



James A. Garfield National Historic Site News Release

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National Park Service Launches Travel Itinerary on American Presidents

WASHINGTON -- As the presidential election approaches and Americans consider which candidate they will vote for on November 4th, the National Park Service offers a new *Discover Our Shared Heritage* on-line travel itinerary that explores the lives and contributions of all 43 American presidents.

“History comes alive at the birthplaces, homes, and memorials of American presidents across the country,” said Mary A. Bomar, Director of the National Park Service. “I hope every citizen will visit a presidential site this election year. It is fitting to celebrate the accomplishments of past presidents as we prepare to elect a new one.”

The American Presidents Travel Itinerary features the White House and more than 70 other sites nationwide that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Almost half of the sites are also part of the National Park System, including Mentor’s own James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

The new itinerary is available at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/presidents/index.html> and offers:

- Descriptions and significance of each historic site
- Information and maps for how to visit the sites
- Contemporary and historic photographs
- Two essays by highly respected presidential historians
- A “Learn More” section that includes links to additional information and a bibliography on the presidency and tourism websites to help with trip planning

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The American Presidents itinerary is the 47th in the National Park Service's ongoing *Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary Series*. The series promotes public awareness of history and encourages visits to historic places throughout the country. All of the itineraries in the series can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/>.

The National Park Service's Heritage Education Services produced the itinerary in partnership with the National Park Service Office of Tourism, the White House Historical Association, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. Staff from many units of the National Park System and the other sites included in the itinerary, State historic preservation offices, and others assisted in developing the content and provided images, making the itinerary a true collaborative effort.

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The 8-acre site consists of the main house and memorial library of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. For information call (440) 255-8722, write 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, or visit www.nps.gov/jaga on the Internet.

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