



## Places Dedicated to Abraham Lincoln

### Lincoln's Illinois Legacy

Virtually every aspect of the life of Abraham Lincoln is represented at historic sites and museums throughout the United States. Visitors can learn about Lincoln's birth in Kentucky, his family and legal career in Illinois and his presidency and assassination in Washington, D.C. Lincoln's enduring legacy can also be felt at such places as the Lincoln Memorial and Mt. Rushmore as well as at the many museums and libraries that are dedicated to preserving the Lincoln legacy. The following is a list of Illinois places that offer insights into the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln.



**Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site**  
Rural Route #1, Box 244A  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
217- 632- 4000  
[www.lincolnsnewsalem.com/](http://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com/)

A visitor center offers an indoor theater and exhibits that introduce visitors to Lincoln's life in New Salem and a restored village uses period and reproduction furnishings and living history to further tell the Lincoln story. Visitors tour the site on their own with talks and demonstrations given at various stops along the route.



**Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site**  
315 West Gallatin  
Vandalia, IL 62471  
618- 283- 1161  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Vandalia.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Vandalia.htm)

Vandalia was the seat of Illinois government from 1820 until 1839. This statehouse was built in 1836. Many significant issues were debated here by Illinois' legislators, including Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. Today, the Vandalia Statehouse displays some original furnishings as well as period pieces.



**Lincoln Home National Historic Site**  
413 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701- 1905  
217- 492- 4241  
[www.nps.gov/liho/](http://www.nps.gov/liho/)

The home of Abraham and Mary Lincoln has been restored to the Lincoln period, and is surrounded by 13 other historic houses that are preserved in a four- block, nineteenth- century setting. Tours begin at the visitor center with a lobby, two theaters, and a bookstore.



**Lincoln- Herndon Law Offices State Historic Site**  
Sixth and Adams Streets  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217- 785- 7289  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Herndon.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Herndon.htm)

Lincoln practiced law at several locations in Springfield; however, this is the only building which still remains. Lincoln and two of his partners, Stephen Logan and William Herndon had their offices here. The second and third floors have been restored and furnished to the Lincoln period, depicting typical law offices, the federal district courtroom, related court offices, and meeting rooms.



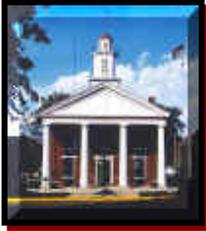
**Old State Capitol State Historic Site**  
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Springfield, IL 62701  
217- 785- 7960  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Capitol.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Capitol.htm)

The Greek Revival Old State Capitol was built between 1837 and 1853, and served as the Illinois Statehouse until 1876. Self- guided and conducted tours point out the various functions of government, with special attention given to Lincoln's presence as a lawyer and state legislator.



**Postville Courthouse State Historic Site**  
 P.O. Box 355  
 Lincoln, IL 62656  
 217- 732- 8930  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Postville.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Postville.htm)

Postville Courthouse is a reconstruction of the first Logan County Courthouse, which was in use from 1840 to 1848. During this period Abraham Lincoln served as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which held semi- annual sessions at the courthouse.



**Metamora Courthouse State Historic Site**  
 113 East Partridge, Box 776  
 Metamora, IL 61548  
 309 - 367- 4470  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Metamora.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Metamora.htm)

Metamora Courthouse, which was erected in 1845, is one of two remaining court buildings on the old Eighth Judicial Circuit where Abraham Lincoln was among the prominent attorneys who argued cases. Today, the old courthouse, with its carefully restored courtroom, houses museum exhibits portraying circuit life in the 1840s and 1850s.



**Mount Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Site**  
 P.O. Box 355  
 Lincoln, IL 62656  
 217- 732- 3919  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Pulaski.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Pulaski.htm)

Mount Pulaski Courthouse served from 1848 to 1855, as the second Logan County courthouse. The first floor contains six offices used by county officials, and the second floor houses the courtroom in which Abraham Lincoln, as a lawyer, practiced when court was in session. The courthouse has been restored and furnished to an 1850s appearance.



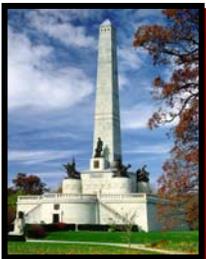
**Lincoln Depot (Great Western Depot)**  
 Copely Press, Inc.  
*The State- Journal Register*  
 P.O. Box 219  
 Springfield, IL 62705  
 217- 788- 1356

This historic railroad depot is the spot where Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous farewell address to the citizens of Springfield prior to his departure for Washington in February 1861. A small exhibit room in the depot highlights Lincoln's speech. A theater on the upper floor presents a video program focusing on Lincoln's departure and trip to Washington.



**Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site**  
 Rural Route #1, Box 172A  
 Lerna, IL 62440  
 217- 345- 6489  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Log.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Log.htm)

Lincoln Log Cabin is the last home of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and stepmother of Abraham Lincoln. Rural life in the 1840's is shown through first person interpretation, providing visitors a glimpse into the daily lives of the Lincolns. Lincoln Log Cabin hosts many historical and traditional events throughout the year.



**Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site**  
 Oak Ridge Cemetery  
 Springfield, IL 62702  
 217- 782- 2717  
[www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Tomb.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/Tomb.htm)

This location in Oak Ridge Cemetery, chosen by Mary Lincoln, is the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, his wife, and three of their four sons. On-site interpreters provide conducted tours of the interior of the tomb and discuss the return of Lincoln's body to Springfield, his burial, and the history of the Tomb.



**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**  
 112 North Sixth Street  
 Springfield, IL 62701  
 217- 558- 8882  
[www.alplm.org](http://www.alplm.org)

The Presidential museum features hi- tech exhibits, interactive displays, and multimedia programs. The Presidential Library is home to extensive collection of Lincoln- related documents artifacts and books, including more than 12 million items from the Illinois State Historical Library.



**The Lincoln College Museum**  
 McKinsty Memorial Library  
 300 Keokuk Street  
 Lincoln, IL 62656  
 217- 732- 3155 ext 295  
[www.lincolncollege.com/museum](http://www.lincolncollege.com/museum)

The Lincoln College Museum houses a valuable collection of Lincolniana, and items relating to Illinois and Logan County history. The museum also displays American presidential memorabilia.