



## Lincoln, Illinois Community Profile Overnight Itinerary



Lincoln is centrally located in Illinois along the famed Route 66 offering convenient travel time to major American urban centers. Over one million people live within an hour's drive of Lincoln. The population is 13,969, and it is the county seat of Logan County.

Lincoln is also the only city in the world named for and christened by Abraham Lincoln before he became President and while he was still alive. Lincoln is home to a number of historic sites and events associated with our presidential namesake including the Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College, The Mill on 66 Museum, Postville Courthouse, Lincoln Balloon Festival and Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival.

### ATTRACTIONS:



#### [Historic Downtown Lincoln](#)

The Courthouse Square Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. Most buildings around the downtown square and historic district are at least one hundred years old. Several shops, eateries and businesses are established within the historic district: Guzzardo's Italian Villa and Mama's Arcade restaurant, located in the Arcade Building; Blue Dog Inn, a recipient of the "Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination" award; Flossie and Delzena's eatery, in the old bank building; Copper Penny antiques; and several unique retail businesses on North Kickapoo (old Route 66). Also, take in a movie at the new Lincoln Grand 8 Theatre. The downtown walking tour includes the site of the city being christened by Abraham Lincoln in 1853 and the building where a group of conspirators planned to steal Lincoln's body

after it was returned to Springfield. One block south of the square is Scully Park, named for the late Violet Scully, a local philanthropist. Latham Park is one block north of the square, and is graced with a bandstand that is the stage for summer concerts.

Kickapoo & Broadway Streets (Old Route 66)

(217) 732-8687

[Historic Downtown Lincoln Official Website](#)



### [Lincoln Christening Scene](#)

This is the site where Abraham Lincoln christened the town with the juice of a watermelon on August 27, 1853. A watermelon statue and interpretive panel mark the site.

101 North Chicago Street

(217) 732-8687

[Lincoln Christening Scene Official Website](#)



### [Phone Booth on Lincoln City Hall](#)

Built in 1895, the red brick for the building came from the Lincoln Coal Company. A unique telephone booth on the roof was added later and was used by weather spotters to phone in sighted storms. Lincoln City Hall anchors the downtown National Historic Registered District and is one of the city's most visible symbols.

700 Broadway Street

(217) 735-2815

[Lincoln Phone Booth Official Website](#)



### [Logan County Courthouse](#)

Erected in 1905, this is the third Logan County courthouse to stand on this site. The sandstone, three-story structure is considered the second most architecturally impressive historic courthouse in Illinois. The building is capped by a large dome with a clock face on each side. Inside the courthouse visitors can see the interior design of the stained glass dome, and a larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln. Outside the courthouse, there is a newer statue of Abraham Lincoln commemorating the speech he delivered from the courthouse steps in 1858, a marble statue of a Native American mother and child, a Civil War soldier statue and Veterans memorial, and a Civil War cannon. At the northwest intersection are signs that guide travelers along historic Route 66.

601 Broadway Street

(217) 732-2184

[Logan County Courthouse Official Website](#)

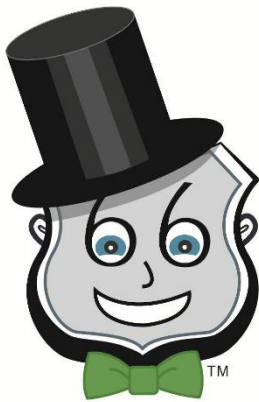


### [Scully Building](#)

The Scully Building is a beautiful example of red sandstone Richardsonian Romanesque architecture that prominently stands on the corner of N. Kickapoo & Pekin streets in downtown Lincoln, an original Route 66 corner from 1926-1930. The building was constructed in 1905 by the son and widow of William Scully and originally served as the headquarters of the Scully Estate operations which owned over 200,000 acres of tenant farm land in the Midwest. In September 2008, the historic structure was purchased with a vision to “restore the structure’s beauty and elegance while paying respect to the years of service it has rendered.” On September 13th, 2010, the Scully Building reopened for business as the office for Integrity Data, a locally owned software company. The building and its owners were awarded the prestigious Landmark Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award in 2011 for rehabilitation and preservation.

