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Executive Summary

This visitor study report profiles a systematic random sample of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (NMEM) visitors during June 19-25, 2012. A total of 398 questionnaires were distributed to visitor groups. Of those, 254 questionnaires were returned, resulting in a 63.8% response rate.

Group size and type

Thirty percent of visitor groups consisted of two people and 23% consisted of four people. Seventy-seven percent of visitor groups consisted of family groups.

State or country of residence

United States visitors were from 30 states and comprised 99.6% of total visitation during the survey period, with 46% from Indiana. Twenty-two percent of visitor groups were residents of the area (within 60 miles of the park). International visitors were from two countries and comprised less than 1% of total visitation during the survey period.

Frequency of visits

Most visitors (87%) visited the park once in the past 12 months and for 65%, this was their first visit.

Age, educational level, and income level

Thirty-six percent of visitors were ages 31-60 years, 35% were ages 15 years or younger, and 22% were 61 years or older. Thirty-one percent of respondents had completed a bachelor’s degree and 28% had a graduate degree. Fifty-three percent of respondents had an income level between $50,000 and $149,999.

Awareness of park management and other nationally significant sites

Thirty-nine percent of visitor groups were aware of the two Lincoln parks in Lincoln City. Ninety-one percent of visitor groups were aware of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC and 65% had visited it in the past. Seventy-six percent of visitor groups were aware of the Lincoln Home NHS, Springfield, IL and 42% had visited it in the past.

Information sources

Most visitor groups (72%) obtained information about the park prior to their visit. Information was most often obtained through previous visits (36%), friends/relatives/word of mouth (34%), maps/brochures (29%), and the park website (24%). To obtain information for a future visit, visitor groups most often preferred to use the park website (55%), previous visits (36%) and maps/brochures (32%).
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<td>During the on-site interview, 58% of visitor groups indicated the park was their primary destination, and 38% indicated the park was one of several destinations.</td>
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<td>Primary reason for visiting the area</td>
<td>Twenty-five percent of visitor groups indicated that visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM was the primary reason nonresident members visited the area.</td>
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<td>Importance of factors influencing decision to visit the park</td>
<td>The highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of factors influencing visitor groups’ decision to visit the park included that it was a Lincoln related site (72%), a national park site (55%), and something else to do while in the area (43%).</td>
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<td>Alternative plans to visiting the park</td>
<td>Most visitor groups (81%) would have visited the park at another time if they had been unable to visit it on this trip. Of those visitor groups unlikely to have visited the park at another time, 55% weren’t sure what they would have done on this trip and 36% would have gone somewhere else.</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>Sixty percent of nonresident visitor groups used a car to travel most of the distance from their home to the park area (within 60 miles of the park), while 32% used a SUV/truck/van. Eighty-seven percent of nonresident visitor groups used one vehicle to arrive at the park, while 10% used two vehicles.</td>
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<td>Number of park entries</td>
<td>Eighty-eight percent of visitor groups entered the park once, while 9% entered twice.</td>
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<td>Overnight stays</td>
<td>Fifty-nine percent of visitor groups stayed overnight in the area within 60 miles of the park, of which 38% stayed three or more nights, 32% stayed one night, and 31% stayed two nights. Fifty-one percent of visitor groups stayed in lodges, hotels, motels, vacation rentals, bed and breakfasts, etc., while 25% were RV/trailer camping.</td>
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<td>Length of stay at the visitor center and Living Historical Farm</td>
<td>Forty percent of visitor groups spent 46 or more minutes at the visitor center, while 22% spent 16-30 minutes. The average length of stay at the visitor center was 48 minutes. Thirty-five percent of visitor groups spent 46-60 minutes at the Living Historical Farm, while 22% spent 16-30 minutes. The average length of stay at the Living Historical Farm was 58 minutes.</td>
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<td>Length of stay at the park</td>
<td>Fifty-nine percent of visitor groups spent 1-2 hours at the park, while 36% spent up to 1 hour. Six percent of visitor groups visited the park on more than one day. The average length of stay at the park was 1.8 hours.</td>
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<td>Local attractions visited</td>
<td>Seventy-four percent of visitor groups visited other local attractions on this visit. Of those visitor groups that visited other local attractions, 40% visited Lincoln State Park, 39% visited Holiday World/Splashin’ Safari, and 28% visited Lincoln Pioneer Village.</td>
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<td>Places visited in the park</td>
<td>The most common places visited in the park were Living Historical Farm (80%), Memorial Visitor Center (78%), and Cabin Site Memorial (75%). Sixty-five percent of visitor groups visited the Memorial Visitor Center area first.</td>
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<td>Activities on this visit</td>
<td>The most common activities were visiting the Living Historical Farm (82%), visiting the visitor center (77%), viewing exhibits (74%), and learning history (71%). Most common activities that were the primary reason for visiting the park were learning history (32%) and visiting the Living Historical Farm (28%). Four percent of visitor groups participated in ranger-led programs/talks.</td>
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<td>Activities on a future visit</td>
<td>The most common activities in which to participate on a future visit were visiting the Living Historical Farm (76%) and attending pioneer demonstrations at the Living Historical Farm (68%).</td>
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<td>Visitor services and facilities</td>
<td>The visitor services and facilities most commonly used by visitor groups were parking (86%), visitor center (76%), and restrooms (76%).</td>
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<td>Interaction with park rangers (other than on the tour)</td>
<td>Forty-five percent of visitor groups had a personal interaction with a park ranger. The interaction receiving the highest combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings was courteousness (100%).</td>
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<td>Expenditures</td>
<td>The average visitor group expenditure (inside and outside the park within 60 miles) was $268. The median group expenditure (50% of groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was $100, and the average total expenditure is $268.</td>
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per person (per capita) was $81.

Entrance fee Fifty-two percent of visitor groups used cash or check to pay the entrance fee, while 21% used an Interagency Pass/Senior Pass/Access.

Ranger-led programs on a future visit Sixty-eight percent of visitor groups were interested in attending ranger-led programs on a future visit to the park. Fifty-two percent of visitor groups preferred a program length of 1/2-1 hour, while 43% preferred a program length under 1/2 hour. Fifty-two percent of visitor groups preferred a program time of 10am-noon, while 17% preferred a program time of 8am-10am.

Interpretive programs on a future visit Sixty-eight percent of visitor groups were interested in attending interpretive programs on a future visit. Of those visitor groups interested in learning about the park, the most common topics included Lincoln family (82%), pioneer skills (74%), and Lincoln’s education (70%).

Methods of learning about the park on a future visit Most visitor groups (95%) were interested in learning about the park through living history demonstrations (72%), hands-on activities (64%), and indoor exhibits (60%).

Items available for purchase at visitor center bookstore on a future visit Sixty-one percent of visitor groups would like to have souvenir items available for purchase at the visitor center bookstore on a future visit and 45% would like to have convenience items available for purchase.

Overall quality Most visitor groups (94%) rated the overall quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM as “very good” or “good.” One percent of groups rated the overall quality as “very poor.”

For more information about the Visitor Services Project, please contact the Park Studies Unit at the University of Idaho at (208) 885-2585 or the following website http://www.psu.uidaho.edu.
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Introduction

This report describes the results of a visitor study at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (NMEM) in Lincoln City, IN, conducted June 19-25, 2012 by the National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project (VSP), part of the Park Studies Unit (PSU) at the University of Idaho.

As described in the National Park Service website for Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, “Abraham Lincoln and his family moved to Indiana in 1816 and stayed until 1830 when they moved to Illinois. During this period, Lincoln grew physically and intellectually into a man. The people he knew here and the things he experienced had a profound influence on his life. His sense of honesty, his belief in the importance of education and learning, his respect for hard work, his compassion for his fellow man, and his moral convictions about right and wrong were all born of this place and this time. The time he spent here helped shape the man that went on to lead the country. This site is our most direct tie with that time of his life. Lincoln Boyhood preserves the place where he learned to laugh with his father, cried over the death of his mother, read the books that opened his mind, and triumphed over the adversities of life on the frontier.” (www.nps.gov/libo, retrieved January 2013).

Organization of the Report

This report is organized into three sections.

Section 1: Methods

This section discusses the procedures, limitations, and special conditions that may affect the study results.

Section 2: Results

This section provides a summary for each question in the questionnaire and includes visitor comments to open-ended questions. The presentation of the results of this study does not follow the order of questions in the questionnaire.

Section 3: Appendices

Appendix 1. The Questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire distributed to visitor groups.

Appendix 2. Additional Analysis. A list of sample questions for cross-references and cross comparisons. Comparisons can be analyzed within a park or between parks. Results of additional analyses are not included in this report.

