

Tour Driving Directions

1 BEECHER HALL

Illinois College Campus

Beecher Hall is located on the Illinois College campus south of the McGaw Fine Arts Center (300 Lockwood Place). The exhibit is on College Avenue, north of Beecher Hall.

2 DAVID A. SMITH HOUSE

1061 Grove Street

Leave the parking lot at Beecher Hall the same way you entered. Turn north onto Lockwood Place and follow it to College Avenue. Turn east on College and take it to Park Street. Turn south on Park and follow it to Grove Street. The house and exhibit are on the southeast corner of Park and Grove.

3 GOVERNOR DUNCAN MANSION

4 Duncan Place

Head north on Park Street to State Street, then turn west. Follow State to Duncan Park. The mansion and exhibit are centrally located in Duncan Park on the circular drive.

4 NEWTON BATEMAN HOUSE

907 West State Street

Return to West State Street going east. The house and exhibit are on the south side of West State Street, about three blocks east of Duncan Park.



BEECHER HALL AT ILLINOIS COLLEGE

5 LINCOLN AND SLAVERY MURAL

Southwest Corner of Square

Continue east on West State Street to Downtown Jacksonville. Parking is available around the square. The wayside exhibit is on the southwest corner of Central Park. The mural is on the west side of the building adjacent to the wayside exhibit on Sandy Street.

6 1858 SENATE RACE

Northeast Corner of Square

Stay on the square. The exhibit is on the northeast corner of Central Park.

7 JAMES JAQUESS HOUSE

339 East State Street

Leave Downtown via East State Street and head east. The James Jaquess House and exhibit are near the corner of East State and Clay streets.

8 THE CIVIL WAR GOVERNOR

East State Street

Continue on East State Street and you'll find the wayside exhibit sign on the north side of the street near the Old Norris Hospital and the Old Rectory playground.

9 WHIG RIVALS AND FRIENDS

500 East State Street

Continue on East State Street. The wayside exhibit will be on the north side of the street in front of Our Saviour Catholic Church.

10 GEN. BENJAMIN H. GRIERSON MANSION

852 East State Street

Continue east on East State Street. The Grierson Mansion is located on the north side of the street.

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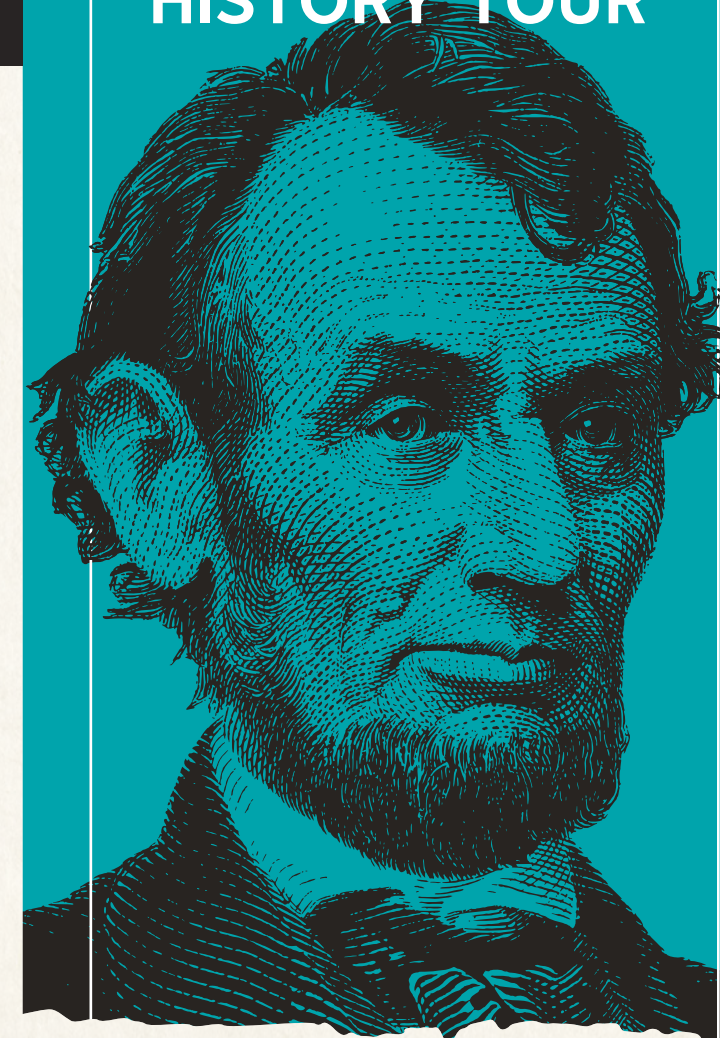
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LOOKING FOR LINCOLN WAYSIDE EXHIBITS

These sites highlight Lincoln's ties to the community and are marked with a . Each exhibit features a blue storyboard discussing Lincoln's connection to the respective site and has a rubbing medallion to collect an impression, providing a keepsake for each stop.

