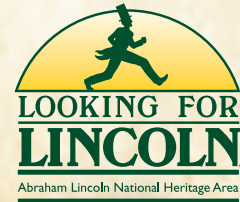


Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

*Illinois – Where the Lincoln
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#1 Old State Capitol Plaza
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Looking for Lincoln?

He's Here...

....in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Discover the countless places in Illinois Lincoln lived and traveled for almost 30 years of his life. Along the way, meet the people and hear the stories that shaped the man who would lead our nation through some of its most trying times. Throughout these 42 counties, you'll have a front row seat as the life and times of Lincoln unfold before your eyes through amazing attractions such as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Lincoln Log Cabin...and so many more. The stories and the storytellers come to life through living history programs and Looking for Lincoln Signature Events that will make you believe you really are there in Lincoln's day. Few individuals have so profoundly

influenced American history. And, still today, millions around the world are inspired by the story of Lincoln's rise from humble beginnings to President of the United States of America. And, the people and communities you'll encounter on your historic adventure are just waiting to welcome you in and share their love of history and Lincoln with you.

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Gateways to the National Heritage Area

Whether you have just a day or two to explore, or you're planning a week-long vacation in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area – our six Gateway Communities are waiting for your arrival. In each Gateway, you'll find a visitor friendly place to get information about the Heritage Area, including where to stay, what to do, and places to see. Here are the Gateways, along with nearby Lincoln Heritage Area partner communities to visit:

Springfield – Located in the heart of Lincoln land, Springfield is the city Lincoln called home for nearly 24 years. In Lincoln's own words as he left for the Presidency, "To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything," he voiced the profound effect that Springfield and central Illinois had on his life. Today, as Illinois' capital city, Springfield 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.

Contact: Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, 217-789-2360 or 800-545-7300. visitspringfieldillinois.com

To learn more about the life and times of Lincoln, make plans to visit these nearby historic towns and areas:

- Atlanta (46 miles) (atlantailinois.org)
- Beardstown (47 miles) (seecass.com)
- Decatur (40 miles) (decaturcvb.com or 800-331-4479)
- Clinton/DeWitt County (48 miles) (clintonchamber.com or 866-4-DeWitt)
- Jacksonville (36 miles) (jacksonvilleil.org or 800-593-5678)
- Lincoln (34 miles) (destinationlogancountyil.com or 217-732-8687)
- Bloomington-Normal (60 miles) (visitbn.org or 800-433-8226)
- Mt. Pulaski (28 miles) (mtpulaskiil.com or 217-792-3719)
- Petersburg/New Salem (24 miles) (visitmenardcounty.com or 217-632-4000)
- Pleasant Plains (17 miles) (clayville.org)
- Pittsfield/Pike County (71 miles) (pikeil.org or 217-285-2971)
- Shelbyville/Shelby County (60 miles) (lakeshelbyville.com or 800-874-3529)
- Taylorville (27 miles) (taylorvillechamber.com or 217-824-4919)

Bloomington-Normal – Outside of Springfield, Lincoln probably spent more time in Bloomington than in any other Illinois city. It was here that Mr. Lincoln cultivated many close political allies and legal



associates. Perhaps one of his closest friends was Bloomington's Judge David Davis, who played a pivotal role in Lincoln's successful legal career and his run for the presidency. Here you'll discover the stately David Davis

Mansion for a rare glimpse into the daily lives of this wealthy Victorian family. Meet the people and hear the stories of this city during Lincoln's time with a visit to the McLean County Museum of History.

Contact: *Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-433-8226. visitbn.org.*

Be sure to stop by the Museum Visitors Center for more about the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area and nearby communities with Lincoln stories to share:

- Atlanta (22 miles) (atlantailinois.org)
- Decatur (46 miles) (decaturovb.com or 800-331-4479)
- Clinton/DeWitt County (48 miles) (clintonilchamber.com or 866-4-DeWitt)
- Mahomet/Champaign County (41 miles) (visitchampaigncounty.org or 800-369-6151)
- Galesburg (87 miles) (visitgalesburg.com or 800-916-3330)
- Lincoln (32 miles) (destinationlogancounty.org or 217-732-8687)
- Metamora (36 miles) (309-367-4044)

