



VISITOR GUIDE

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Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Black History Month are February highlights. However, Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12th takes center stage in this month's DC Guide. Follow the links below to "Find Lincoln" in Washington D.C. where his legacy still lives on.

Finding Lincoln

- The [Lincoln Memorial](#) would be your first stop. Future [plans](#) include a museum in an area below ground scheduled to open in 2026.
- [The Capitol](#) includes many Lincoln connections: Portraits in the [Crypt](#) and [Rotunda](#). A [floor plate](#) marks where his desk sat in the Old House Chamber (now Statuary Hall). [The Lincoln Room](#) (once the Clerk's Office) is nearby where he would take a break from the floor. The [catafalque](#) used at his funeral and the [table](#) used at his inauguration are displayed in the CVC Exhibit Hall.
- Take the tour of [Lincoln's Cottage](#) where the family spent their summers.
- [New York Avenue Presbyterian Church](#), where the family attended Sunday services.
- [Ford's Theater and the Peterson House](#) offers tours and programs focused on Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865.
- Visit the [National Museum of Health & Medicine](#) where the bullet that killed Lincoln is kept. Exhibits trace the history of medicine and practice "in the field" during wartime.
- [Lincoln Park](#) features a statue of Lincoln with a freed slave that was funded by former slaves in 1876.



DID YOU KNOW...

- [Contents of Lincoln's Pockets](#) on the night of his assassination were found in the office of the Librarian of Congress, Ainsworth Spofford, and are now treasures of the Library. The Library's [Alfred Whital Stern Collection](#) is the comprehensive of Lincoln memorabilia.
- In 1864, President Lincoln signed an Act of Congress to authorize a school to provide "a fair chance in the race of life" for the deaf and blind; it is now known as [Gallaudet University](#).
- Abraham Lincoln received Patent #6469 for a [device to lift boats over shoals](#) that was displayed at the Patent Office (now the Portrait Gallery).
- President Lincoln established the [Union Army Balloon Corps](#) in 1861 for reconnaissance purposes in service to the Union until 1863.



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