125 North Kickapoo Street  
(217) 732-8687

[Scully Building Official Website](#)



[ExploreLoganCounty.com](#)

ExploreLoganCounty.com is an online resource showcasing the history, events and attractions of Logan County, Illinois to both residents and visitors. ExploreLoganCounty.com aims to do as the name implies, cause exploration into our rich heritage and the great assets in our own backyards. Explore, Experience and Enjoy ALL that Logan County, Illinois has to offer!

[ExploreLoganCounty.com Official Website](#)



[Wall Dogs Murals](#)



Explore downtown Lincoln to discover all eleven different, beautifully painted murals. Main Street Lincoln was instrumental in bringing these murals to the community. See if you can find them all!

Downtown Lincoln

(217) 732-8687

[Lincoln Wall Dogs Murals Official Website](#)



### [The Cow in the Corn Sculpture](#)

"The Cow in the Corn" in historic downtown Lincoln, Illinois is a collaboration from two local artists, Moses Pinkerton and Jason Hoffman, who designed the 22' tall x 25' wide outdoor sculpture.

Sangamon & Pulaski Streets

(217) 651-8355

[Cow in the Corn Official Website](#)



### [Railsplitter Covered Wagon](#)

Recognized by the Guinness World Records as the "World's Largest Covered Wagon" and rated as a top roadside attraction by Readers Digest, the Railsplitter and its driver, Abe Lincoln, welcome visitors throughout the year. Donated by well-known Lincoln philanthropist Larry Van Bibber.

1750 Fifth Street

(217) 732-8687

[\*Railsplitter Covered Wagon Official Website\*](#)



### [\*\*The Mill on 66\*\*](#)

After over a decade of renovation, The Mill on 66 opened in April 2017 as a museum, featuring businesses that have served travelers along the Logan County stretch of Route 66 and displaying rotating exhibits telling stories from local communities. Built as a sandwich stand in 1929, three years after Route 66 was established, the Blue Mill sold grilled sandwiches at all hours of the day and night. Albert and Blossom Huffman purchased the business in 1945, extending the space with a barroom and dance hall. Schnitzels became their signature meal; quirky decorations, friendly atmosphere and overall good times made memories for locals and travelers alike. After closing in 1996, it sat empty and neglected until 2006, when it was saved by the non-profit Route 66 Heritage Foundation of Logan County.

738 South Washington Street

(217) 671-3790

[\*The Mill on 66 Official Website\*](#)



### [\*\*Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College\*\*](#)

Located on the campus of the only college named for Lincoln during his lifetime, the Lincoln Heritage Museum exhibits a rare and valuable collection of artifacts that tell the story of Abraham Lincoln – particularly his life in Illinois. On the second floor, the visitor will be

brought into a unique interactive and immersive environment which puts the visitor in the shoes of Abraham Lincoln and allows the visitor to “experience” what Abraham Lincoln himself may have seen and heard throughout his life. Come see, hear, and touch history at the Lincoln Heritage Museum, named one of the 30 Most Amazing University Museums in the World!

1115 Nicholson Road

(217) 735-7399

[Lincoln Heritage Museum Official Website](#)



### [Lincoln Depot](#)

Passengers traveling on the Chicago and Alton Railroad in the early twentieth century would have stepped inside this impressive brick depot to purchase tickets and wait for the train. Opened in 1911, the Spanish Mission style is unique in Lincoln’s downtown. After being closed as a railway station in 1972, it was converted into a restaurant under several owners before closing a few years ago. The vintage building has now been restored by the City of Lincoln to its original floorplan and appearance. There is a visitor-friendly area around the facility, including off-street parking, Amtrak passenger waiting room in an annex of the main building and possible use inside for business spaces and historic displays.

