

Oak Ridge Cemetery Trails

Oak Ridge Cemetery is the second most visited cemetery in the nation. It is the final resting place of President Abraham Lincoln. Here also are the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials as well as governors and noted historical figures of our state.

We have developed three Trails of varying length depending on your time and interest. Along with a patch for each Trail, there is a workbook to complete in order to earn the patch. Included will be an answer sheet and map of the cemetery.

Lincoln Tomb Hours of Operation are:

Open: 9:00am-4:00pm Daily
Closed Holidays

For cemetery hours and any possible changes in the days and hours of operation for Lincoln's Tomb, call the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 545-7300 or (217) 789-2360 or check their website at www.visit-springfieldillinois.com. The schedule can also be found on our website at www.alincolnbsa.org.

Parking, restrooms, phones and water fountains are available next to the visitor's parking lot beside Lincoln's Tomb.

Be sure to dress appropriate for the weather. Bring sun block, sunglasses, rain gear, gloves, walking or hiking shoes as weather indicates.

If you eat along the Trail, carry litter to an appropriate trash receptacle.

Patches can be obtained for each of the Trails at the Council Office.



Lincoln's Tomb



Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Korean War Memorial

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The Introductory Trail

The Introductory Trail is the shortest of the three Trails. It is related to Mr. Lincoln's Tomb and history. This is ideal for those visiting the Tomb only and can be comfortably done in a half hour's time.

The accompanying workbook will insure the visitor has learned the essential information the nation wanted to convey to successive generations about the 16th President.

This Trail was designed for all ages, but with particular emphasis on the younger visitor. We feel it would be of special use on class field trips, Cub Scout Den trips, and family outings.

For those participating in the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, this Trail is something the scouts can do while they are waiting for the Program to begin on Sunday.

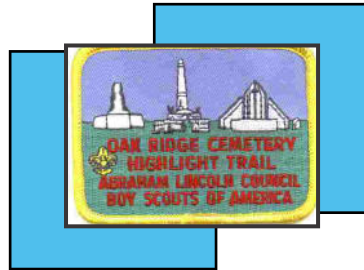


"Now he belongs to the Ages."

Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War
April 15, 1865

The Intermediate Trail

The Intermediate Trail highlights the three major attractions in Oak Ridge Cemetery - Lincoln's Tomb, the Vietnam and the Korean War Memorials. It is designed as a walking tour that will take approximately 1½ hours to complete. Hiking distance is a little over one mile, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes.



As with the Introductory Trail, a workbook, answer sheet and map accompany the patch. Questions are designed to familiarize the hikers with Illinois' contribution to freedom by its participation in those wars. The memorials are lasting tributes to those who gave their lives in service to our country safeguarding the liberties we enjoy today.

This Trail was designed for older youths and adults. Here's a chance for you to stretch your legs, enjoy the fresh air, commune with nature and pay tribute to the defenders of our nation. For those participating in the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, we would recommend this for Boy Scouts on Sunday morning prior to the start of the Pilgrimage Program.

The Advanced Trail

The Advanced Trail includes an in-depth look at the pioneers of Illinois and Springfield who lie buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

This Trail was laid out to familiarize the hiker with the "old section" of the cemetery. Here lies buried governors, poets, orphans, historical figures, Springfield notables, Mr. Lincoln's friends and relatives.

Allow approximately 1½ hours to complete the Trail. Compass headings are included for those wishing to improve their skills or just have more fun. Take your time and be inspired by what you learn. A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering - always.

This Trail is for visitors with extra time and interest in history. It was designed for class field trips, history buffs, orienteering enthusiasts and older Scouts. For those participating in the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, this would be a Saturday activity or most of Sunday morning prior to the start of the Pilgrimage Program.

To do all three Trails, allow approximately three hours.

Complete the whole Workbook and earn all three patches.