Appendix 3. Decision rules for Checking Non-response Bias. An explanation of how the non-response bias was determined.
Presentation of the Results
Results are represented in the form of graphs (see Example 1), scatter plots, pie charts, tables, and text.

Key

1. The figure title describes the graph’s information.

2. Listed above the graph, the “N” shows the number of individuals or visitor groups responding to the question. If “N” is less than 30, “CAUTION!” is shown on the graph to indicate the results may be unreliable.

   * appears when the total percentages do not equal 100 due to rounding.

   ** appears when total percentages do not equal 100 because visitors could select more than one answer choice.

3. Vertical information describes the response categories.

4. Horizontal information shows the number or proportion of responses in each category.

5. In most graphs, percentages provide additional information.

Example 1

![Graph Example 1]
Methods

Survey Design and Procedures

Sample size and sampling plan

All VSP questionnaires follow design principles outlined in Don A. Dillman’s book *Mail and Internet Surveys: The Tailored Design Method* (2007). Using this method, the sample size was calculated based on the park visitation statistics of previous years.

Brief interviews were conducted with a systematic, random sample of visitor groups that arrived at the main entrance during June 19-25, 2012. Visitors were surveyed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. During this survey, 401 visitor groups were contacted and 398 of these groups (99.3%) accepted questionnaires. (The average acceptance rate for 250 VSP visitor studies conducted from 1988 through 2011 is 91.5%.) Questionnaires were completed and returned by 254 respondents, resulting in a 63.8% response rate for this study. (The average response rate for the 250 VSP visitor studies is 72.3%.)

Questionnaire design

The Lincoln Boyhood NMEM questionnaire was developed at a workshop held with park staff to design and prioritize questions. Some of the questions were comparable with VSP studies conducted at other parks while others were customized for Lincoln Boyhood NMEM. Many questions ask respondents to choose answers from a list of responses, often with an open-ended option, while others are completely open-ended.

No pilot study was conducted to test the Lincoln Boyhood NMEM questionnaire. However, all questions followed Office Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines and/or were used in previous surveys; thus, the clarity and consistency of the survey instrument have been tested and supported.

Survey procedure

Visitor groups were greeted, briefly introduced to the purpose of the study, and asked to participate. If visitors agreed, they were asked which member (at least 16 years old) had the next birthday. The individual with the next birthday was selected to complete the questionnaire for the group. An interview, lasting approximately two minutes, was conducted with that person to determine group size, group type, the age of the member completing the questionnaire, and how this visit to the park fit into their group’s travel plans. These individuals were asked their names, addresses, and telephone numbers or email addresses in order to mail them a reminder/thank-you postcard and follow-ups. Participants were asked to complete the survey after their visit, and return it using the Business Reply Mail envelope provided.

Two weeks following the survey, a reminder/thank-you postcard was mailed to all participants who provided a valid mailing address (see Table 1). Replacement questionnaires were mailed to participants who had not returned their questionnaires four weeks after the survey. Seven weeks after the survey, a second round of replacement questionnaires was mailed to participants who had not returned their
questionnaires. Fourteen weeks after the survey, a third round of replacement questionnaires was mailed to participants who had not returned their questionnaires.

Table 1. Follow-up mailing distribution

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<td>1st replacement</td>
<td>July 24, 2012</td>
<td>218</td>
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<td>2nd replacement</td>
<td>August 13, 2012</td>
<td>207</td>
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<td>3rd replacement</td>
<td>October 1, 2012</td>
<td>144</td>
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Data analysis

Visitor responses were entered twice and double-key validation was performed on numeric and short text responses. The remaining checkbox (bubble) variables were read by optical mark recognition (OMR) software. Responses to open-ended questions were categorized and summarized prior to data analysis.

Numeric data were processed and descriptive statistics were calculated using Statistical Analysis Software® (SAS).

Limitations

As with all surveys, this study has limitations that should be considered when interpreting the results.

1. This was a self-administered survey. Respondents completed the questionnaire after their visit, which may have resulted in poor recall. Thus, it is not possible to know whether visitor responses reflected actual behavior.

2. The data reflect visitor use patterns at the selected sites during the study period of June 19-25, 2012. The results present a ‘snapshot in time’ and do not necessarily apply to visitors during other times of the year.

3. Caution is advised when interpreting any data with a sample size of less than 30, as the results may be unreliable. When the sample size is less than 30, the word “CAUTION!” is included in the graph, figure, table, or text.

4. Occasionally, there may be inconsistencies in the results. Inconsistencies arise from missing data or incorrect answers (due to misunderstood directions, carelessness, or poor recall of information). Therefore, refer to both the percentage and N (number of individuals or visitor groups) when interpreting the results.

Special conditions

The weather during the survey period ranged from cool and breezy to hot, with temperatures ranging from 57° F to 93° F.
No special events occurred in the area that would have affected the type and amount of visitation to the park.

**Checking non-response bias**

Five variables were used to check non-response bias: participant age, group size, group type, park as destination, and participant travel distance to the park. Respondents and non-respondents were significantly different in terms of average age and distance from home to the park (see Tables 2 - 5). Other variables were not significantly different. The results indicate some biases occurred due to non-response. Visitors at younger age ranges (especially 45 years and younger), and visitors who live within a 100-mile radius of the park were underrepresented in the survey results. See Appendix 3 for more details on the non-response bias checking procedures.

**Table 2. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by average age and group size**

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<td>Age (years)</td>
<td>51.33 (N=254)</td>
<td>42.31 (N=144)</td>
<td>&lt;0.001</td>
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<td>Group size</td>
<td>3.97 (N=253)</td>
<td>3.80 (N=143)</td>
<td>0.532</td>
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**Table 3. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by group type**

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<th>Non-respondents</th>
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<td>Alone</td>
<td>19 (8%)</td>
<td>12 (8%)</td>
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<td>Family</td>
<td>196 (78%)</td>
<td>112 (78%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friends</td>
<td>17 (7%)</td>
<td>13 (9%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family and friends</td>
<td>17 (7%)</td>
<td>7 (5%)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>4 (2%)</td>
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**Table 4. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by primary destination**

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<td>Park as primary destination</td>
<td>143 (57%)</td>
<td>89 (62%)</td>
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<td>Park as one of several destinations</td>
<td>97 (38%)</td>
<td>52 (36%)</td>
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<td>Unplanned visit</td>
<td>13 (5%)</td>
<td>2 (2%)</td>
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Table 5. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by distance from home to park

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<td>Within 100 miles</td>
<td>72 (29%)</td>
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<td>101-200 miles</td>
<td>100 (40%)</td>
<td>60 (43%)</td>
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<td>201-300 miles</td>
<td>25 (10%)</td>
<td>13 (9%)</td>
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<td>301 miles or more</td>
<td>55 (22%)</td>
<td>12 (9%)</td>
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<td>International visitors</td>
<td>0 (0%)</td>
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Results

Group and Visitor Characteristics

Visitor group size

Question 24b

On this visit, how many people were in your personal group, including yourself?

Results

- 42% of visitor groups consisted of two or three people (see Figure 1).
- 32% were in groups of four or five.
- 20% were in groups of six or more.

Figure 1. Visitor group size

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**Visitor group type**

**Question 24a**

On this visit, which type of personal group (not guided tour/school/other organized group) were you with?

**Results**

- 77% of visitor groups consisted of family groups (see Figure 2).
- “Other” group types (2%) were:
  - Co-workers
  - Woodmen of the World, Youth
  - Lodge 640

![Figure 2. Visitor group type](image)

**Visitors with organized groups**

**Question 23a**

On this visit, was your personal group with a commercial guided tour group?

**Results**

- No visitor groups were with a commercial guided tour group (see Figure 3).

![Figure 3. Visitors with a commercial guided tour group](image)
Question 23b

On this visit, was your personal group with a school/educational group?

Results

- Less than one percent of visitor groups were with a school/educational group (see Figure 4).

![Figure 4. Visitors with a school/educational group](image)

Question 23c

On this visit, was your personal group with an “other” organized group (scouts, work, church, etc.)?

Results

- 2% of visitor groups were with an “other” organized group (see Figure 5).

![Figure 5. Visitors with an "other" organized group](image)

Question 23d

If you were with one of these organized groups, how many people, including yourself, were in this group?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 6).

![Figure 6. Organized group size](image)

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**United States visitors by state of residence**

**Question 25b**

For your personal group on this visit, what is your state of residence?

**Note:** Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

**Results**

- U.S. visitors were from 30 states and comprised 99.6% of total visitation to the park during the survey period.

- 46% of U.S. visitors came from Indiana (see Table 6 and Figure 7).

- 12% came from Kentucky and 11% Illinois.