On the Illinois College campus walkway at the east end of Mound Avenue is a life-sized statue of a seated Lincoln and his dog – the perfect place to begin or end your tour and snap a commemorative photo with Honest Abe.

These exhibits are part of a larger state initiative called *Looking for Lincoln*. For more information, visit lookingforlincoln.com.

1 BEECHER HALL

Illinois College Campus

Beecher Hall is located south of the McGaw Fine Arts Center with the wayside exhibit located along College Avenue. Built in 1829-1830, Beecher Hall is one of the few Illinois College structures that would have been familiar to New Salem friends of Lincoln like David Rutledge, William Berry, Harvey Ross, and William and Lynn Greene – all students in the 1830s. The building once contained a classroom, library, chapel, and dormitory. In 1888, it was named after Edward Beecher, the first president of Illinois College and brother of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* author Harriet Beecher Stowe.

2 DAVID A. SMITH HOUSE

1061 Grove Street

David A. Smith, a Jacksonville attorney and colleague of Lincoln, had this two-story, Federal-style house built between 1852-1854. When Lincoln had legal business in Jacksonville, he used Smith's law office as his headquarters. Records indicate Lincoln and Smith were associated with 68 cases as either co-counselors or opposing attorneys.

3 GOVERNOR DUNCAN MANSION

4 Duncan Place

Governor Joseph Duncan, who served as governor of Illinois from 1834-1838, had this two-and-a-half-story house constructed between 1833-1835. Tradition says Lincoln visited the Duncan home, given the fact that Lincoln lived in nearby New Salem and Springfield during the time both men were members of the Whig Party. Lincoln served his first two terms as a state representative while Duncan was governor. Tours are available Wednesdays and Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

4 NEWTON BATEMAN HOUSE

907 West State Street

Newton Bateman, a well-known educator in Illinois in the 1800s and friend of Lincoln, lived in this Gothic Revival-style house in the 1850s. He was principal of what is believed to be the first free, public high school in Illinois – West Jacksonville District School – in the 1850s. While serving as state superintendent of schools, Bateman had an office next to President-elect Lincoln in the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. The two men became friends in the months prior to Lincoln's departure for Washington, D.C.

5 LINCOLN AND SLAVERY MURAL

South Sandy Street

This mural is painted on the side of a building on Sandy Street at the southwest corner of Central Park. The wayside exhibit is also located at the southwest corner of the park. In 1856, Lincoln delivered a speech in the park, then called the Morgan County Courthouse Park, sharing his views about the extension of slavery into the country's newly organized territories. Local merchant Joseph O. King later recalled Lincoln's stirring oratory: "He spoke in the courthouse park, and when he came out sharp and strong against slavery, I threw up my hat and shouted, 'Hurray for Abe Lincoln for president of the United States.'"

6 1858 SENATE RACE

Northeast Corner of Square

On Monday, Sept. 27, 1858, Lincoln arrived in Jacksonville by train from Springfield and was met by large delegations from Morgan, Cass, and Scott counties. They moved from the depot to the square, where Lincoln delivered one of his 63 speeches he had done across the state while campaigning for the U.S. Senate. Lincoln was said to have spoken for 2.5 hours.

7 JAMES JAQUESS HOUSE

339 East State Street

James Jaquess, the first president of the Illinois Conference Female Academy – later MacMurray College – once lived in this house. Jaquess, a Methodist minister, first met Lincoln when he was preaching and Lincoln was practicing law in Central Illinois. During the Civil War, Lincoln entrusted Jaquess with important missions. In 1863, Jaquess met with Confederate officials to discuss ending the war. The following year, Jaquess met with Confederate President Jefferson Davis, who declared the South would accept peace only if it could remain independent.

8 THE CIVIL WAR GOVERNOR

East State Street

Richard Yates, the first graduate of Illinois College, shared views with Lincoln; they both supported the Whig Party and strongly opposed Stephen A. Douglas. Yates was the Radical Republican governor of Illinois during the Civil War. He made trips to visit and encourage troops by supporting the sick and wounded, earning him the reputation of the "Soldier's Friend." As the war drew to an end, Yates became a member of the U.S. Senate.

9 WHIG RIVALS AND FRIENDS

500 East State Street

In 1831, John J. Hardin moved to Jacksonville. Hardin and Lincoln served in the Black Hawk War; both were lawyers and Whig politicians who became rivals for leadership of the party. Hardin may have even saved Lincoln's life by rushing to an island near Alton to stop a duel between Lincoln and Gen. James Shields, at whom Lincoln poked fun in a published letter. Hardin reportedly persuaded the men to come to a compromise.

10 GEN. BENJAMIN H. GRIERSON MANSION

852 East State Street

Civil War hero Gen. Benjamin Grierson once called this large, brick house home. In the mid-1850s, while living in Meredosia, Grierson joined the new Republican Party and became friends with Lincoln. In 1860, Grierson, an accomplished musician, wrote campaign music for Lincoln's first presidential campaign. The following year, Grierson answered President Lincoln's call to service in the Civil War.