- Mt. Pulaski (50 miles) (mtpulaskiil.com or 217-792-3719)
- Petersburg/New Salem (71 miles) (visitmenardcounty.com or 217-632-4000)
- Springfield (60 miles) (visitspringfieldillinois.com or 800-545-7300)

Quincy – Located along the mighty Mississippi in Great Rivers Country, Quincy was a frequent stop for Mr. Lincoln, and he counted

some of its residents among his closest friends. It was here the historic 6th debate with Senator Stephen A. Douglas provided a turning point in his campaign and in his political career as Lincoln made his strongest stand yet against slavery. Visit the historic debate site and new Lincoln-Douglas Interpretive Center in the heart of downtown Quincy. 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 and founder of Quincy, Illinois' 12th Governor, John Wood as you explore his stately mansion. **Contact:** *The Quincy Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-978-4748. seequincy.com.*



After exploring the wealth of history in Quincy, check out some of these other great historic communities:

- Nauvoo/Hancock County (48 miles) (beautifulnavoo.com)
- Alton (118 miles) (visitalton.com or 800-ALTON-IL)
- Pittsfield/Pike County (48 miles) (pikeil.org or 217-285-2971)
- Beardstown (61 miles) (seecass.com)

Alton – On the shores of the Mississippi, just 25 miles north of St. Louis, MO, this historic town is full of rich history. 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 learn about 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. Long considered one of America’s most haunted cities, in this quaint river community you’ll feel our history come alive. *Contact: Alton Visitors Center, 800-ALTON-IL. visitalton.com*

After visiting the historic city of Alton and nearby river towns like Grafton, Godfrey, and Jersey, be sure to continue your Looking for Lincoln adventure in these other Lincoln towns:

- Vandalia (71 miles) (vandaliaillinois.com or 618-283-2728)
- Quincy (118 miles) (seequincy.com or 800-978-4748)
- Pittsfield/Pike County (78 miles) (pikeil.org or 217-285-2971)

Charleston – Thomas and Sara 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 on the Goosenest Prairie in Lerna. Later in his career, Abraham often visited the area, both for business and pleasure. He tried many cases here, and in 1858, Charleston was the scene of the fourth Lincoln Dou-



glas Debate – witnessed by a crowd of over 12,000 people. Charleston was the last trip

from Springfield he made before assuming his place as our 16th president. Lincoln’s affection for the humble folk of the Goosenest Prairie remained strong throughout his life. *Contact: Charleston Tourism Office, 217-348-0430. charlestontourism.org*

Charleston/Coles County is just a short jaunt to a number of communities happy to share their part of the Lincoln story with travelers like you:

- Decatur (56 miles) (decaturocvb.com or 800-331-4479)
- Mahomet/Champaign County (60 miles) (visitchampaigncounty.org or 800-369-6151)
- Shelbyville/Shelby County (45 miles) (lakeshelbyville.com or 800-874-3529)
- Taylorville (63 miles) (taylorvillechamber.com or 217-774-2244)
- Vandalia (72 miles) (vandaliaillinois.com or 618-283-2728)
- Danville/Vermilion County (65 miles) (danvilleareainfo.com or 800-383-4386)

Danville – 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.

Contact: Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-383-4386. danvileareainfo.com.

Just a short drive along roads that were probably the same trails ridden by Lincoln, the lawyer, in his circuit rider days, you'll find even more great stories about this beloved American hero:

- Charleston/Coles County (65 miles)
(charlestontourism.org or 217-348-0430)
- Clinton/DeWitt County (75 miles)
(clintonilchamber.com or 866-4-DeWitt)
- Mahomet/Champaign County (43 miles)
(visitchampaigncounty.org or 800-369-6151)

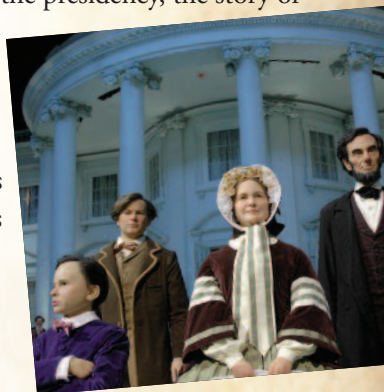
As you're planning your trip to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, stop by our website anytime at LookingforLincoln.com, and click on "Explore" for up-to-date information and links to communities, attractions, and events.