- Smaller proportions came from 27 other states.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Number of visitors</th>
<th>Percent of U.S. visitors N=783 individuals*</th>
<th>Percent of total visitors N=786 individuals</th>
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<td>Indiana</td>
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<td>46</td>
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<td>Kentucky</td>
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<td>Illinois</td>
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<td>Texas</td>
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<tr>
<td>California</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>21 other states</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>13</td>
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Figure 7. United States visitors by state of residence

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Visitors from Indiana and adjacent states by county of residence

**Note:** Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

**Results**

- Visitors from Indiana and adjacent states were from 96 counties and comprised 73% of the total U.S. visitation to the park during the survey period.
- 8% came from Dubois County.
- 5% came from Vanderburgh County, IN and 5% came from Spencer County, IN.
- Small proportions of visitors came from 93 other counties in Indiana and adjacent states.

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<tr>
<th>County, State</th>
<th>Number of visitors N=574 individuals</th>
<th>Percent*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dubois, IN</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Vanderburgh, IN</td>
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<td>Spencer, IN</td>
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<td>Warrick, IN</td>
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<tr>
<td>Daviess, KY</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>3</td>
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Table 7. Visitors from Indiana and adjacent states by county of residence

**Resident of the area**

**Question 3a**

Were all members of your personal group residents of the area within 60 miles of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

**Results**

- 22% of visitor groups were residents of the area (see Figure 8).

**Figure 8.** Residents of the area within 60 miles of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

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International visitors by country of residence

Question 25b
For your personal group on this visit, what is your country of residence?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- International visitors were from two countries and comprised less than 1% of total visitation to the park during the survey period (see Table 8).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of visitors</th>
<th>Percent of international visitors N=3 individuals*</th>
<th>Percent of total visitors N=786 individuals</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Chile</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
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<tr>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
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**Number of visits to park in past 12 months**

Question 25c

For your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited Lincoln Boyhood NMEM in the past 12 months (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 87% of visitors visited the park once in the past 12 months (see Figure 9).
- 9% visited two or three times.

![Figure 9. Number of visits to park in past 12 months](image)

**Number of visits to park in lifetime**

Question 25d

For your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited Lincoln Boyhood NMEM in your lifetime (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 65% of visitors were visiting the park for the first time (see Figure 10).
- 21% visited two or three times.

![Figure 10. Number of visits to park in lifetime](image)

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Visitor age

Question 25a

For your personal group on this visit, what is your current age?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- Visitor ages ranged from 1 to 88 years.
- 36% of visitors were 31 to 60 years old (see Figure 11).
- 35% were 15 years or younger.
- 22% were 61 years or older.

Figure 11. Visitor age
Respondent level of education

Question 26

For you only, what is the highest level of education you have completed?

Results

- 31% of respondents had a bachelor’s degree (see Figure 12).
- 28% had a graduate degree.
- 26% had some college.

Figure 12. Respondent level of education

Respondent household income

Question 22a

For you only, which category best represents your annual household income?

Results

- 20% of respondents reported a household income of $75,000-$99,999 (see Figure 13).
- 17% had an income of $50,000-$74,999.
- 16% had an income of $100,000-$149,999.

Figure 13. Respondent household income

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Respondent household size

Question 22b

How many people are in your household?

Results

- 50% of respondents had one or two people in their household (see Figure 14).
- 34% had three or four people.

![Figure 14. Number of people in respondent household](image)

Awareness of park management

Question 2

There are two Lincoln parks in Lincoln City: Lincoln Boyhood NMEM is a unit of National Park System and Lincoln State Park is managed by Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Prior to this visit, were you aware of two different Lincoln parks?

Results

- 39% of visitor groups were aware of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM and Lincoln State Park (see Figure 15).

![Figure 15. Visitor groups that were aware of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM and Lincoln State Park](image)

Awareness of other nationally significant sites

Question 19a

Prior to receiving this questionnaire, was

Results

- 94% of visitor groups were aware of Lincoln

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anyone in your personal group aware of other nationally significant sites that commemorate the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln?

- 76% were aware of Lincoln Home NHS, Springfield, IL.

“Other” nationally significant sites are show in Table 10.

Table 9. Visitor group awareness of other nationally significant sites

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Site</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Yes (%)</th>
<th>No (%)</th>
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<td>Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Springfield, IL</td>
<td>224</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, IL</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, Hodgenville, KY</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC</td>
<td>217</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other – CAUTION!</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>24</td>
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Table 10. Other nationally significant sites visited or planned to visit – CAUTION!
(N=25 sites; one visitor group listed more than one site)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Site</th>
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<td>New Salem, IL</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ford Theater, Washington, DC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home, Knob Creek, KY</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL</td>
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<td>Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, TN</td>
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<td>Lincoln's Indiana Boyhood Home, Spencer County, IA</td>
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<td>Mary Todd Lincoln House, Lexington, KY</td>
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<td>President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home, Washington, DC</td>
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<td>Rockport, IN</td>
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Visited or planned to visit other nationally significant sites

Question 19b

Has anyone in your personal group ever visited these sites or do you have a plan to visit in the future?

• Other nationally significant sites visitor groups visited or planned to visit in the future are shown in Table 11.

Table 11. Other nationally significant sites visited or plan to visit**
(N=number of visitor groups)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Site</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Not interested in visiting (%)</th>
<th>Visited in the past (%)</th>
<th>Visiting on this trip (%)</th>
<th>Plan to visit in the future (%)</th>
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<td>195</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, IL</td>
<td>185</td>
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<td>38</td>
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<td>Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, Hodgenville, KY</td>
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<td>Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC</td>
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Trip/Visit Characteristics and Preferences

Information sources prior to visit

Question 1a

Prior to this visit, how did your personal group obtain information about Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

Results

- 72% of visitor groups obtained information about Lincoln Boyhood NMEM prior to their visit (see Figure 16).

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• As shown in Figure 17, among those visitor groups that obtained information about Lincoln Boyhood NMEM prior to their visit, the most common sources used were:

  36% Previous visits
  34% Friends/relatives/word of mouth
  29% Maps/brochures
  24% Park website
  (www.nps.gov/libo)

• Other websites (8%) used to obtain information prior to visit were:

  Abraham Lincoln Trail website
dnr.in.gov
goodsamclub.com
goole.com
holidayworld.com
in.gov
nps.gov
parkstamps.org
santaclausin.com

• “Other” sources (8%) were:

  History books
  History classes
  Live in area
  Live in Santa Claus
  Married in chapel
  National Parks Passport Book
  Resident of Indiana
  Road signs
  School field trip

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Information sources for future visit

Question 1b

If you were to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM in the future, how would your personal group prefer to obtain information about the park?

Results

- As shown in Figure 18, visitor groups’ most preferred sources of information for a future visit were:
  
  55% Park website  
  (www.nps.gov/libo)

  36% Previous visits

  32% Maps/brochures

  28% Travel guides/tour books

- No “other” sources of information were specified.

Figure 18. Sources of information to use for a future visit

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Park as destination

Question from on-site interview

A two-minute interview was conducted with each individual selected to complete the questionnaire. During the interview, the question was asked: “How did this visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM fit into your personal group’s travel plans?”

Results

- 58% of visitor groups said that the park was their primary destination (see Figure 19).
- 38% said the park was one of several destinations.

Primary destination

Question 9b

What was your primary destination on this trip?

Results

- 30% of visitor groups indicated that visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM was their primary destination (see Figure 20).
- 126 visitor groups had other primary destinations (see Table 12).

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Table 12. Other primary destinations  
(N=126 comments)

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<td>Santa Claus, IN</td>
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<td>Evansville, IN</td>
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<td>Louisville, KY</td>
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<td>Area antique shops</td>
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<td>Boca Grande, FL</td>
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<td>Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL</td>
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### Importance of factors influencing decision to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

**Question 19c**

How important were the following factors in your personal group’s decision to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

- Table 13 shows the importance of factors influencing visitor groups’ decisions to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM.

### Table 13. Importance ratings of factors influencing visitor groups’ decision to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

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<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A Lincoln related site</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A place to get off the highway</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Something else to do while we were in the area</td>
<td>221</td>
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Lincoln Boyhood NMEM as primary reason for visiting the area

Question 3b

Was visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM the primary reason that nonresident members of your personal group came to the area (within 60 miles)?

Results

- 25% of visitor groups indicated that visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM was the primary reason nonresident members visited the area (see Figure 21).

Figure 21. Visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM was primary reason for visiting the area (within 60 miles) among nonresident visitor group members

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Alternative plans to visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

Question 6a

For you only, if you had been unable to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM on this trip, would you have visited at another time?

Results

- 81% of respondents would have visited Lincoln Boyhood NMEM at another time if they had been unable to visit the park on this trip (see Figure 22).