101 North Chicago Street

(217) 735-2815

[Lincoln Depot Official Website](#)



### [Postville Courthouse State Historic Site](#)

The town of Postville was named as the Logan County seat in 1839, with a declaration by the commissioners. Two years later the Illinois legislature confirmed the designation. A courthouse was built in 1840, at no cost to the town, by three Postville businessmen. The courthouse was on

the Eighth Judicial Circuit – Abraham Lincoln’s territory – and he became a familiar face in the courtroom and in Postville. The current Postville Courthouse is a reproduction of the original, and was constructed for the city of Lincoln’s centennial in 1953. On the first floor are two rooms which would have served for county business and meeting area. On the second floor is the courtroom where cases were heard. Wide floor planks, chinked walls and open rafters give visitors the impression they have stepped back in time, and Abraham Lincoln might walk in the door any minute. Postville Courthouse is in the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

914 Fifth Street

(217) 732-8930

[Postville Courthouse Official Website](#)



### [Logan Lanes](#)

Located nearby the World’s Largest Covered Wagon (a famous “selfie stop”), Logan Lanes offers state-of-the-art bowling, cosmic bowling, youth bowling, golf simulators, video gaming and great food at their Sports Barn-Grill. Drop in for food and beverage along your Route 66 journey. Enjoy a delicious diner-style meal while watching multiple TV screens with your favorite sporting events. The indoor golfing features 40 courses to choose from including Pebble Beach. You can even use your own golf clubs! And don’t forget Cosmic bowling Friday and Saturday nights - featuring black lights, a light show, music and fog!

1700 5th Street

(217) 732-2443

[Logan Lanes Official Website](#)



### [Prairie Years Timeless Toys, Gifts and Books](#)



Since 1984, Prairie Years, located in downtown Lincoln, has specialized in timeless toys, books and gifts for all ages. For newborns to toddlers they carry a variety of rattles, stuffed animals, board books, chunky puzzles, and more. For children to teens, Prairie Years has educational games, science kits, picture books, popular novels, Bibles, art supplies and more unique toys. They carry familiar name brands as well as unique items that cannot be found at big-box retail stores. For adults, there is a wide selection of scarves, fair trade jewelry, bestselling novels, and games for the family. The store also has an extensive selection of Abraham Lincoln themed gift items and souvenirs which they advertise as “Lincolnailia”.

121 North Kickapoo Street

(217) 732-9216

[Prairie Years Official Website](#)



### [Abe's Carmelcorn Shoppe](#)

Established in 1983, Abe's offers a unique retail shopping experience. Merging the nostalgic small town Midwest feel with a cutting edge selection of merchandise, this family owned and operated business awaits you. The Rainforth family has been taking great pride for the past 33 years in keeping Abe's a special place to visit, shop and escape. The atmosphere, as well as the store design, is geared to make memories which will be cherished for a lifetime. You and your friends are invited to stop by in the near future to experience for yourself the uniqueness known as Abe's.

117 North Kickapoo Street

(217) 732-4564

[Abe's Carmelcorn Facebook Page](#)



### [Sir Renna Tea - Bubble Tea & Gifts](#)

This newly opened business is a place to come and enjoy delicious bubble tea and snacks, and shop for unique gift items including Route 66 signs and souvenirs. Owner Eileen Mullins invites you to enjoy made-to-order sandwiches and beverages. The highlighted tea at Sir Renna Tea is Bubble Tea, a beverage created in Taiwan in the early 1980's. It has no carbonation, but instead tapioca pearls mixed into the drink to create the appearance of bubbles. There are over 70 teas available at Sir Renna Tea, and Bubble Tea in 29 flavors. Also available are tea-making accessories and specialty cups, salt lamps, soy candles, healing stones, incense, homemade soaps, Native American-made dreamcatchers, Austrian sand art, designer glass plates and many other items. Be sure to visit the Sir Renna T-Rex dinosaur mascot!

113 North Kickapoo Street

(314) 223-1833

[Sir Renna Tea Facebook Page](#)



### [Copper Penny](#)

Casual settings of antique and vintage items line the walls in this locally owned and managed antique shop. Collectors will appreciate the quality and casual shoppers will enjoy the variety of kitchen wares, tools, crocks, wooden boxes, trunks, furniture and so much more. Check out the Route 66 throw pillows!

612 Broadway Street

(217) 871-2034

[Copper Penny Facebook Page](#)



### **Lincoln Art Institute**

The Lincoln Art Institute hosting the Logan County Arts, is a public gallery for the World's Greatest Unknown Artists. Located across from the Historic Logan County Courthouse. Monthly shows. Moses Pinkerton is the artist in residence.

