

National Park Service
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Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site
Hodgenville, Kentucky



Abraham Lincoln Birthplace

"I was born on February 12, 1809, in the then Hardin County, Kentucky, at a point within the now county of LaRue, a mile or a mile and a half from where Hodgen's Mill now is."

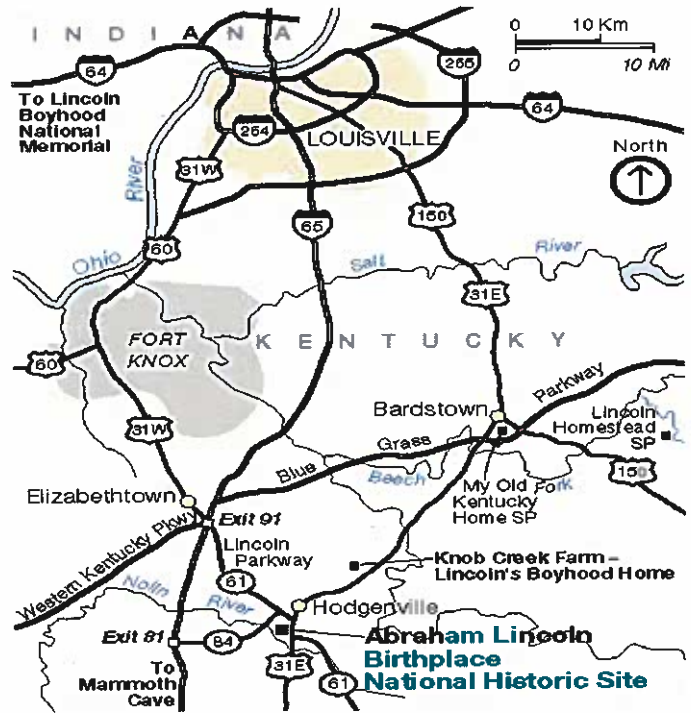
—Abraham Lincoln



Photo by W.L. McCoy

On December 12, 1808, Thomas Lincoln paid \$200 cash for 300 acres of rough land situated a short distance south of Hodgen's Mill, Kentucky. Identified locally as the Sinking Spring Farm, the property was best known for the cool waters of a large limestone spring which surfaced there. It was on a knoll above the spring that Thomas, his wife Nancy, and their first child Sarah, settled into a one room log cabin. On February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born.

Two years later the Lincoln family moved ten miles northeast to the Knob Creek Farm. Lincoln later stated, "My earliest recollection is of the Knob Creek place." This beautiful valley located in the Knobs Region nurtured the fertile and ambitious mind of a growing boy.



VISITING THE PARK

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS

Is located 3 miles south of Hodgenville KY on U.S. 31E & KY 61. Stop at the Visitor Center for directions to the Memorial Building, Sinking Spring, hiking trails, and picnic area. The film "Abraham Lincoln: The Kentucky Years" is shown every hour and half hour in the Visitor Center auditorium. The Park is open daily except Thanksgiving Day, December 25 and January 1.

Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek

Is located 10 miles northeast of the Birthplace Unit on U.S. 31E. The Lincoln family lived here five years, 1811-1816. Limited interpretive services and picnicking are available. This property was added to the Park in 2001. Open daily.

Nearby Lincoln Related Attractions

The Lincoln Museum and Lincoln Statues are located in downtown Hodgenville. Ph. 270.358.3163

Hours of operation:
8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (ET)

No Admission Charged

For seasonal park hour changes and special event information contact:

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