![Figure 22. Respondents who would have visited the park at another time](image)

Question 6b

If NO, what would you have done with the time you spent on this trip?

Results

- 55% of respondents were not sure or would have chosen other options if they had been unable to visit the park on this trip (see Figure 23).
- 36% would have gone somewhere else.

![Figure 23. Respondent choice of how to spend time](image)

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Question 6b

What is the distance from home to alternate site?

Results – Interpret results with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 24).

Figure 24. Distance of alternate site from home

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Difficulty locating the park

Question 7a

On this visit, did your personal group have any trouble locating Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

Results

- 1% of visitor groups had difficulty locating the park (see Figure 25).

Figure 25. Visitor groups that had difficulty locating the park

Question 7b

If YES, what was the difficulty?

(Open-ended)

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- 3 visitor groups listed difficulties locating the park (see Table 14).

Table 14. Difficulties locating the park (N=3 comments) – CAUTION!

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<td>No address to put in GPS</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>The new highway was not in my GPS</td>
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Forms of transportation

Question 9a

For nonresident members in your personal group, what was the method of transportation used to travel most of the distance from home to the Lincoln Boyhood NMEM area (within 60 miles of the park)?

Results

- 60% of visitor groups used a car to travel most of the distance from their home to the park area (see Figure 26).

- 32% used a SUV/truck/van.

- No “other” forms of transportation were specified.

Number of vehicles

Question 8d

On this visit, how many vehicles did your personal group use to arrive at the memorial?

Results

- 87% of non-resident visitor groups used one vehicle to arrive at the memorial (see Figure 27).

- 10% used two vehicles.

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**Number of park entries**

Question 24c

On this visit, how many times did your personal group enter Lincoln Boyhood NMEM during your stay in the area (within 60 miles of the park)?

Results

- 88% of visitor groups entered the park one time (see Figure 28).
- 9% entered twice.

![Figure 28. Number of park entries](image)

**Overnight stays**

Question 5a

On this trip, did anyone in your personal group stay overnight away from their permanent residence in the Lincoln Boyhood NMEM area (within 60 miles of the park)?

Results

- 59% of visitor groups stayed overnight away from home in the area within 60 miles of the park (see Figure 29).

![Figure 29. Visitor groups that stayed overnight in the area within 60 miles of the park](image)

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Question 5b

If YES, how many nights were spent in the Lincoln Boyhood NMEM area (within 60 miles of the park)?

Results

- 48% of visitor groups stayed two or three nights in the area within 60 miles of the park (see Figure 30).
- 32% stayed one night.

Accommodations used outside the park

Question 5c

Where and in which type(s) of accommodations did your personal group spend the night(s) in the area?

Results

- As shown in Figure 31, among those visitor groups that stayed overnight in the area outside the park, the most common types of accommodations included:
  - 52% Lodge, hotel, motel, vacation rental, B&B etc.
  - 26% RV/trailer camping
- “Other” types (8%) of accommodations were:
  - Church camp
  - Methodist camp
- Table 15 shows the locations of accommodations used in the area within

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60 miles of the park. Because of too few respondents, locations with an N of less than 30 should be interpreted with CAUTION!

Table 15. Location of accommodations in the area within 60 miles of the park (N=number of visitor groups) – CAUTION!

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**Length of stay in the park**

**Question 8a**

On this visit, how much time did your personal group spend visiting Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

**Results**

**Length of time at Visitor Center**

- 49% of visitor groups spent 46 or more minutes (see Figure 32).
- 34% spent 16 to 45 minutes.
- The average length of stay at the Visitor Center was 48 minutes.

**Length of time at the Living Historical Farm**

- 54% of visitor groups spent 46 or more minutes (see Figure 33).
- 33% spent two 16-45 minutes.
- The average length of stay at the Living Historical Farm was 58 minutes.

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Total length of time at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

- 78% of visitor groups spent one or two hours (see Figure 34).
- 21% spent up three or more hours.

Average length of stay at the park

- The average length of stay for all visitor groups was 1.8 hours.

Figure 34. Total number of hours spent at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM

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Question 8b

On this visit, did your personal group visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM on more than one day?

Results

- 6% of visitor groups visited the park on more than one day (see Figure 35).

Question 8c

If YES, on how many days did you visit the park?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to the question to provide reliable results (see Figure 36).

Average length of stay for visitors who visited on more than one day

- The average length of stay for visitor groups was 2.1 days.

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Local attractions visited

Question 4

Which other attractions in the local area did your personal group visit?

Results

- 74% of visitor groups visited other local attractions on this visit (see Figure 37).

- As shown in Figure 38, the local attractions most commonly visited were:
  - 54% Lincoln State Park
  - 52% Holiday World/Splashin’ Safari

- “Other” local attractions (20%) are shown in Table 16.

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Table 16. “Other” local attractions  
(N=44 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment)

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**Places visited in the park**

**Question 12a**

Which places did your personal group visit at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM during this trip?

- As shown in Figure 39, the most commonly visited places by visitor groups at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM were:
  - 80% Living Historical Farm
  - 78% Memorial Visitor Center
  - 75% Cabin Site Memorial

- The least visited place was:
  - 9% Picnic area (at visitor center)

**Figure 39. Places visited at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM**

**Question 12b**

On this trip, which area of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM did your personal group visit first?

**Results**

- 65% of visitor groups visited the Memorial Visitor Center area first (see Figure 40).

**Figure 40. Place visited first at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM**

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Activities on this visit

Question 10a

On this visit, in which activities did your personal group participate within Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

Results

- As shown in Figure 41, the most common activities in which visitor groups participated on this visit were:
  - 82% Visiting the Living Historical Farm
  - 77% Visiting the visitor center
  - 74% Viewing exhibits
  - 71% Learning history

- “Other” activities (16%) were:
  - Beach
  - Biking
  - Camping
  - Driving around
  - Geocaching
  - Golden Age Pass
  - Gravesite
  - Kids’ education
  - Meeting with park superintendent
  - Nancy Hanks Lincoln Gravesite
  - National Parks Passport Stamp
  - Outdoor drama about Lincoln
  - Photography
  - Post office
  - Running trails
  - Saw gravesite and log cabin
  - To see my favorite president
  - Visited chapel
  - Visited graveyard

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Activity that was primary reason for visit

Question 10c

Which one of the above activities was the primary reason your personal group visited Lincoln Boyhood NMEM on this visit?

Results

- As shown in Figure 42, the most common activities that were the primary reason for the visiting the park were:
  - 32% Learning history
  - 28% Visiting the Living Historical Farm
  - 11% Visiting the visitor center

- “Other activities (10%) that were the primary reason for visiting the park were:
  - Abe Lincoln: A Pioneer Tale
  - Beach
  - Camping
  - Had spare time
  - Kids education
  - Meeting
  - Meeting with park superintendent
  - Motorcycling
  - Nancy Hanks Lincoln Gravesite
  - National Park Passport Stamp
  - Outdoor drama about Lincoln
  - Outdoor theater
  - Post Office
  - Running on trails
  - Visit the grave from Lincoln vampire movie

Figure 42. Activity that was primary reason for visiting the park

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Activities on future visits

Question 10b

If you were to visit the park in the future, in which activities would your personal group prefer to participate within the park?

Results

• As shown in Figure 43, the most common activities in which visitor groups would prefer to participate on future visits included:

  76% Visiting the Living Historical Farm
  68% Attending pioneer demonstrations at Living Historical Farm
  64% Visiting the visitor center
  64% Learning history

• “Other” activities (5%) were:

  Beach
  Biking
  Gravesite
  Learning about milk sickness
  Outdoor drama
  Seeing Lincoln's home site
  Visit chapel
  Watching play of Lincoln's life in amphitheater

Figure 43. Activities on future visits
Ranger-led programs/talks

Question 13a

On this visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, did your personal group attend any ranger-led programs/talks?

Results

- 4% of visitor groups participated in ranger-led programs/talks (see Figure 44).

Question 13b

If YES, please rate the length of the ranger-led program/talk.

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 45).

Question 13c

If YES, please rate the topics discussed during the ranger-led program/talk.

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 46).

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Question 13d

If YES, is there any aspect of the story that needs to be strengthened?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 47).

Figure 47. Visitor groups that indicated the story needed strengthening

Question 13e

Please specify which aspect of the story needs strengthening.

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results.

- Table 17 lists the aspects of the story that need strengthening.

Table 17. Aspects of the park story that need strengthening (N=2 comments) – CAUTION!

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Ratings of Services, Facilities, Attributes, Resources, and Elements

Visitor services and facilities used

Question 15a

Please indicate all the visitor services and facilities that your personal group used at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM during this visit.

