

Wednesday

10:00 • Military History Hike

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot

10:00 • 5-Mile Bike Tour

Dana-Thomas House Parking Lot (4th & Lawrence)

1:00 • 8-Mile Bike Tour

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot

Thursday

9:30 • 1908 Race Riot Walking Tour

Adams Street Plaza

10:00 • Women's History Walk – 1840-1876

Lincoln Home Visitor Center

2:00 • Black History Walk

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot

Friday

9:30 • Friends of Lincoln Hike

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot

10:00 • 5-Mile Bike Tour

Dana-Thomas House Parking Lot (4th & Lawrence)

10:00 • Women's History Walk – 1876-1920

Lincoln Home Visitor Center

1:00 • 8-Mile Bike Tour

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot

Saturday

9:30 • Race Riot Walking Tour

Adams Street Plaza

Sunday

9:30 • Black History Walk

Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot



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Experiences in Springfield



Friends of Lincoln Hike

This 90-minute hike through the beautiful hills of Oak Ridge Cemetery will pass by the graves of a number of Abraham Lincoln's friends, neighbors, and political associates. At each stop, we will talk about the person's life and highlight their interactions with the 16th president. Comfortable shoes and water recommended.



Military History Hike

This 90-minute hike around Oak Ridge Cemetery will visit the final resting places of numerous veterans. This will include a mixture of both notable figures who served in prominent positions as well as soldiers who are little known today. Comfortable shoes and water recommended.



1908 Race Riot Walking Tour

Forty-three years after Abraham Lincoln's assassination and just six months before his 100th birthday, many of his hometown African American friends and their descendants' lives were turned upside down by racial hate and economic jealousy during the Springfield 1908 Race Riot. This hour-long tour will discuss a portion of the devastating 1908 Race Riot.

Black History Walk

This 90-minute walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery focuses on the history of Springfield's Black community, discussing great tragedies as well as stories of success in the face of severe adversity and prejudice. Water and hiking shoes recommended. Presented with the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum.

Women's History Walk 1840-1876

Journey through downtown Springfield as we discuss the stories of early Illinois women who worked for the abolition of slavery and to secure civil rights for women and people of color. This one-hour, 1.5-mile walking tour begins at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center and concludes at the Vachel Lindsay Home. Please note we will not be touring the interiors of the sites.

Women's History Walk 1840-1876

Walk the path of suffragists as we discuss the stories of women who helped make Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi to guarantee presidential suffrage for women, while also advancing other social and civic causes. This one-hour, 1.5 mile walking tour begins at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center and concludes at the Illinois State Capitol. Please note we will not be touring the interiors of the sites.



Five- and Eight-Mile History Bike Tour

Ride your own bicycle following a guide on a casual and easy-paced bicycle tour of historic sites in the capital city. This neighborhood-style ride will go past historic sites, including the Dana-Thomas House, First Black Fire House, Lincoln Home, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Tomb and others. Information will be provided at stops along the route. The eight-mile round trip ride will take about two hours. Helmets are required, and a water bottle is recommended.

