

150. Watch your kids run and laugh in an outdoor paradise.
151. Experience historic architecture.
152. Spend a day kayaking.
153. Go to a bakery and meet the baker.
154. Take a yoga class and unwind.
155. Eat pizza in an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.
156. Cheer for the fastest hay baler at the Farmer Olympics.
157. Read a book at a café where pie is served and regulars congregate.
158. Swim indoors or out.
159. Browse through a flea market.
160. Enjoy a festival
161. See an antique tractor parade.
162. Drive through acres of scenic farmland and miles of blue skies.
163. Watch skydivers.
164. Buy hot buttered popcorn in Ottawa's Washington Square Park.
165. Fish off the riverbank at Allen Park.
166. Stay in a B&B or a cozy inn.
167. Wake up with fresh air and the peaceful sound of silence.
168. Build a fire and watch it glow under the stars.
169. See an old-fashioned schoolhouse on the banks of the I&M Canal.
170. Visit places where Abraham Lincoln once worked.
171. Savor the local flavors of a Farmers Market.
172. Photograph wild flowers and native grasses.
173. Taste a locally produced wine.
174. Buy colorful perennials to add to your own landscaping.
175. See the Abraham Lincoln and the I&M Canal exhibit at Lock 16.
176. Groove to the sounds of local musicians.
177. Roam country roads
178. Enjoy towns free of traffic lights and traffic jams.
179. Sketch on a bench.
180. Take a horseback riding lesson.
181. Try locally made cheese.
182. Cross-country ski.
183. Go geocaching in 3,000 acres of lush forests.
184. Capture a photo of your family in front of a sparkling waterfall.
185. Enjoy an indoor amusement park.
186. Watch a classic movie in the balcony of a 100-year old art deco theatre.
187. Treat your pet to a vacation in a private pet suite.
188. Choose your favorite classic car at a Cruise Night.
189. Take a photography workshop while hiking on scenic trails.
190. Plan a family outing to the Annual Kids Fishing Tournament.
191. Visit a Scandinavian Museum and store.
192. Share a moment of silence at the Middle Eastern Conflict Wall Memorial.
193. Rent a convertible and take in the beauty of the Illinois River Byway.
194. Hunt for clues while letterboxing.

195. Rent a wave runner.
196. Attend a free concert.
197. Enjoy free parking, free parks and fresh air.
198. Discover canoeing.
199. Write in your journal at Wildcat Canyon.
200. Enjoy breakfast at sunrise or happy hour at sunset.

For more Ottawa experiences, contact the Ottawa Visitors Center, where you'll find souvenirs, **FREE** maps and guides

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"Lincoln had two reasons for coming to Ottawa. One was to transact legal business in the courts; the other, and it overshadows in importance any law case that he ever tried here, was to mix with attorneys that attended the courts..."

"He was the master politician of his day, one of the old time, horse swapping, give and take, attack and counterattack type of politicians whose likes are few and far between."

The Lincoln - Douglas Plaza
Washington Square Park



Commissioned in 2002: Designed by sculptress
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1. Share a hug at Lover's Leap.
2. Hydro bike on the Fox River.
3. Spend the night on a houseboat
4. Enjoy a wine tasting at one of many wineries.
5. Reserve a "Family Cabin" in the woods.
6. View the site of the first Lincoln-Douglas debate from the Reddick Mansion.
7. Ride a tilt-a-whirl rain or shine.
8. Count waterfalls.
9. Float down the Fox River in a canoe.
10. Relax in an English garden.
11. Experience the history of the Hegeler Carus Mansion.
12. Tour a one-room school house.
13. Raft the whitewaters of the Vermillion River.
14. Run (or bike) along the historic I&M Canal.
15. Ride on a horse-pulled replica canal boat.
16. Tour architectural masterpieces and historic landmarks.
17. Rent a speedboat and explore the waterways.
18. Catch fish.
19. Take a cruise on the Spirit of Peoria.
20. Watch a movie at a vintage drive-in theatre.
21. Hop on a jet ski.
22. Drink a frosty mug of homemade root beer.
23. Visit a museum.
24. Count eagles.
25. Race to the top of a spectacular overlook.
26. Hike through lush forests.
27. Have lunch on a street without bus lanes.
28. Learn to ride a Harley.
29. Take a hayride.
30. Play "Marco Polo" at an indoor water park.
31. Learn about Clyde Tombaugh's discover of a planet.
32. See the large fireworks displays.
33. Have tea with Mrs. Lincoln.
34. Play miniature golf inside or out.
35. Hit the links on one of many golf courses.
36. Explore a trail full of breathtaking surprises.
37. Explore the soaring river bluffs and miles of colorful forest that once greeted President Lincoln. They're as pristine and beautiful as ever.
38. Look at historic barns.
39. Take a canal boat ride with Abraham Lincoln.
40. Show your "ride" at a Cruise Night!
41. Buy vegetables from the farmer who grew them.
42. Drop off your "best friend" at a doggie day spa.
43. Play Frisbee golf.
44. Picnic along the I&M Canal.
45. See a movie outdoors.
46. Take a photo with the Coffee Pot Lady.
47. Hunt for antiques.
48. Find delightful handmade soap.
49. Enjoy a live cabaret-style theatre.
50. Shop in quaint 19th century downtowns.
51. View the carriage that carried Lincoln to the first of his famed debates.
52. Eat fried chicken family-style at midnight.
53. Hop on board a trolley tour.