Results

- As shown in Figure 48, the most common visitor services and facilities used by visitor groups included:
  - 86% Parking
  - 76% Visitor center (cleanliness, maintenance, etc.)
  - 76% Restrooms
  - 62% Museum exhibits
- The least used service/facility was:
  - 6% Ranger or volunteer-led programs

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Importance ratings of visitor services and facilities

Question 15b

For only those services and facilities that your personal group used, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.

1=Not at all important
2=Slightly important
3=Moderately important
4=Very important
5=Extremely important

Results

• Figure 49 shows the combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.

• The visitor services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings were:

  95% Restrooms
  91% Park brochure/map
  90% Visitor center (cleanliness, maintenance, etc.)
  90% Orientation film

• Table 18 shows the importance ratings of each service and facility.

• The services/facilities receiving the highest “not at all important” ratings that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups were:

  2% Bookstore sales items

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Table 18. Importance ratings of visitor services and facilities  (N=number of visitor groups)

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### Quality ratings of visitor services and facilities

**Question 15c**

For only those services and facilities that your personal group used, please rate their quality from 1-5.

1 = Very poor  
2 = Poor  
3 = Average  
4 = Good  
5 = Very good

#### Results

- Figure 50 shows the combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.

- The services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings were:

  - 98% Visitor center (cleanliness, maintenance, etc.)
  - 98% Assistance from visitor center staff
  - 94% Orientation film
  - 92% Parking
  - 92% Park brochure/map

- Table 19 shows the quality ratings of each service and facility.

- The service/facility receiving the highest “very poor” rating that was rated by 30 or more visitor groups was:

  - 3% Picnic areas

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Mean scores of importance and quality ratings of visitor services and facilities

- Figure 51 and Figure 52 show the mean scores of importance and quality ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.

- All visitor services and facilities were rated above average.

Figure 51. Mean scores of importance and quality ratings of visitor services and facilities

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Figure 52. Detail of Figure 51
Interaction with park rangers

Question 11a

During this visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, did your personal group have any personal interaction with a park ranger other than on the tour?

Results

- 45% of visitor groups had personal interaction with a park ranger other than on the tour (see Figure 53).

Question 11b

If YES, on a scale from 1 to 5, please rate the quality of your interaction with the park ranger.

Results

- Figure 54 shows the combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of visitor groups’ personal interaction with a park ranger.

  - The interaction receiving the highest combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings was:

    100% Courteousness

- Table 20 shows the quality of visitor groups’ interaction with a park ranger.

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Table 20. Quality of personal interaction with a park ranger other than on the tour (N=number of visitor groups)

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### Expenditures

#### Total expenditures inside and outside the park

**Question 20**

For your personal group, please estimate expenditures for the items listed below for this visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM and the surrounding area (within 60 miles of the park).

**Results**

- 27% of visitor groups spent no money (see Figure 55).
- 24% spent $1-$100.
- 21% spent $101-$300.
- 21% spent $401 or more.
- The average visitor group expenditure was $268.
- The median group expenditure (50% groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was $100.
- The average total expenditure per person per capita was $81.
- As shown in Figure 56, the largest proportions of total expenditures inside and outside the park were:
  - 29% Lodge, hotel, motel, cabin, B&B, etc.
  - 21% Holiday World admission fees
  - 13% Restaurants and bars

![Figure 55. Total expenditures inside and outside the park](image)

**Figure 55. Total expenditures inside and outside the park**

![Figure 56. Proportions of total expenditures inside and outside the park](image)

**Figure 56. Proportions of total expenditures inside and outside the park**

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**Number of adults covered by expenditures**

Question 20c

How many adults (18 years or older) do these expenses cover?

Results

- 64% of visitor groups had two adults covered by expenditures (see Figure 57).
- 16% had three or four adults covered by expenditures.
- 15% had one adult covered by expenditures.

![Figure 57. Number of adults covered by expenditures](image)

**Number of children covered by expenditures**

Question 20c

How many children (under 18 years) do these expenses cover?

Results

- 37% of visitor groups had no children covered by expenditures (see Figure 58).
- 27% had two children covered by expenditures.

![Figure 58. Number of children covered by expenditures](image)

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Expenditures inside the park

Question 20a

Please list your personal group’s total expenditures inside Lincoln Boyhood NMEM.

Results

- 58% of visitor groups spent no money (see Figure 59).
- 24% spent $1-$20.
- 18% spent $21 or more.
- The average visitor group expenditure inside the park was $11.
- The median group expenditure (50% of groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was $0.
- The average total expenditure per person (per capita) was $9.
- As shown in Figure 60, the largest proportion of total expenditures inside the park was:
  - 85% All other expenditures

Figure 59. Total expenditures inside the park

N=113 visitor groups

Figure 60. Proportions of total expenditures inside the park

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Other admission and entertainment fees

- 77% of visitor groups spent no money on other admission and entertainment fees inside the park (see Figure 61).
- 21% spent $1-$10.

![Figure 61. Expenditures for other admission and entertainment fees inside the park](image)

All other expenditures (souvenirs, books, postcards, sporting goods, clothing, donations, etc.)

- 63% of visitor groups spent no money on all other expenditures inside the park (see Figure 62).
- 21% spent $1-$20.

![Figure 62. Expenditures for all other expenditures inside the park](image)

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Expenditures outside the park

Question 20b

Please list your personal group’s total expenditures in the surrounding area outside the park (within 60 miles of the park).

Results

- 30% of visitor groups spent $301 or more (see Figure 63).
- 30% spent no money.
- 28% spent $1-$200.
- The average visitor group expenditure outside the park was $284.
- The median group expenditure (50% of groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was $122.
- The average total expenditure per person (per capita) was $107.
- As shown in Figure 64, the largest proportions of total expenditures outside the park were:
  - 29% Lodge, hotel, motel, cabin, B&B, etc.
  - 21% Holiday World admission fees
  - 13% Restaurants and bars

Figure 63. Total expenditures outside the park

Figure 64. Proportions of total expenditures outside the park

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Lodge, hotel, motel, cabin, B&B, etc.

- 56% of visitor groups spent no money on lodging outside the park (see Figure 65).
- 27% spent $1-$200.
- 18% spent $201 or more.

![Figure 65. Expenditures for lodging outside the park](image)

Lincoln State Park camping fee

- 67% of visitor groups spent no money on camping fees at Lincoln State Park (see Figure 66).
- 18% spent $41 or more.
- 14% spent $1-$40.

![Figure 66. Expenditures for camping fees at Lincoln State Park](image)

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Other camping fees and charges

- 75% of visitor groups spent no money on other camping fees and charges outside the park (see Figure 67).
- 14% spent $1-$40.
- 12% spent $41 or more.

![Figure 67. Expenditures for other camping fees and charges outside the park](image)

Restaurants and bars

- 41% of visitor groups spent no money on restaurants and bars outside the park (see Figure 68).
- 24% spent $1-$40.
- 19% spent $41-$80.
- 17% spent $81 or more.

![Figure 68. Expenditures for restaurants and bars outside the park](image)

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Groceries and takeout food

- 52% of visitor groups spent no money on groceries and takeout food outside the park (see Figure 69).
- 27% spent $41 or more.
- 20% spent $1-$40.

Figure 69. Expenditures for groceries and takeout food outside the park

Gas and oil (auto, RV, boat, etc.)

- 43% of visitor groups spent no money on gas and oil outside the park (see Figure 70).
- 28% spent $21-$60.
- 23% spent $61 or more.

Figure 70. Expenditures for gas and oil outside the park

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Other transportation (rental cars, auto repairs, but NOT airfare)

- 96% of visitor groups spent no money on other transportation outside the park (see Figure 71).

![Figure 71. Expenditures for other transportation outside the park](image)

Holiday World admission fees

- 52% of visitor groups spent no money on Holiday World admission fees (see Figure 72).
- 23% spent $101-$200.

![Figure 72. Expenditures for Holiday World admission fees](image)

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Other admission and entertainment fees

- 71% of visitor groups spent no money on other admission and entertainment fees outside the park (see Figure 73).
- 20% spent $1-$40.

![Figure 73. Expenditures for other admission and entertainment fees outside the park](image)

All other expenditures (souvenirs, books, postcards, sporting goods, clothing, donations, etc.)

- 53% of visitor groups spent no money on all other purchases outside the park (see Figure 74).
- 29% spent $1-$40.

![Figure 74. Expenditures for all other purchases outside the park](image)

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Method of paying entrance fee

On this visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, how did your personal group pay the entrance fee?

Results

- 52% of visitor groups used cash or check to pay the entrance fee (see Figure 75).
- 21% used an Interagency Pass/ Senior Pass/Access.
- 18% were not aware that an entrance fee was required.

