

Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

park information: It was on this property in 1872 that J. Sterling Morton and his wife, Caroline, initiated their vision for a greener, more tree-filled world—a challenge to people everywhere to plant trees so desperately needed. It is estimated that nearly one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872.

The showpiece of this 72-acre park is the historic mansion, with its 52 rooms and countless historic artifacts belonging to the Morton Family. The park also includes an arboretum, Italian terraced garden, log cabin, carriage house, walking trails, more than 200 varieties of lilacs and a charming “whispering” bench.

The park grounds are open year-round; a park permit is not required to enter. The mansion is open for tours and special events under the direction of the Arbor Day Foundation. The hours are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

camping: No camping is available.

activities: Find fun things to do at www.negpp.org under “Activities.”

directions: Going south on Hwy 75, turn east onto Business 75 then turn south onto Centennial Ave. The north gate is on the corner of Steam Wagon Road. Coming to the south gate from Hwy 2, take 4th Corso to Steinhart Park and head north to the junction of Arbor Ave. and 2nd Ave. Go east on 2nd Avenue, and the south gate will be on the north side of the road.



clue: The post will be close to the heart-shaped lawn but you will have a good view of the pond.

distance: The post is 50 feet from the parking area and close to the pond.

surface: Paved road.

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