece of paper and a pencil to create your treasure of a Looking for Lincoln rubbing.

Across the land of Abraham Lincoln, plan your story trail and collect all 200 rubbings as a keepsake record of your adventure of learning. This is a fun activity to help you discover amazing stories and treasures of history.

The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area also invites you to find an array of itineraries on the official Looking for Lincoln website at [LookingForLincoln.org](http://LookingForLincoln.org). New itineraries are always in the works so continue to check back to find the latest ones available.

A trail, a story, a treasure beckoning you to explore countless places in Illinois all tied to where Lincoln lived for 30 years. Find over 200 wayside exhibit sites at: [LookingForLincoln.org/explore/communities](http://LookingForLincoln.org/explore/communities)

## FIND AN EXHIBIT

[LookingForLincoln.org/explore/communities](http://LookingForLincoln.org/explore/communities)

Finding the over 200+ wayside exhibits and locations around the Looking for Lincoln area can be tricky - history sometimes didn't happen on a main road. On our website, we've included an interactive map with precise locations for use on your mobile mapping device.

## LET'S GO FIND YOUR LINCOLN STORY



# The Lincoln Danville Knew



## Danville & Vermilion County

Taking a stroll down Vermilion St in Danville (1850), you may well have run into a tall, gangly, somewhat unkempt young man, wearing a stovetop hat, rushing from his office to the nearby courthouse. Danville knew that young man well, as Abe Lincoln practiced law here from 1841-1859 as he traveled the now famous 8th Judicial Circuit in Illinois.

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

Abraham Lincoln

Noon February 11, 1861 • On his way to Washington

Today, Danville is proud to be part of the Looking for Lincoln National Heritage Area, home to the Vermilion County Museum, replicating that early courthouse, and adjacent to the Fithian Home. (Lincoln site on the National Register of Historic Places).



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Danville, IL 61832  
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[www.visitdanvillearea.com](http://www.visitdanvillearea.com)



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# Discover Abraham Lincoln in Coles County



## Charleston

- Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum
- Rally after the Debate Wayside
- Charleston Riot Marker
- Coles County Courthouse



## Mattoon

- Historic Train Depot
- Lincoln's Last Visit Wayside
- Mattoon Public Library Local History Center
- Dodge Grove Cemetery



## Lerna

- Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site

Contact us for more ways to look for Lincoln in Coles County!

### Charleston Tourism

217.348.0430 • [tourism@co.coles.il.us](mailto:tourism@co.coles.il.us)

### Mattoon Tourism

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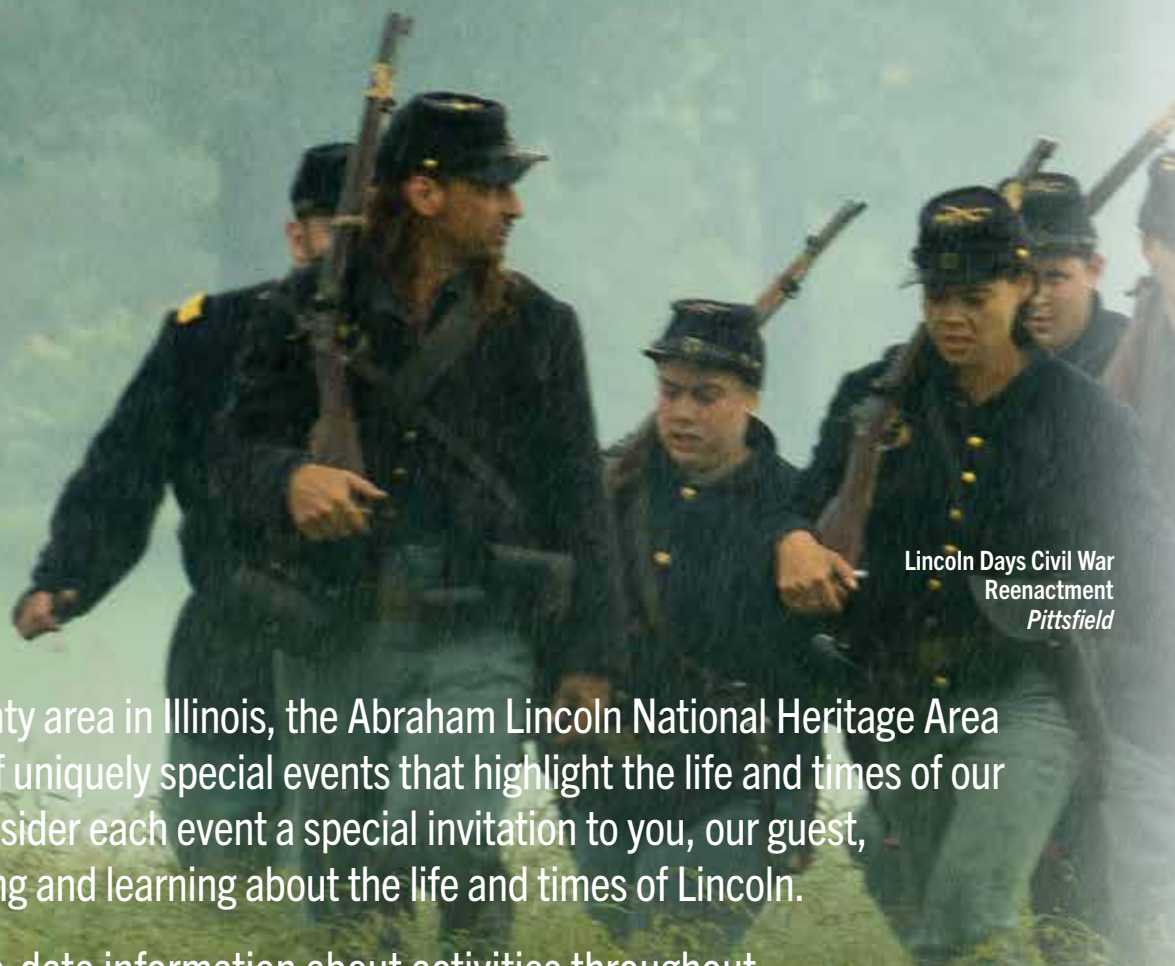
### *Shopping*