![Figure 75. Methods visitor groups used to pay entrance fee](image)

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**Income forgone to make this trip**

Question 22c

How much income did your household forgo to make this trip (due to taking unpaid time off from work)?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- 32% of respondents had forgone income to make this trip (see Figure 76).
- Not enough respondents responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 77).

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Preferences for Future Visits

Ranger-led programs on a future visit

Question 14a

On a future visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, would your personal group be interested in attending ranger-led programs?

Results

- 68\% of visitor groups were interested in attending ranger-led programs on a future visit to the park (see Figure 78).

Preferred length of ranger-led programs

Question 14b

If YES, what length of program would you like to attend?

Results

- 52\% of visitor groups preferred a program length of 1/2-1 hour (see Figure 79).
- 43\% preferred a program length under 1/2 hour.

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**Preferred time of day to attend ranger-led programs/talks**

**Question 14c**

What time of day would be most suitable for your personal group to attend a ranger-led program/talk?

**Results**

- 52% of visitor groups preferred a program time of 10am-noon (see Figure 80).
- 17% preferred a program time of 8am-10am.
- 16% preferred a program time of noon-2pm.

![Figure 80. Preferred time to attend ranger-led programs/talks](image)

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Preferred topics to learn through interpretive programs on future visit

Question 14d

If your personal group were to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM in the future, which topics would you like to learn about in interpretive programs?

Results

- 97% of visitor groups were interested in attending interpretive programs on a future visit (see Figure 81).

- As shown in Figure 82, of those visitor groups that were interested in learning about the park, the most common topics were:
  - 82% Lincoln family
  - 74% Pioneer skills
  - 70% Lincoln’s education

- “Other” topics (5%) were:
  - Death practices during this time period
  - Farming in Lincoln era
  - Land practices during this time period
  - Lincoln as president
  - Lincoln City history
  - Lincoln vampire killer
  - Local history
  - Other contemporaneous events in the US
  - Other local people/trades
  - The sites and activities we did not experience on this visit

Figure 81. Visitor groups that were interested in attending interpretive programs on a future visit

Figure 82. Topics to learn on future visit

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Preferred methods to learn about the park

Question 17

If you were to visit Lincoln Boyhood NMEM in the future, how would your personal group prefer to learn about cultural and natural history/features of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM?

Results

- 95% of visitor groups were interested in learning about the cultural and natural history/features of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM on a future visit (see Figure 83).

- As shown in Figure 84, among those visitor groups that were interested in learning about the cultural and natural history/features of Lincoln Boyhood NMEM, the most common methods to learn were:
  - 72% Living history demonstrations
  - 64% Hands-on activities
  - 60% Indoor exhibits

- “Other” methods (1%) were:
  - Larger museum
  - Scavenger hunt for kids
  - Through special holiday events

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Items available for purchase at the visitor center bookstore on a future visit

Question 15d

Which items would your personal group like to have available for purchase at the visitor center bookstore on a future visit?

Results

- As shown in Figure 85, the item most visitor groups would like to have available for purchase at the visitor center bookstore on a future was:
  - 61% Souvenir items

- “Other” items (8%) were:
  - Abraham Lincoln quotes on souvenirs
  - Arrows
  - Better postcards
  - More historical DVDs or nonfiction related DVDs
  - Pioneer items for kids
  - Postcards
  - Postcards of sections of quotes from memorial granite
  - Vinyl site sticker

- Table 21 shows the topics of additional publications available for purchase on a future visit.

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Table 21. Topics of additional publications available for purchase on a future visit (N=25 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment) — CAUTION!

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Overall Quality

Question 16

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the facilities, services, and recreational opportunities provided to your personal group at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM during this visit?

Results

- 94% of visitor groups rated the overall quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities as “very good” or “good” (see Figure 86).
- 1% of visitor groups rated the overall quality as “very poor.”

Figure 86. Overall quality rating of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities

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Visitor Comment Summaries

What visitors liked most

Question 21a

What did your personal group like most about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

Results

- 78% of visitor groups (N=197) responded to this question.
- Table 22 shows a summary of visitor comments. The transcribed open-ended comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 22. What visitors liked most
(N=273 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment)

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<td>Living Historical Film</td>
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<td>Lincoln play</td>
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What visitors liked least

Question 21b  
What did your personal group like least about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

Results
- 49% of visitor groups (N=124) responded to this question.
- Table 23 shows a summary of visitor comments. The transcribed open-ended comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 23. What visitors liked least  
(N=133 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment)

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### Additional comments

**Question 27**

Is there anything else your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

**Results**

- 40% of visitor groups (N=102) responded to this question.
- Table 24 shows a summary of visitor comments. The transcribed open-ended comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.
Table 24. Additional comments  
(N=143 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment.)

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<td>Helpful staff</td>
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<td>Junior Ranger program is great</td>
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<td>Improve picnic areas</td>
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Visitor Comments

This section contains visitor responses to open-ended questions.

Question 21a

What did your personal group like most about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

- All
- All
  - All of it. Too hard to separate/distinguish.
  - All of us liked different things but it was a wonderful experience and we will definitely be back!
- Animals and cemetery
- Atmosphere, quiet, peaceful
- Authentic history
- Authenticity - informed ranger/docent
- Beautiful, exterior monument
- Beauty of area, history
- Being in a place Lincoln spent part of his life
- Being in nature to exercise
- Cabin foundation memorial
- Cabin site, farm house gravesite
- Cabin site/remains
- Camping
- Chickens
- Close to home - educational and enjoyable
- Depictions in granite of periods in Lincoln's life and quotes above each at memorial
- Did not like park, was there a decade before and it was very nice then
- Didn't visit
- Enjoyed all of it
- Entire area from entrance to exit
- Everything
- Everything
- Excellent visitors center
- Exhibits
- Exhibits in the visitor center
- Exhibits/museum
- Family town
• Farm
• Farm
• Farm and museum
• Farm and village
• Farm, gift shop
• Farm, movie, inside exhibits
• Film and exhibits
• Film in the visitor center
• Film of Lincoln's life
• Film, living farm
• Friendly people
• Friendly staff, clean facilities, beautifully kept trails, etc.
• Good for all ages, easy for one afternoon
• Gravesite and farm
• Gravesite, chickens, and smokehouse and volunteers cooking in the cabin
• Hands on at the living farm site. Information from persons at the living farm.
• Hiking
• Hiking/trails
• Historic farm area
• Historic information
• Historical artifacts
• Historical farm
• Historical farm, memorial
• History
• History
• History of Lincoln
• History of Lincoln and his family
• History, farm
• How nice everything was
• Indiana's role in Lincoln boyhood experience
• Indoor exhibits - it was a very (record setting) hot day
• Information at visitor center
• Intelligence and experience of employees
• It is very clean and beautiful. We live in Huntingburg Indiana. We enjoy the beach and camping. We have viewed the farm before and have many times. Plan on seeing when it cools down.
• Junior Ranger program
- Junior Ranger program
- Just interesting
- Just standing on the earth that Lincoln occupied while living here!
- Learning about his formative years and the video
- Learning about Lincoln's life from 7-21. Cabin site was great, Twelve Stones very well done.
- Learning more about Lincoln
- Learning the important factors of Lincoln's childhood and how those shaped his adult life and presidency
- Liked all
- Liked it all very much
- Liked the cabin
- Lincoln information and the beautiful scenery and trails
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm
- Living farm and movie
- Living Historical Farm
- Living Historical Farm
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- Living Historical Farm
- Living Historical Farm
- Living Historical Farm and Junior Ranger program
- Living Historical Farm animals
- Living Historical Farm was a nice addition to our trip. Plan to come back to Santa Claus, IN for holiday world and visit state and national parks again to see memorial site, farm and trails
- Living Historical Farm
- Living Historical Farm/visitor center
- Living history
o Living museum/farm
o Living pioneer site!
o Love learning history and about historical figures
o Memorial ranger on duty who was very friendly and informative
o Movie documentary
o Movie narrated by Leonard Nemoy
o Movie, farm animals
o Movie; reconstructed farm
o Museum and living farm
o Natural surroundings, being able to walk the same paths that he had walked at some point
o Nature and cleanliness of the area
o Nature trail hiking
o Nice
o Nice clean campground area!
o Nice walking trails
o Orientation movie
o Outdoor presentation
o Outdoor trails, farm, cabin, museum
o Park surrounding it
o Passport stamped
o Picnics, trails, film at visitor center
o Pictures and exhibits. My six year old was fascinated.
o Pioneer demonstrations
o Pretty area, film great, enjoyed the farm
o Scenery
o Seeing and being present where the Lincolns grew up
o Souvenirs
o State Park Amphitheater
o Sticker stamp
o That it is close to home
o That it represented another facet of the National Park Program
o That this is a national historic site run by the Park Service
o The cabin and the gravesite and the twelve stones
o The exhibits and photos
o The exhibits and short movie in the visitor center. Also the farm.
  o The farm
The farm
The farm
The farm
The farm
The farm
The farm and museum
The farm and people walking there. The movie.
The farm and talking with Louie and the Abraham Lincoln Pioneer Tales
The farm even though there were no demonstrations. The people who were dressed in the era of Lincoln were informative.
The farm, hiking trails, gravesite, stone carving on visitor center, learning more about Lincoln
The farm, learning historical events
The film
The hiking and the visitor center
The historical farm at cabin site
The history and the original sites
The history presented
The life of Lincoln and history of him and the United States
The limestone carving on the walls of the visitor center, the film, Living Historical Farm
The Lincoln play, the interpreters at farm
The living farm
The living farm and camping; we come every year
The living farm exhibit
The living farm to gravesites
The living history farm
The living history museum
The museum and film and the halls honoring Abraham Lincoln and Nancy Hanks
The musical play
The National Park passport stamp, enjoyed the lovely visitor center
The natural setting of the park
The nice, clean atmosphere
The paths to the areas, easy to travel and well taken care of
The price was reasonable and the kids liked the ranger program
The trails
The Twelve Stones
The Twelve Stones
The U.S. flag, the animals and the importance of God's Word in Lincoln's upbringing, boys' homesite
The video at the visitor center
The visitor center and film were much more impressive than the facilities at Hodgenville, KY
The visitor center, historical sites/farm and trail. For us it has always been a single visit.
Trail and visitor center
Trail of 12 Stones
Trail of 12 Stones
We love Lincoln and Lincoln history. Like those who live here use the national and state parks several times a year. Always visit when company comes.
We were excited to plan a future trip to the farm but did not have the time while there.
Very clean/beautifully maintained/informative. Very happy we stopped by - did not know Lincoln's history in Indiana.
Very good representation of area life during Lincoln's stay in Indiana
Very pleasant atmosphere
Visit to chapel. Visit to cabin.
Visiting Nancy Hanks cemetery and site of boyhood home
Visitor center
Visitor center
Visitor center
Visitor center (film, display and ranger info and historic sites)
Visitor center and farm
Visitor center and farm
Visitor center displays and movie
Visitor center
Visitor center
Visitor center, Nancy Hanks Grave
Question 21b