Major Historic Attractions

Hundreds and hundreds of Lincoln stories have been gathered throughout the 42-counties of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area – stories told through authentic historic attractions, wayside exhibits, special events, and living history programs. Here are just a few of the major historic attractions you'll find as you "Look for Lincoln" in central Illinois:

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield)

– 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. Visit here, and then step outside to look for Lincoln in the authentic attractions, living history events, and a Lincoln Story Trail scattered throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.



Lincoln Home National Historic Site (Springfield)

– Step into the world of the Lincoln family when you enter the only home he ever owned. Take a stroll through the lovely neighborhood surrounding the



home for a rare glimpse into the daily lives of Lincoln – as a husband and father, a neighbor and friend, a lawyer and a politician.

Lincoln Heritage Museum (Lincoln) – Discover a remarkable collection of Lincoln-related artifacts



and documents. Museum treasures include china, books and mourning clothing belonging to Mary Lincoln, original correspondence

from President Lincoln, every member of his cabinet and his military leaders during the Civil War.

Old State Capitol State Historic Site (Springfield) – Stand in the very

room where Lincoln made his famous “House Divided” speech, 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 Salem State Historic Site (Petersburg) –

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.

Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site (Springfield) – 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.



David Davis Mansion State Historic Site (Bloomington) – Gaze through a window into the

social and political life Lincoln knew when you visit



this stately 19th century mansion once owned by Lincoln confidante and friend, Judge David Davis, and his wife, Sarah. History

attributes part of Lincoln’s success in obtaining the Republican nomination for the presidency to the influence and support of Judge Davis.

Historic Nauvoo (Nauvoo) – 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.

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site (Lerna) –
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.

McLean County Museum of History (Bloomington) –

Hear the stories of the people and landscape of



McLean County through the years – including those who would have been Lincoln's contemporaries – inside this beautiful old

courthouse. "Encounter on the Prairie," a permanent exhibit at the Museum, expands on those stories through a series of four galleries: People, Work, Politics, and Farming, as well as changing exhibits that explore a variety of subjects that influenced the historical tapestry of the area.



Metamora Courthouse State Historic Site (Metamora) –

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.

Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Site

(Mt. Pulaski) – Stop in and 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



a 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.

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site (Lincoln) –

Imagine yourself arguing a point of law in this rugged looking, 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 here as a circuit lawyer.

Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site (Vandalia) –

Step back in time to the early days of Illinois, a new state in 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. The Statehouse has been completely restored and furnished to help tell the story of early Illinois politics and Lincoln's place in that story.

Looking for Lincoln Story Trail (Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area) – Follow the trail to find the intriguing Lincoln stories unique to each Looking for Lincoln community. Told through a series of over

200 wayside exhibits and statues in over 50 Heritage Area communities – the stories describe the local people and events that played a key role in Lincoln's journey to greatness. Each exhibit includes a one-of-a-kind



medallion containing an image

from the exhibit story. With a piece of paper and a pencil, you can create your own Looking for Lincoln rubbing. Collect all 200 stories as a record of your trip through the land of Abraham Lincoln.

Stop by our website at LookingforLincoln.com for links to more on these, and hundreds more sites and attractions located throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Looking for Lincoln Signature Events

Each year, hundreds of special events of all kinds are held throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. But, only a few events capture the essence of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln by making history come alive in unique and exciting ways, and have earned the distinction of being named a “Looking for Lincoln Signature Event.” Designated Signature Events include:

History Comes Alive – Springfield (June-August)

This summer-long living history program brings the historic Springfield of Lincoln's day to life with period



re-enactments, musical and theatrical performances, and more as Springfield's Lincoln historic sites and downtown area transport you back to the city Lincoln loved. Don't be surprised if you meet Mr. Lincoln himself enjoying a bite of lunch at a downtown eatery, or you run into Springfield's own 1860s pop stars, the Lincoln Troubadours. From ghost walks to chats with a Civil War soldier leaving home for the battlefields, you'll feel as though history is alive. (Check the website at visitspringfieldillinois.com for exact dates and daily schedules.)

