

Illinois Lincoln Highway Scenic Byway Sample Itinerary

Visitors can drive (or charter a bus for a group) the Lincoln Highway in Illinois in two days, although to experience all of the sites and stop long enough to take pictures, three days are best. The smaller museums on the western side of Illinois are open more on weekends, Saturdays and Sundays, but most museums can make appointments to be open on other days with advanced notice.

The entire Lincoln Highway starts at Times Square, New York City and goes all the way to the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Carl G. Fisher (1874-1939), one of the original owners of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the Indy 500, developed the idea of the Lincoln Highway and the Lincoln Highway Association that he worked to establish, unveiled the route in 1913. Fast forward to the 21st Century, the Lincoln Highway Association provides an online, interactive map for navigation, points of interest, electric vehicle charging stations, and recreational vehicle (RV) campgrounds here: lincolnhighwayassoc.org/map/. The online map is a comprehensive list of all Lincoln Highway-related sites. The list below is a sample of notable locations.

Day 1: Chicago Heights to Joliet

Chicago Heights

Location: [Chicago Heights Public Library](#)

25 W. 15th St.

Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Sites: Intersection of Lincoln Highway and Carl Fisher's other road, the Dixie Highway; statue of Lincoln and children; fountain; and signage, all near the Chicago Heights Public Library.

Park Forest

Location: Indiana Street at Route 30 (Lincoln Highway)

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo

Matteson

Location: 813 School Ave.

Matteson, IL 60443

Site: [Matteson Historical Society Museum](#)

Frankfort

Location: 11008 West Lincoln Highway
Frankfort, IL 60423

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo

Location: 132 Kansas St.
Frankfort, IL 60423

Site: [Frankfort Area Historical Society Museum](#)

New Lenox

Location: Lincoln-Way Central High School
1801 E. Lincoln Hwy.
New Lenox, IL 60451

Sites: Lincoln Highway Concrete Marker from 1928 and Gazebo in front of the school

Joliet

Location: 2501 Highland Park Dr.
Joliet, IL 60432

Site: [Pilcher Park & Nature Center](#), an [auto camp](#) in the early days of the highway

Location: 102 N. Chicago St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Site: [Rialto Square Theater](#)

Location: 204 N. Ottawa St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Site: [Joliet Area Historical Museum](#)

Locations: N. Chicago St. (Route 66) and corners of westbound Cass St. and eastbound W. Jefferson St.

Sites: Intersections of Lincoln Highway and Route 66

Location: 1125 Collins St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Site: [Old Joliet Prison](#)

Location: Cass St. (Lincoln Highway) and Des Plaines River

Site: Cass St. Bridge

Location: 753 Ruby St.
Joliet, IL 60435
Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Day 2: Joliet to Geneva

Crest Hill

Location: 1693 Plainfield Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403
Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Plainfield

Location: Corner of Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) and Route 59 (Route 66) to Lockport St.
Site: Merging of Lincoln Highway and Route 66 for three blocks

Location: 23836 W. Main St.
Plainfield, IL 60544

Site: [Plainfield Historical Society Main Street Museum](#)

Location: 15033 Wood Farm Rd.
Plainfield, IL 60544

Site: Railroad Museum

Location: 24401 West Lockport St.
Plainfield, IL 60544

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo & Settler's Park

Oswego

Location: 72 Polk St.
Oswego, IL 60543

Site: [Little White Schoolhouse Museum](#), for more information, [please click here](#)

Aurora

Location: East side of [Phillips Park](#), along Hill Ave. (Lincoln Highway)

Site: Restored Lincoln Highway Pavilion once used as an Auto Camp

Location: 50-52 N. Broadway
Aurora, IL 60505

Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Location: 53 N. Broadway
Aurora, IL 60505
Site: [Aurora Regional Fire Museum](#)

Location: 23 E. Galena Blvd.
Aurora, IL 60505
Site: [Paramount Theatre](#)

Location: 20 E. Downer Pl.
Aurora, IL 60505
Site: [Aurora Historical Society](#)

Location: 305 Cedar St.
Aurora, IL 60506
Site: [William Tanner House](#)

Batavia

Location: 155 Houston St.
Batavia, IL 60510
Site: [Batavia Depot Museum](#)

Geneva

Location: 1925 S. Batavia Ave.
Geneva, IL 60134
Sites: [Fabyan Villa Museum](#) and [Japanese Garden](#)

Day 3: Geneva to Fulton

Geneva

Location: 404 S. 3rd St.
Geneva, IL 60134
Site: [The Little Traveler Shop](#)