What did your personal group like least about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

- $5 fee
- Amount of walking in 100 degree temps with two small grandsons
- Bathroom
- Bathroom on trail
- Bathrooms
- Bookstore
- Bugs
- Can't think of anything
- Cost for visitor center
- Could not find a trash can
- Didn't have a lot of time to stay
- Difficulty in parking RV
- Difficulty pushing a stroller to the trail (nearer the flag pole)
- Enjoyed all
- Exhibits
- Farm
- Farm
- Foundation of house
- Half of the memorial visitor center was closed due to floors being cleaned
- Have more thing to do
- Having had to drive back through Dale to the motel - be nice if the park had a lodge
- Having to do so much walking
- Heat
- Heat
- Heat (mists perhaps needed)
- Heat, lack of things kids wanted to buy like postcards (not enough variety of young Lincoln)
- Hill
- Hot, humid weather
- Hours are so selective in offices
- It was a hot day
- It was all great
- It was all great
It was hot - but you cannot help the weather
It was hot that day
It's confusing to have both the state and national parks together but with separate fees
Kids complaining legs are tired of walking
Lack of more t-shirts
Lack of parking for travel trailers, no water for dogs, garbage cans lacking
Lack of seating/rest area after walk to farm
Lack of water fountains in some areas it was very hot
Liked everything
Lincoln Spring Trail
Little to do, there is more to do in Lincoln State Park
Living history re-enactors in cabin were not responsive and/or welcoming
Museum was closed for cleaning from opening until 1 pm. Did not get to see exhibits.
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A, great visit
No bike paths
No place to purchase a drink
None to speak of. I am handicapped and had trouble walking
Not a thing
Not enough exhibits (farm)
Not enough info on Lincoln's family
Not handicapped accessible
Not many interactive hands-on exhibits
Not much help from rangers - no one spoke with us until we got to the cabin
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing - we enjoyed the entire park
Nothing - would like to have more at the farm
Nothing was bad
Nothing, all great
Nothing. It was all great.
Picnic tables in the sun, not much parking available
Pioneer demonstrations had not started
Poison ivy
Polishing floor in the visitor center. Couldn't see exhibits.
Restrooms
Rough trail to farm - had a baby stroller
Small selection of restaurants close to the expressway
Spring trail had no spring. No bottled water available on hot day. No food available.
The beach and swimming area are not very big. I think $8.00 for a half hour on the paddle boats is a little too much. Maybe $5.00.
The dry, dry, dry, dry weather
The fact that the Lincoln part of the museum was being cleaned
The heat
The heat, otherwise it was great
The heat kept the animals at the farm inside and hidden
The heat
The hot weather
The long walks to most things and the heat
The museum in the visitor center was closed due to floor cleaning, and reopened just as we needed to leave
The outdoor temperature was 93 degrees. We wished it could have been cooler inside the visitor center. Very stuffy.
The potties at the rest shelter on the hike to the farm
The price of the Lincoln show
The very hot and humid weather
The weather - it was very hot
The weather it was hot
They weren't really doing much at the farm site
Things that were not historically accurate - metal discs and plows
This survey
This survey
o Time spent too short, needed breakfast
o Trail of 12 Stones
o Trail needs to be marked better
o Trails was dusty
o Trails, movie
o Uneven trails and rocky and dusty
o Very hot day
o Very little going on in the living historical area
o Video seemed amateurish
o Visitor admittance fee
o Visitor center
o Visitor center was being cleaned while we were there
o We liked it all
o Walking the trails - both retired and it is hard to walk the distances
o Walking to spring well was uneventful
o Warm water in drinking fountains
o We enjoyed it all. Nothing we did not like.
o Weather was so hot - unable to enjoy the outdoor trails and form plan to return in fall - cooler water
o Wished that you stayed open later than 5 pm
o Workers at farms/home site not very familiar with tools/artifacts. One of our group had to explain use.
o You need to have more signs making people aware they are supposed to pay a fee
Question 27

Is there anything else your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Lincoln Boyhood NMEM? (Open-ended)

- A shuttle service instead of only walking tours. We enjoyed it very much.
- Abraham Lincoln a personal hero. Enjoy everything about him.
- All topics at Lincoln Boyhood are interesting
- Barn staff and well-kept setting
- Beautiful visitor center
- Better publicity on site about other Lincoln Kentucky and Illinois sites
- Cool. Our country needs to know more about Lincoln's historic contributions
- Enjoyed my meeting and my visit
- Enjoyed our visit. Staff was very courteous and helpful - seem to love their jobs.
- Entire park was super clean and very well-maintained
- Exhibits in visitor center, great murals outside visitor center, fantastic
- Fun
- Great time for my two granddaughters
- Great
- Had a great day. Nice and clean.
- Had a great time
- Have guided tours that you may have to be driven around to see
- Having more signs telling facts about life during the Lincoln years. How far they had to walk to school - how far was the closest store, etc. Signs by the wild fruit (blackberries, etc.) and what a special treat that would have been. Local wildlife, types of birds, etc.
- House area needs shade. The demonstration from the man in the barn area was great.
- I enjoy studying and learning about Lincoln and his life
- I love NMEM. I grew up in the area and love the Lincoln history and the park’s beauty.
- I was here on a school trip in 1951 - much better now
- Individual did not finish survey - stated on page 12 that the "survey getting too long"
- It is a very well maintained park with a great staff.
- It is a wonderful place
- It was a beautiful and interesting park. The movie was great, especially for kids who visualize in pictures instead of words. An unexpected treat to have people dressed in period clothing doing demonstrations and answering questions.
- It was a beautiful place
- It was great! I liked the park ranger who looked like a young Lincoln. He was sweet to pose for a picture with my little girls.
- It was quiet and enjoyable and interesting
- Keep the farm going - increase demonstrations at the farm area - we only had one costumed worker the day we were there
- Liked it
- Lincoln National Memorial and State Park are a treasure for the local residents. More people should visit and use the parks.
- I was there for a planning meeting
- Love the trail running with dog. Also cross over into running at State Park.
- Love these types of sites! History is so important! Didn't go to the visitor center due to charge - just passing through.
- Love this park, we hike/walk trails year round and also take our dogs for weekly walks at park
- Make your survey easier to use; very difficult to understand
- Member number three is into Lincoln; he continues to rave about this visit to Lincoln Boyhood Home
- More people in farm area doing things and interacting. There was one person in house only.
- My grandchildren and I had a great time
- My second visit, I entered from I-64 which was well-marked. Three years ago on my first visit, we came from Evansville on a two lane highway from southwest, that route was not marked at all as to the correct route and entrances. It was very difficult to find the Boyhood Home facility and park.
- Nice place
- Not much to see in the buildings except empty furnished rooms - nice as they are - I thought I'd picnic in camping park. Saw there was a fee and left. Move your picnic tables to a shady area.
- Not sure what Lincoln Pioneer Village is. We would recommend a short talk or video outlining all available activities - some sort of introduction of memorial and after our visit we are still confused about some aspects of the area. (Pioneer Village?) There are great exhibits and sites, but personnel not very organized.
- NPS always does a first-rate job. Thanks.
- On past visits, enjoyed interaction with volunteers in cabins and wood/farm area
- Our grandchildren enjoyed reading the descriptions of each of the 12 Stones
- Our visit was cut short because our granddaughter got too hot and with new braces on her teeth she had lost a spacer and wire came loose! Not a good day for her. Hope to visit possibly next summer, thank you!
- Park rangers are a waste of my tax dollars. I took the kids there for educational purposes. But could not afford admission! It used to be free last time I was there. Like everything else the federal government gets involved and ruins it. I will not be back as long as it is a nationally run park, should be run by the state or private.
- Quality of information from park ranger was outstanding.
- Sorry, but hate to see our taxes used for these surveys
- Special to me because my birthday is February 12
o Staff very helpful. We especially enjoyed staff on historical farm.