Explore our collection of books, souvenirs, gifts, and more in the Clover Lawn Museum Shop, located inside the mansion.

Visit [daviddavismansion.org](http://daviddavismansion.org) to learn more and view our event calendar!



# SIGNATURE EVENTS



Lincoln Days Civil War  
Reenactment  
*Pittsfield*

Spanning a 43-county area in Illinois, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area boasts a calendar of uniquely special events that highlight the life and times of our 16th president. Consider each event a special invitation to you, our guest, to participate in living and learning about the life and times of Lincoln.

Find the most up-to-date information about activities throughout the Land of Lincoln at **[LookingForLincoln.org/events](http://LookingForLincoln.org/events)**

## LET'S GO DISCOVER



## HISTORY COMES ALIVE

May 31–August 4, 2024 | Springfield Visitor Center, 1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield  
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Returning for its 15th season, History Comes Alive transports you back to 19th Century Springfield. Immerse yourself in Lincoln's hometown while meeting our largest cast of historical reenactors yet. Live performances, a variety of demonstrations, as well special presentations of some of Lincoln's most famous speeches. Springfield is truly a city where History Comes Alive! Free downtown trolley service to historic sites Wed-Sat!



## LINCOLN DAYS CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

June 1–2, 2024 | Lake Pittsfield, Pittsfield | [pikelincoln.com](http://pikelincoln.com)

You'll have a front row seat as Civil War battles rage all weekend long. Armies of both the Union and Confederacy will battle it out along the shores of lovely Lake Pittsfield. 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 Civil War. Watch as the Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery conduct their practice drills. Enjoy a ladies' and gentlemen's fashion show, children's games and crafts as well as the Flat Lincoln Scavenger Hunt.



## GRANDE LEVEE

June 15, 2024 | Vandalia State House State Historic Site, 315 W Gallatin St, Vandalia  
[dnrhistorical.illinois.gov/experience/sites/site.vandalia-state-house.html](http://dnrhistorical.illinois.gov/experience/sites/site.vandalia-state-house.html)

The Grande Levee is a celebration of the grand receptions that took place during the 1800s to honor government dignitaries and important visitors when Vandalia was the seat of Illinois state government. Visitors can enjoy period demonstrations, the selling of wares, an Abraham Lincoln presenter, period folk music, children's area with fun period games, and tours of the Vandalia Statehouse. The event is free and open to the public.



## FRONTIER SETTLEMENT DAY

September 14, 2024 | Quinsippi Island 1100 Quinsippi Island Rd., Quincy  
[logcabinvillagequincyil.com](http://logcabinvillagequincyil.com)

Step back in time to the 1800s at the Log Cabin Village. Learn how felt hats and rugs were made, what church was like, and visit with the ladies who will be having tea. Other activities include wool spinning, chair caning, music and games. Food will be available for purchase, and stop by the Clat Adams cabin/store to see what's new. Frontier Day is held on Quinsippi Island, just past All America Park.



## CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION

September 14, 2024 | 521 N Main St, Jonesboro  
[fs.usda.gov/recarea/shawnee/recarea/?recid=10673](https://fs.usda.gov/recarea/shawnee/recarea/?recid=10673)

On the 165th Anniversary of the famous Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Jonesboro celebrates at Lincoln Memorial Park. The program will include a 21-gun and cannon salute, and a minute of bell-ringing to mark the occasion. Soloists, speakers, and essayist will present the program. Children's games, music, and food begin at 4:30 pm, with the program at 5:30 pm. This event is a great opportunity to explore this beautiful, but often overlooked part of Illinois.



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# SIGNATURE EVENTS continued...



## HARVEST FROLIC

September 28-29, 2024 | Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site,  
402 S. Lincoln Hwy., Lerna | [lincolnlogcabin.org/index.html](http://lincolnlogcabin.org/index.html)

Come celebrate the arrival of autumn at the Harvest Frolic. The event is free and open to the public. Don't miss experiencing 19th-century life on the farm. Activities will take place at both the Lincoln and Sargent farms and will include children's games, crafts, hearth cooking, and activities. A number of artisans will be on site demonstrating their crafts including, spinning, pottery, broommaking, blacksmithing, embroidery, and many other 19th-century crafts.



## UNFORGETTABLE LINCOLN DAYS

October 5, 2024 | Historic Courthouse Square & Chandler Park, Macomb

Unforgettable Lincoln Days is a celebration of Visit Forgottonia's Unforgettable connection to our nation's most popular and enduring leader. The event features the world's only giant Living Lincoln Topiary Monument, "selfie" opportunities with the nation's leading Abraham Lincoln interpreter, entertainment from historic singer/songwriter, and roots musician Chris Vallillo, Macomb's historic Looking For Lincoln Historic Self-Guide Tour powered by eATLAS, horse drawn trolley rides, Civil War reactors encampment, working Blacksmith, Hy-Vee's Looking For Flat Lincoln Scavenger Hunt, a special three-story tall "Living Lincoln Mural" and as the event's centerpiece, our original play *When Macomb Hosted Lincoln: Devising the Freeport Question* by Dr. Tim Roberts, plus more surprises.



# Explore LINCOLN in Decatur

- Lincoln's family cabin once stood west of Decatur.
- Lincoln gave his first speech on Decatur's public square.
- Lincoln practiced law in Macon County's first courthouse.
- Lincoln was first mentioned for the presidency in Decatur.



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[nationalroad.org](http://nationalroad.org)

America's first highway, known as the Historic National Road, was built on big plans to join the already civilized East Coast with the western frontier. From 1830 to 1838, as a young Abraham Lincoln was finding his way as a prairie lawyer and state legislator, construction of the Illinois portion of the road was underway. Although by the 1850s,

railroads became the preferred method of East-West travel in the U.S. The Illinois section of the National Road holds the stories of nearly two centuries of American history.

## ILLINOIS RIVER ROAD

[illinoisriverroad.org](http://illinoisriverroad.org)

On the Illinois River Road, you'll travel the same path as early French explorers. Whether you want to hike the bluff trails, bike the historic canal towpaths, throw in a fishing line, canoe in one of the beautifully restored wetlands along the way, or just soak in the natural beauty as you travel between Looking for Lincoln communities – this is the perfect chance to immerse yourself in the rich history and beauty of the Illinois River Valley.

## ILLINOIS ROUTE 66

[illinoisroute66.org](http://illinoisroute66.org)

U.S. Route 66 is arguably one of the most famous roads in the world, and part of that iconic road crisscrosses the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area in Illinois. For gener-

ations of travelers, Route 66 represents the freedom of the road – the chance to leave the everyday behind and step back to a simpler time – to the main streets of small town America. Mr. Lincoln may have made his road trips on the back of a horse or in a buggy, but your trip along Illinois Route 66 will let you follow his trail through central Illinois.

## MEETING OF THE GREAT RIVERS

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For the most up-to-date list of all the cancellation stamp locations, visit: [LookingForLincoln.org/explore/passport-program](https://www.LookingForLincoln.org/explore/passport-program)



# Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Tourism Offices



## Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition

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520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston  
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