112 South McLean Street

(217) 651-8355

[\*Lincoln Art Institute Official Website\*](#)

### **Kickapoo Creek Park**

Travelers who want to experience nature will find this 160-acre site more than what they could imagine. The front gate faces the 1940-1977 alignment of Route 66. After passing through the split-rail entrance, the winding road meanders around the park, allowing visitors to sample the diverse settings – Kickapoo Creek as it winds through the trees, with a footbridge to a north trail; the hill prairie; meadows with wildflowers and whitetail deer; stands of timber with woodland animals and birds; tangled underbrush that is a world of small creatures. A very old and thick Osage Orange hedgerow lines a path on the east side of the park. Fishing is allowed in the creek and bikes are welcome. Amenities include picnic pavilions and playgrounds, grills at the picnic sites, and walking trails.

2000 North Jefferson Street

(217) 735-2953

[\*Kickapoo Creek Park Official Website\*](#)

### **Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area**

This 974-acre horseshoe shaped conservation area is home to several species of birds, trees and fish in the adjoining portion of Salt Creek. Enjoy canoeing, picnicking and walking trails.

Route 66 just south of Lincoln

(217) 735-2424

[\*Madigan Park Official Website\*](#)

### **Lincoln Public Library**

The Lincoln Library Association formed in 1874 for the purpose of creating a permanent library for the public. A bequest of two city lots from former librarian Isabell Nash, gifts equaling \$7,000 from two local donors, and a \$25,000 gift from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie allowed the construction of the public library to proceed. The building was dedicated in 1903. The stately appearance of the library reflects the architectural style associated with most Carnegie libraries.

Lincoln Public Library was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.  
725 Pekin Street  
(217) 732-8878

[Lincoln Public Library Official Website](#)

### **Lincoln Speedway**

This 1/4 mile dirt race track is located right on Route 66 in Lincoln with races Friday nights April-October. Featuring Sprints, Modifieds, Midgets, Street Stocks, Hornets and more.

[Lincoln Speedway Official Website](#)



### **Lincoln Illinois Route 66 Wayside Exhibit/Experience Hub**

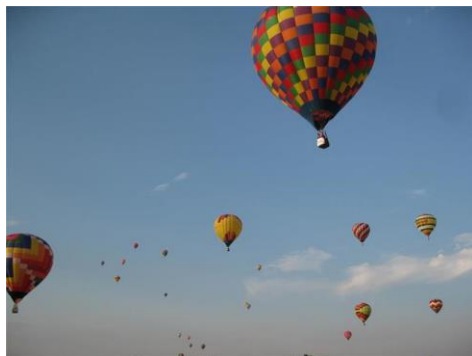
World's Largest Covered Wagon -Route 66 promised travelers fun and adventure along the road. The Railsplitter Covered Wagon honors Abraham Lincoln in the only town named for him before he became president. It holds the Guinness World Record as the largest covered wagon and was voted #1 Roadside Attraction in America by Reader's Digest magazine. Guinness World Records Certificate - "The world's largest covered wagon is 12.2 m (40 ft) long, 3.65 m (12 ft) wide, and 7.6 m (25 ft) tall. It was hand built out of Illinois oak and steel by David Bentley (USA) in 2001. The wagon, which runs on its wheels and has been pulled by a tractor, stands in front of Mr. Bentley's house, off Interstate 55 near Pawnee, Illinois."

Old US Route 66

(217) 525-9308

[Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Interpretive Exhibits Official Website](#)

### **MAJOR EVENTS:**



### **Lincoln Balloon Festival**



Enjoy the beautiful hot air balloon launches beginning Friday through Saturday evening, followed by the balloon glow at dusk. Enjoy tethered rides, live music, giant kites, food, carnival, family games and activities. All events held at Logan County Airport.

Logan County Airport

(217) 735-2385

[Lincoln Balloon Festival Official Website](#)



### **Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival**

The Annual Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival will be held at locations in Lincoln, Illinois, all of which are located on Historic Route 66 – Postville Courthouse State Historic Site, Postville Park and The Mill. The event is a celebration of the pioneer days that influenced Abraham Lincoln's early life, including his time as a lawyer on the 8th Judicial Circuit. Held in mid-September.

