



Today is Abraham Lincoln's birthday! In Illinois, we call ourselves the Land of Lincoln because of the time Lincoln spent here establishing himself as a politician. There are many historical sites pertaining to Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, and the Macon County Conservation District has two: The Paris-Springfield Road and Governor Oglesby's Mansion.

The Paris-Springfield road was traveled by Abraham Lincoln and his family when they first settled in Illinois, and Lincoln also used the road many times when traveling the state as a lawyer and a politician. Part of this road is now preserved and open to visitors at Sand Creek Conservation Area.

Governor Oglesby was a friend and political ally of Abraham Lincoln. A significant historical figure in his own right, he fought in both the Mexican War and the Civil War, was elected as governor of Illinois three times, and served as a United States Senator. His mansion was a beautiful Italianate style home, and it has been preserved to include furnishings from the era and several items owned by the Oglesby family. Find more information about the mansion on oglesbymansion.org.

Both of these historical sites contribute to the story of Abraham Lincoln, check them out when you have a chance!



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