

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

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KENTUCKY LINCOLN TRAILS

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TALLIGEWI LODGE HIKING TRAILS

The Talligewi Lodge hiking trails are sponsored and operated by Talligewi Lodge #62 of the Order of the Arrow and were designed to encourage hiking and environmental awareness.

The Kentucky Lincoln Trail, a 33 mile trek commemorating the boyhood of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, begins at the Elizabethtown High School and ends at the Abraham Lincoln National Historic Park near Hodgenville, KY. This hike should be attempted by those who have had at least one preparatory hike.

The Lincoln Memorial Trail consists of the second day hike of the Kentucky Lincoln Trail, from Lincoln's boyhood home at Knob Creek to the Lincoln National Historic Park.

KENTUCKY LINCOLN TRAIL

The Kentucky Lincoln Trail was designed only for those with backpacking experience. All food and supplies for the two day trek must be carried, including tents for the overnight at Knob Creek, Lincoln's boyhood home.

History of the Lincoln Country

In 1808 the father of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Lincoln, purchased the farm at Sinking Spring; where now stands the beautiful Lincoln Memorial, it is here that on February 12, 1809 Abraham Lincoln was born.

When Abe was about four years old his father sought more fertile land to till, thus Lincoln's family moved nine miles up the old Cumberland Road, (the first road from Louisville to

10. Arrival at the Lincoln Memorial: Hikers must arrive before 4:00 P.M.. Each unit as a group will recite from memory the Gettysburg Address at the flagpole. No eating or fire building is permitted on the Memorial grounds. Use of the adjoining picnic grounds is suggested.
11. Parking: Parking is available at the Memorial. The ranger must be notified that the car will be parked overnight, otherwise the car will be towed away.

HIKING THE LINCON TRAILS

1. How to qualify: Be a registered scout or explorer. It will be the responsibility of the unit leader to certify that the applicants are properly prepared and physically able to endure this trail.
2. Preparation is imperative: A 33 mile hike is a grueling ordeal. It is recommended that preparatory hikes be taken. Special emphasis should be placed on the type and weight of packs, good shoes, and equipment.
3. Book reports: Prior to hiking the trail for the first time all hikers must read a book on the life of Abraham Lincoln and submit a report on it of at least 200 words. This requirement includes both youth and adults.
4. Gettysburg Address: Each hiker must recite the Gettysburg Address from memory to his unit leader before taking the hike and at the Lincoln Memorial.
5. Equipment and Food: All tents, food and other necessary equipment for the trail must be carried by the hikers. No Food may be purchased along the way. Liquid refreshments (including ice cream) are permitted.
6. Uniforms: Complete uniforms are required for the entire length of the trail. Camp or Class "B" t-shirts are permitted during the warm months.
7. Departure: Hikers must be at the Elizabethtown High School by 8:00 A.M. (local time) on Saturdays only. Requests for hiking the trail on days other than Saturdays and Sundays must accompany the hike application. Camping is available for those hiking the trail. Knob Creek can be used before and completing the trail.
8. Leadership: It is required that two registered Scouters (over 21) hike the trail for each ten hikers of fraction thereof.
9. Overnight at Knob Creek: The trail must be hiked in two consecutive days with the night spent at Knob Creek. No tents are to be ditched nor fireplaces dug. Do not leave any equipment or sleep on the porch of the lodge. All grounds must be clean before leaving.

Nashville) to the rolling fork of Knob Creek. Here Thomas Lincoln cultivated the small triangular farm for about four years. Here Abe and his sister lived, when they went to school it was only for about three months and was taught by poorly trained teachers. At Knob Creek Abe's baby brother, Thomas, was born and died.

To the left of Lincoln's Knob Creek cabin, where now stands a replica of his boyhood home, are the forbidding cliffs of Muldraugh, the rugged hills Abe climbed with his companions and once, while crossing a log over the rain swollen Knob Creek, was nearly drowned.

At Knob Creek Abe often helped with the farming and the carrying of the corn seven miles to Hodgen's Mill for grinding. Then in 1816 Thomas Lincoln discovered that he was unable to attain a clear title to the Knob Creek farm loaded his family and belongings on two horses and set out northward on the Cumberland Road to Atherton's Ferry (Athertonville). He turned west onto the old Elizabethtown-Springfield trail (now called "Valley Creek") for Elizabethtown where they spent the first night of a journey to the west that was to lead them to Indiana and Illinois; and Abe to the seat of the nation.

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL TRAIL

The Lincoln Memorial Trail is a 14 mile hike from Lincoln's boyhood home at Knob Creek to the Abraham Lincoln National Historic Park, located outside of Hodgenville, KY. No packs are required for this trail, and this trail may be hiked in either direction. This trail is to hiked on Saturdays or Sundays, but special requests for other days may be approved.

Items No. 1, 6, 8, 10, and 11 concerning the Kentucky Lincoln Trail also apply to the Lincoln Memorial Trail.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

At least two (2) weeks prior to the planned hike date for either of the two trails, the Talligewi Lodge trails permit must be completed and returned to:

Lodge Trails Committee
 63 East Horseshoe Ave.
 Upton, KY 42784
 Lodgetrails@talligewi62.org

If your unit is from outside of the Lincoln Heritage Council a local or national tour permit must be completed and sent along with the application.

The approved application will be returned to the unit leader who will then fill in the names of those who hiked the trail on the approved date. The permit (along with completed hiking credentials) must then be returned to the above address after hiking the trail and having the Knob Creek and Lincoln Memorial Parks stamp the permits and hiking credentials.

Book reports for the Kentucky Lincoln trail must accompany the original application for hiking the trail, these reports **must** be received before the application to hike the trail will be approved.

TRAIL AWARDS

Kentucky Trail Patch	\$5.00
Kentucky Memorial Trail Patch	\$5.00
Kentucky Trails Back Patch (Must hike both trails)	\$8.00

Be sure to include the correct remittance for any desired trail awards when the application is returned after hiking the trail.

Please make checks or money orders in the order to:

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Any inquiries and payments concerning any of the trails should be sent to the above address.

