



Lincoln Memorial Garden

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Hours

Open year round sunup to sundown

Nature Center / Gift Shop hours

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
1-4 p.m. Sunday; Closed Monday

Admission

Free, except during Special Events

Parking

Free parking is available at the main entrance. Overflow parking and bus parking is available across the road.

Directions

Lincoln Memorial Garden is located just southeast of Springfield on the shore of Lake Springfield. The Garden is on East Lake Drive, 2 ½ miles east of the Chatham/East Lake Drive interchange on Interstate 55 (exit 88) just south of the Lake Springfield bridge. The Garden can also be reached by taking the Stevenson Drive/East Lake Dr. exit off Interstate 55 (exit 94) and following East Lake Drive for six miles.

Trails

The 100-acre site features six miles of interconnected trails that wind through the Garden's restored prairies, woodlands and wetlands. The Garden also contains a dozen footbridges, a pond, and eight stone council rings, most with views of the lake. Trail surfaces are either wood-chipped or grass. Visitors are asked to stay on the marked trails. Benches, inscribed with Lincoln quotes, are located throughout the Garden for rest and contemplation. The Ostermeier Prairie Center includes a half-mile accessible trail that passes through tallgrass prairies and around a small pond. A map of the trails is available at the Nature Center.

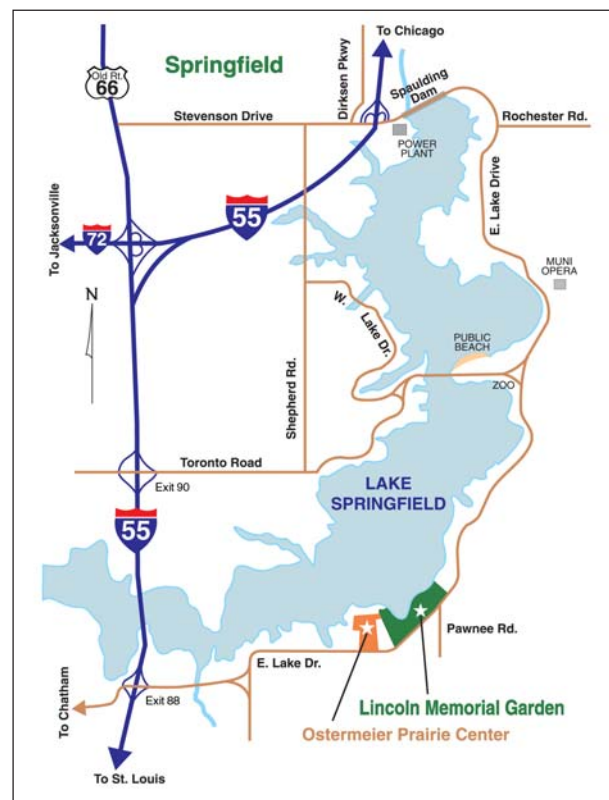
Special Events

The Garden sponsors special events throughout the year. These include wildflower walks, birdwatching, youth ecology/nature camps, Maple Syrup Time, Indian Summer Festival and Holiday Market.

Visitor Etiquette

The Garden is a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln and not a public park. It is intended for visitors' walking pleasure, nature study and appreciation. Visitors must stay on the trails to protect fragile native ecosystems. Visitors are also asked to observe the following rules:

- No picking or collecting of any material, live or dead
- No Bicycles
- No pets
- No alcohol
- No swimming or fishing
- Fires or group picnics are allowed only with permission of the staff



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Nature Center

The Nature Center provides space for seminars, workshops and children's education programs, as well as housing interactive educational displays. Although there is no restaurant in the Garden, vending machine drinks and limited packaged snacks are available in the Nature Center. Numerous restaurants are located within a 10-minute drive of the Garden. The Nature Center also is home to the Split Rail Gift Shop.

Split Rail Gift Shop

The Split Rail gift shop, located in the Nature Center, features hand-crafted items, pottery and glassware, seasonal items, gardening supplies, accents for the home, and a wide selection of nature and gardening-related books. Seasonal merchandise and gift items for every occasion are available as are gifts and souvenirs for children.

Accessibility

Limited parking for persons with disabilities is available in the main parking lot, and next to the Garden's Nature Center which can be reached via the Nature Center's service drive. A paved sidewalk allows additional accessibility from the main parking lot to the Nature Center. The Ostermeier Prairie Center includes a half-mile accessible trail that passes through tallgrass prairies and around a small pond. Other trail surfaces are either wood-chipped or grass.

Accommodations

Nearly 80 hotels/motels are located in the immediate Springfield area. Many of these are within a 10-minute drive of the Garden. For hotel information, contact the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau: 800/545-7300
www.visit-springfieldillinois.com