Location: 113 S. 3rd St.
Site: [Geneva History Museum](#)

Location: 124 State St.
Geneva, IL 60134
Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo

Location: 10 S. 2nd St.
Geneva, IL 60134
Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Maple Park

Location: 302 Willow St.
Maple Park, IL 60151
Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Cortland

Location: 55 W. Lincoln Highway
Cortland, IL 60112
Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

DeKalb

Location: 1019 E. Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115
Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo

Location: 135 N. 2nd St.
DeKalb, IL 60115
Site: [Egyptian Theatre](#)

Location: 420 Linden Pl.
DeKalb, IL 60115
Site: [Ellwood House Museum](#)

Location: 335 Miller Ave.
DeKalb, IL 60115
Site: [Annie's Woods Park](#), originally used as an Auto Camp

Location: 921 W. Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115
Site: [J.F. Glidden Homestead & Historic Center](#)

Malta

Location: 127 N. 3rd St.
Malta, IL 60150

Site: [Malta Historical & Genealogical Society](#) and Lincoln Highway Mural

Location: In front of Malta Cemetery to one mile west
3987 Lincoln Highway
Malta, IL 60150

Site: Original location of the First Seedling Mile

Location: 21193 Malta Rd.
Malta, IL 60150

Sites: Lincoln Highway Historical Marker and Gazebo

Creston

Location: 110 N. Main St.
Creston, IL 60113

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo

Location: 103 S. Main St.
Creston, IL 60113

Site: [Headon's Fine Meats](#), Murals, and Lincoln Highway Mural

Rochelle

Location: 429 Lincoln Highway
Rochelle, IL 60168

Site: [Flagg Township Museum](#)

Location: 500 Lincoln Ave.
Rochelle, IL 60168

Site: [1918 Standard Oil Station](#)

Location: 124 N. 9th
Rochelle, IL 60168

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo and [Rochelle Railroad Park](#)

Ashton

Location: 810 Main St.

Ashton, IL 61006

Site: Lincoln Highway Mural

Franklin Grove

Location: Two curves in Route 38 (Lincoln Highway) just west past Crest Foods

Sites: [Four 1928 Concrete Lincoln Highway Markers in Original Locations](#)

Location: 136 N. Elm St.

Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Site: [Lincoln Highway National Interpretive Center](#) in [H. I. Lincoln Building](#)

Location: 119 N. Elm St.

Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Site: Lincoln Highway Mural at [Rooney's](#)

Dixon

Please note: A couple of the museums in Dixon are not open on Sundays. If you plan to visit the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home and the Northwest Territory Historic Center, they are not open on Sundays. Please plan ahead.

Location: 810 S. Hennepin Ave.

Dixon, IL 61021

Site: [Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home](#)

Location: 205 W. 5th St.

Dixon, IL 61021

Site: [Northwest Territory Historic Center](#)

Location: 215 S. Galena Ave. (over the Lincoln Highway in front of building)

Dixon, IL 61021

Site: [Dixon Victory Memorial Arch](#)

Location: 309 S. Galena Ave.

Dixon, IL 61021

Site: Abraham Lincoln Historical Marker on boulder on Lee County Courthouse lawn

Location: 513 W. 2nd St.
Dixon, IL 61021

Site: [Loveland Community House & Museum](#)

Location: Lincoln Statue Dr., Immediately West of Rock River
Dixon, IL 61021

Site: Abraham Lincoln Statue and Old Settler's Cabin

Location: 686 Veterans Pky.
Dixon, IL 61021

Site: [Dixon Veterans Memorial Park & Museum](#)

Sterling

Location: Multiple locations along Lincoln Highway and Throughout Sterling

Sites: [Series of Murals](#)

Location: 607 E. 3rd St.
Sterling, IL 61081

Site: [Lincoln-Manaham Home](#)

Location: 1005 E. 3rd St.
Sterling, IL 61081

Site: [Dillon Home Museum](#)

Morrison

Location: 202 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, IL 61270

Sites: [Morrison's Heritage Museum](#) and [several other attractions](#), including a covered bridge

Fulton

Location: 10th Ave. at 3rd St.
Fulton, IL 61252

Site: Lincoln Highway Gazebo and Mural

Location: 111 10th Ave.
Fulton, IL 61525

Site: [De Immigrant Windmill](#) and [Windmill Cultural Center](#)

Location: 515 N. 4th St.
Fulton, IL 61525

Site: [Heritage Canyon](#)