o Surprised with quality of film and living farm. Well done!

o Thank you for letting me participate in the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial Visitor Study. I come to the states every summer for 5 weeks or more and I travel all over the national park system getting stamps in my 4 passport books they are nearly all full, I have spent 25 years doing this and I think that all the national parks are good. Visitor centers are always clean and tidy. And plenty of info, and the rangers are always helpful and polite. I drove six thousand miles this summer and did a lot of parks setting off in LA. I did Mesa Verde, Arizona Petrified National Forest, Yucca House, Curecanti, Florissant Fossil Beds, Sand Creek National Historic Site, Kansas, (and many others...) I had to turn back here to go back to LA on highway 40. I'm sorry about the delay in sending it back but I've been too busy to fill it in. Thanks.

o Thank you for this opportunity. Good luck. Appreciated dogs allowed but could not find a trashcan when pickup was needed. Would like to see more little known facts - after movie, fact sheet, or find it game. Loved the small working post office but saw it by accident - would like to see it promoted more. Loved the shoes to try on - maybe you need a hat or axe too.

o Thank you!

o Thank you. We really enjoyed our visit!

o That it got us excited about the Lincoln vampire movie!

o The courteous staff and park rangers. The national park system is extremely professional. Thank you.

o The Junior Ranger program is great - it really gets kids involved

o The park was very clean and well organized with a lot of historic events. We enjoyed our time there very much!

o The people at the farm were wonderful - knowledgeable and engaging. Excellent Junior Ranger program. Keep them both! Also well maintained and a nice amount of time - just right with kids.

o The people who provided this questionnaire were very kind and pleasant and smiled. Thoughtful and courteous to us - both. They were very clear with their questions - we liked them.

o The picnic area near the visitor center needs some improvements. The covered picnic area was too close to reading material.

o The trails are very nice

o This was just too extensive. I gave up.

o Trails not suitable for people with disabilities. Visiting the living memorial. It would be nice to have better trails and more informative and friendly volunteer in cabin. Would have been good to see park ranger and living museum.

o Trash cans are needed at picnic areas

o Very educational and enjoyable for children

o Very enjoyable

o Very friendly. Excellent picnic grounds. Can't wait to visit again.

o Very informative - glad we visited

o Very much appreciated
• Very nice, clean, well organized, and friendly. Lincoln would have been proud.
• Very well done!
• Visited to look at chapel for wedding. Prices have skyrocketed for this chapel in recent years. We don't like that.
• Visitor center is very nice. Need one or two more interpreters at farm site.
• We are local and we go there quite often to walk the trails for exercise. And that is what we were doing this visit.
• We couldn't say enough nice things. The park was wonderful and the staff was great as well!
• We did enjoy our time with you. Thank you very much - very interesting.
• We did not participate, since we did not know there was a $5 fee. Price is okay, just did not have $ with us from camping.
• We enjoyed it so much and will return next summer. Thank you so much.
• We enjoyed it very much
• We enjoyed our visit
• We had a nice visit
• We have lived in Indianapolis for a decade. The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial needs to be publicized more. It is a real jewel.
• We kind of stumbled on it, hadn't planned to visit. We would have spent more time if we had it.
• We look forward to visit Lincoln Boyhood Park and coming to see the musical at the amphitheater.
  We came four times when the musical Abe showing up in the Indiana.
• We love American history, and I personally am especially fascinated by Lincoln. Thank you for making this place available!
• We love this place. Came on a whim today as a day trip. Brought kids dozens of times - years ago.
• We loved our visit
• We loved the price for an educational experience that was fun for all ages. The hike was clear and everything was clean!
• We only stayed a short time this trip, but last time we did all of the trails and outside exhibits
• We will come back next summer
• We enjoyed the visit. The park was clean and the farm was very neat
• Wish weather had not been so hot! (6-22-12) We would like to have spent more time at outdoor exhibits.
• Would have spent more time at farm, very few animals and no activities. More activities at the Living Historical Farm. Demonstrations, more animals.
• Would like to see more elderly and handicap - friendly access to living farm by utilizing near path from road
• Would love to share photography and be notified of events!
• Would visit other sites if not so far away. Would be nice if the store at the beach had some kind of sandwiches.
- You need RV parking
Appendix 1: The Questionnaire
Appendix 2: Additional Analysis

The Visitor Services Project (VSP) offers the opportunity to learn from VSP visitor study data through additional analysis. Two-way and three-way cross tabulations can be made with any questions.

Below are some examples of the types of cross tabulations that can be requested. To make a request, please use the contact information below, and include your name, address and phone number in the request.

1. What proportion of family groups with children attend interpretive programs?

2. Is there a correlation between visitors’ ages and their preferred sources of information about the park?

3. Are highly satisfied visitors more likely to return for a future visit?

4. How many international visitors participate in hiking?

5. What ages of visitors would use the park website as a source of information on a future visit?

6. Is there a correlation between visitor groups’ rating of the overall quality of their park experience and their ratings of individual services and facilities?

7. Do larger visitor groups (e.g., four or more) participate in different activities than smaller groups?

8. Do frequent visitors rate the overall quality of their park experiences differently than less frequent visitors?

The VSP database website (http://vsp.uidaho.edu) allows data searches for comparisons of data from one or more parks.

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Appendix 3: Decision Rules for Checking Non-response Bias

There are several methods for checking non-response bias. However, the most common way is to use some demographic indicators to compare between respondents and non-respondents (Dey 1997; Salant and Dillman 1994; Dillman and Carley-Baxter 2000; Dillman, 2007; Stoop 2004). In this study, we used five variable group type, group size, age of the group member (at least 16 years old) completing the survey, whether the park was the primary destination for the visit, and visitor’s place of residence proximity to the park to check for non-response bias.

Chi-square tests were used to detect the difference in the response rates among different group types, whether the park was the primary destination for this visit, and visitor’s place of residence and proximity to the park. The hypothesis was that there is no significant difference across different categories (or groups) between respondents and non-respondents. If the p-value is greater than 0.05, the difference between respondents and non-respondents is judged to be insignificant.

Two independent-sample T-tests were used to test the differences between respondent’s and non-respondent’s average age and group size. The p-values represent the significance levels of these tests. If the p-value is greater than 0.05, the two groups are judged to be insignificantly different.

Therefore, the hypotheses for checking non-response bias are:

1. Respondents from different group types are equally represented
2. Respondents and non-respondents are not significantly different in terms of proximity from their home to the park
3. Respondents and non-respondents are not significantly different in terms of reason for visiting the park
4. Average age of respondents – average age of non-respondents = 0
5. Average group size of respondents – average group size of non-respondents = 0

As shown in Tables 2 to 5, the p-values for respondent/non-respondent comparisons for age and distance from home to the park are less than 0.05, indicating significant differences between respondents and non-respondents. The results indicate some biases occurred due to non-response. Visitors at younger age ranges (especially 45 and younger) and visitors traveling with friends were underrepresented in the survey results. The differences, however, were not found in other variables. Results of the study in this report only reflect the simple frequencies. Inferences of the survey results should be weighted to counterbalance the effects of nonresponse bias.
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