54. Experience a cell phone tour where murals "come to life".
55. Discover the magic of storytelling.
56. Pick your own strawberries.
57. See the birthplace of "Wild Bill" Hickok.
58. See authentic farms.
59. Visit an 1861 grain elevator.
60. View a swing bridge.
61. Explore the Ottawa Scouting Museum.
62. Try your hand at a sport called "curling."
63. Follow the footsteps of Chief Shabbona.
64. Snap a roadside photo of the world's only agricultural crash monument.
65. Ride a bike across the Fox River aqueduct.
66. Count Great Blue Herons.
67. Relax by the largest 2-sided fireplace in Illinois at Starved Rock Lodge.
68. Watch a local theatre troupe take on the classics.
69. Eat the "world's largest ham sandwich".
70. Take a cruise on an authentic paddlewheel boat.
71. Play in a wigwam.
72. Get to know Maud Powell.
73. Meet the alpacas at the Apple Tree Acres Alpaca Farm.
74. Satisfy your sweet tooth with some tasty homemade fudge.
75. Have lunch overlooking the picturesque Illinois River.
76. Try burgoo stew.
77. Discover great boutiques and restaurants in the City of LaSalle.
78. Meet local artisans.
79. Walk hand-in-hand through Buffalo Rock State Park.
80. Listen to music under the stars.
81. Attend a Hummingbird Workshop.
82. Watch Bald Eagles dive for their dinner.
83. Hike a canyon...or all 18 of them.
84. Sit by a waterfall.
85. Take home an antique.
86. Indulge in a jumbo pork tenderloin sandwich.
87. Capture the colors of the French Canyon.
88. Try cross-country skiing at Matthiessen State Park.
89. See bison at Buffalo Rock State Park.
90. Go horseback riding.
91. Enjoy fresh homegrown treats at Mendota's sweet corn festival.
92. Experience the majesty of amber waves of grain.
93. See a real "Diver Dan" suit at the Illinois Waterways Visitor Center.
94. Come to a drum circle and learn about the healing power of nature.
95. Sit around a campfire and listen to stories with your friends.
96. Search for more than 200 different varieties of wildflowers.
97. Ride mountain bikes along Matthiessen State Park's new bike trail.
98. Learn about St. Peter Sandstone at Starved Rock State Park.
99. Watch pottery being made at the Clark Street Studio.
100. Pick apples.

101. Watch stock car races.
102. Enjoy breathtaking views and pristine walking trails.
103. Attend the Vintage Illinois Wine Festival.
104. Learn how a lock & dam works.
105. Hike the "Hop Along Cassidy River Trail".
106. Meander through hollyhocks at Weber House and Garden
107. Bowl in a 1950's bowling alley.
108. Skydive over scenic waterways and colorful sandstone bluffs.
109. Bike the I&M Canal.
110. Rub Abraham Lincoln's nose for good luck
111. See one of Mary Todd Lincoln's dresses.
112. Learn about Native American heritage and traditions. .
113. Find out how scouting got started.
114. Learn about railway heritage at the Union Depot Railroad Museum.
115. Experience the grandeur of the Hegler Carus Mansion
116. Tour the pre-Civil War Reddick Mansion
117. See Rachel Childers Caleel's sculptures "The Railsplitter" and the "The Little Giant."
118. Count the "Buffleheads".
119. Trace Lincoln's steps in Ottawa.
120. See the "halfway" house where Lincoln stayed. 121. Watch White Pelicans.
122. See real sled dogs as they pull a musher.
123. Hike to Eagle Cliff.
124. Hear an echo at Council Overhang.
125. See the sunrise from the top of Starved Rock.
126. Walk your dog on 13 miles of trails.
127. Participate in a Sauger Tournament.
128. Identify a Blue Indigo Bunting.
129. Play in a 2-story log cabin at Matthiessen State Park.
130. Count the stairs leading to Cascade Falls at Matthiessen State Park.
131. Visit the Giant's Bathtub at Matthiessen State Park.
132. Eat pecan pie.
133. See a real blacksmith shop.
134. Sleep under the stars.
135. Browse boutiques
136. Visit a marina for lunch.
137. Get a massage and abandon your cell phone for 24 hours.
138. Get Lost in Grizzly Jack's Enchanted Forest.
139. See stars in the sky. Look for the constellations.
140. Bike from Ottawa to Utica for lunch.
141. Support a local artist.
142. Touch the ground where Charles Lindbergh touched down.
143. Hunt for antiques.
144. Eat breakfast in a warm igloo.
145. Take a wine and shopping tour.
146. Enjoy a waterfall and canyon lunch tour.
147. Relax on a land and water cruise.
148. Take a dinner cruise on the picturesque Illinois River.
149. Relax in a cozy hotel room after a day of fresh air.