



Lincoln in Danville

Morning

Begin looking for Lincoln in Danville at the **Vermilion County Museum** – a near replica of the 1833 county courthouse where Abraham Lincoln argued cases as a prairie lawyer. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Museum houses a re-creation of the Lincoln/Lamon Law Office, as well as numerous pieces of Lincoln memorabilia. Just outside, don't miss the **Lincoln Story Trail** exhibit, ***A Friend Forever***, one of three Danville stories on the Story Trail.

Nearby, on the same grounds, sits the **Fithian Home** – home to Dr. William Fithian – Civil War surgeon, legislator and personal friend of Mr. Lincoln. It was on the south balcony of the home where Lincoln delivered his famous “stocking feet” speech in 1858. The bedroom he used on his many visits to Danville remains today as it was when Lincoln was there.

Afternoon

After lunch, take a stroll around historic downtown Danville and explore several Lincoln sites. You'll find two more stops on the **Story Trail** – ***Danville's Lincoln*** and ***Lincoln's Danville Friends***. You'll also find markers at the spot where Lincoln attending court proceedings and the site of the **Lincoln/Lamon Law Office**, as well as the site of the **Presbyterian Church** Lincoln attended on his visits to town. Take a moment at the site of the former **Great Western Depot** where President Lincoln's Inaugural Train stopped in Danville so the newly elected President could speak to over a thousand friends and supporters.

Stop by the site of the one of the famed **Lincoln-Douglas Debates** – where crowds estimated at larger than the local population gathered to hear the men speak.

A moving final stop for your day might be the **Danville National Cemetery** featuring ***the Soldiers Monument*** – depicting a young Civil War soldier – was dedicated on Memorial Day 1917. The monument is today listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The immortal words of the Lincoln Gettysburg Address greet you at the entrance to the cemetery.

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