



Planning Your Visit



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Introduction

Harry S Truman National Historic Site opened to the public on May 15, 1984. In her will, Mrs. Truman donated the site to the United States. Today, the National Park Service preserves and interprets the home of President Truman. Completed in 1885 by Mrs. Truman's grandparents, the fourteen room Victorian house provided a home to four generations of the family. When Mr. Truman became President, the house became the "Summer White House." Plan ahead with this brochure to have an enjoyable visit to the Truman Home.

Location

The Truman Home stands in downtown Independence, Missouri, twelve miles east of Kansas City.

On Interstate-70, take the Noland Road exit (#12). Travel north on Noland Road four miles to Truman Road. Turn left on Truman Road. Drive two blocks to the corner of Truman Road and Main Street to the Ticket and Information Center.

On Interstate-435, take the Truman Road exit (#60). Travel east on Truman Road four miles to the Ticket and Information Center at Truman Road and Main Street.

Guided Tours



The National Park Service provides guided tours of the Truman Home. Tour tickets must first be purchased at the Truman Home Ticket and Information Center. Tickets are available each day on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$4.00 per person, children 15 and under are free. All "passports" apply when obtaining tickets. We do not accept advanced reservations.

The Ticket and Information Center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To ensure your space on a tour, we suggest arriving early in the day. Tours are not available on Mondays between Labor Day and Memorial Day. The site is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

The National Park Service also provides ranger led walking tours of the neighborhood during the summer

months. Weather permitting, walking tours begin twice daily from the Ticket Center through the hometown streets that Mr. Truman walked. Ask at the ticket center for availability.

To start your visit, the Ticket and Information Center provides a free twelve minute slide program about the Trumans family in their home. The site's only restroom facilities are located here. From the Ticket Center, the Truman Home is five blocks west on Truman Road at Delaware Street. Parking in the Truman neighborhood is limited. Ask at the Ticket Center for RV and trailer parking. For accessibility information, please contact the National Park Service office.

Truman Related Sites

Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library: preserves the presidential papers, as well as a public museum to the President.

Jackson County Courthouse/ Truman Courtroom: presents a program about Truman and Independence in the courtroom where he served as Presiding County Judge.

Harry S Truman Farm Home: stands 20 miles south of Independence. Mr. Truman operated the family farm from 1906-1917. The home is now part of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site.

Other Services

Restaurants: Several are within walking distance of the Ticket and Information Center. A variety are located on nearby Noland Road.

Public Transportation: Amtrak stops at the Truman Railroad Station, one mile from the Ticket and Information Center. Intercity buses operate in the area on a limited basis. Several cab companies also operate in the area.

Overnight Accomodations: Several motels are located at the Noland Road interchange with Interstate-70, four miles from the Ticket and Information Center. There are also several bed and breakfasts located nearby. For campers, there are five different camping facilities within an approximately fifteen mile radius of the Truman Home.

More Information

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Local Points of Interest

1. Truman Home Ticket and Information Center
2. Truman Home
3. Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library
4. Harry Truman Boyhood Home 1896-1902 (not open to the public)
5. Bess W. Truman Birthplace (not open to the public)
6. Jackson County Courthouse
7. Bingham-Waggoner Estate
8. Vaile Mansion
9. National Frontier Trails Center
10. Joseph Smith Historical Area