Postville Courthouse

(217) 737-7841

[Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival Official Website](#)



### **Lincoln Heritage Museum Grand Soiree**

Lincoln College holds its annual gala premiere, the Grand Soirée on the last Saturday in September. This event helps celebrate the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln while helping the Lincoln Heritage Museum raise funds to continue to conserve historical artifacts as well as grow its educational outreach efforts.

Lincoln College

(217) 735-7399

[Grand Soiree Official Website](#)



### **Salt Creek ABATE Motorcycle Show at The Mill**

Salt Creek ABATE and Route 66 Heritage Foundation of Logan County will be hosts the annual Motorcycle Show on Saturday from 11am to 3pm at The Mill on 66. The event is held during the Abraham Lincoln Railsplitting Festival ([www.railsplitting.com](http://www.railsplitting.com)) and the 91st Anniversary of Route 66 (1926-2016). All statewide ABATE members are invited as well as all motorcyclists. There will be People's Choice awards, 50/50 drawing, live music and hot food for the event.

The Mill, 738 S. Washington

(217) 671-3790

[Mill Motorcycle Show Official Website](#)



### **Railsplitter Antique Auto Club Car Cruise-In at The Mill**

The Railsplitter Antique Auto Club has once again teamed up with the Route 66 Heritage Foundation of Logan County to host the 11th Annual Car Cruise-In at The Mill. The event will takes place the second Saturday of October, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Mill, 738 S. Washington

(217) 671-3790

[Mill Car Cruise-In Official Website](#)



### [Logan County Fair](#)

Long noted as “Illinois Cleanest and Best County Fair”. Offers horse racing, a midway, 4-H and agricultural displays, a fine arts exhibit, grandstand shows, fair foods and a demolition derby. Featuring big name country music performers. Runs the first week in August.

Logan County Fairgrounds

(217) 732-3311

[Logan County Fair Official Website](#)



### [Route 66 Garage Sales](#)

The annual Lincoln & Logan County Route 66 Garage Sales includes the city of Atlanta - find great bargains! After turning over the Route 66 Garage Sale a few years ago to local entrepreneur and business owner, Andrea Dykman, the annual event is still thriving, with over 75 garage sales the second weekend in Lincoln and also neighboring Logan County communities. The sale runs 8am till dusk all three days - Fri-Sun.

(217) 732-3121

[Route 66 Garage Sales Official Website](#)



### **Route 66 Association of Illinois Motor Tour**

The Motor Tour has been traversing Illinois Route 66, alternating each year from North to South and South to North. The caravan makes passport stops at major attractions along the way (including in Joliet), and also includes the annual Hall of Fame Banquet. Held the second weekend in June.

(708) 444-1312

[Route 66 Association of Illinois Official Website](#)

### **Lincoln & Logan County Event Calendar**

#### **AMENITIES:**



#### **City of Lincoln**

City Hall

700 Broadway Street

Lincoln, IL 62656

(217) 735-2815

[City of Lincoln Official Website](#)



#### **Logan County Tourism Bureau**

1555 5th Street

Lincoln, IL 62656

217-732-8687

[www.lctbil.com](http://www.lctbil.com)

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1555 5th St.

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[Logan County Tourism Bureau Official Website](#)



***Accommodations:***



**Hampton Inn**

1019 North Heitmann Drive

(217) 732-6729

[Hampton Inn Lincoln Official Website](#)



**Holiday Inn Express**

130 Olson Drive

(217) 735-5800

[Holiday Inn Express Official Website](#)

**Quality Inn & Suites**

2811 Woodlawn Rd

(217) 735-3960

**Best Western Lincoln Inn**

1750 5th St

(217) 732-9641

**Super 8 Lincoln**

2809 Woodlawn Rd

(217) 732-8886

**Redwood Motel**

725 Hickox

(217) 732-4113

**Motel 6**

2011 N Kickapoo St  
(217) 735-1202

**Camp A While**

1779 1250th Ave  
(217) 732-8840

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