Lincoln Days Civil War Reenactment – Lake Pittsfield, IL Route 107 (June)

You can have a front row seat as Civil War battles rage all weekend long between the armies of the Union and the Confederacy on this 480-acre site. 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 War Between the States. Watch as the Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery conduct practice drills. Grab a seat for the ladies' tea and fashion show, take part in children's games and crafts, or take part in a period church service on Sunday morning. (For more on this exciting two-day event, check the website at pikelincoln.com.)

Lincoln's Festival in Bloomington (July)

Join in the fun at this annual event, as the Bloomington of Lincoln's day is celebrated at a variety of sites around the city, including: the McLean County Museum of History, Downtown Bloomington, the David Davis Mansion State



Historic Site, Bloomington Public Library, Illinois Wesleyan University (Ames Library Lawn), Franklin Park, and the Burr House Bed & Breakfast. History will come to life through

period re-enactments, concerts, storytelling, children's crafts and activities, and much, much more. (For a schedule of programs, visit home.comcast.net/-leighton.cook/LincolnsFestival.)

Lincoln's Trial & Tribulations – Oakland (Late Summer/Fall)

Welcome to this one-of-a-kind dinner theater event that will take you back to the only trial in which Abraham Lincoln represented a slave owner...and he lost! Through the characters of the Matson Slave Trial,



considered to be one of Lincoln's most important cases, you'll re-live this story of bittersweet daring and historical mystery involving one of our country's most divisive issues of Lincoln's day – slavery. You'll discover hidden aspects of the local history, and reaffirm your faith in our legal system, while exploring the moral actions of the time and looking at the ways in which we remember the heroes of yesterday. (Reserve your tickets today at matsontrial1847.org.)

For more on these and all the wonderful events happening throughout the year in different areas of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage – contact any of the local tourism offices listed on the following page{s} or visit the official Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area website at: LookingforLincoln.com.

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Tourism Offices

Gateway Tourism Offices

Alton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

200 Piasa Street, Alton 62002
(800) 258-6645 or (618) 465-6676
visitalton.com

Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Central IL Regional Airport (BMI)
3201 Cira Drive #201, Bloomington 61704
(800) 433-8226 or (309) 665-0033
visitbn.org

Charleston Tourism Office

520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston 61920
(217) 348-0430
charlestontourism.org

Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

100 W. Main Street, Danville 61832
(800) 383-4386 or (217) 442-2096
danvilleareainfo.com

Quincy Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

532 Gardner Expressway, Quincy 62301
(800) 978-4748 or (212) 314-3700
seequincy.com

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau

109 North Seventh Street, Springfield 62701
(800) 545-7300 or (217) 789-2360
visitspringfieldillinois.com

Other Heritage Area Tourism Offices

Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County
(destinationlogancounty.org or 217-732-8687)

Champaign County Convention & Visitors Bureau
(visitchampaigncounty.org or 800-369-6151)

Decatur Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(decaturcvb.com or 800-331-4479)

**Freeport/Stephenson County
Convention & Visitors Bureau**
(stephenson-county-il.org or 800-369-2955)

Galesburg Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(visitgalesburg.com or 800-916-3330)

Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(jacksonvilleil.org or 800-593-5678)

**Lake Shelbyville Area Convention
& Visitors Bureau**
(lakeshelbyville.com or 800-874-3529)

Macomb Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(makeitmacomb.com or 309-833-1315)

Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
(peoria.org or 800-747-0302)

**Southernmost Illinois Convention
& Visitors Bureau**
(southernmostillinois.com or 800-248-4373)

Looking for Lincoln Online — Stay Connected



For all of the latest information on what's happening in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area — be sure to follow us online.

From Twitter live feeds of historical

reenactments, to special giveaways and promotions via Facebook, to great videos from around the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area on YouTube, to up-to-date information and links through the Looking for Lincoln website (LookingforLincoln.com) — we'll make sure you have

everything you need to plan your next adventure in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.



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