

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site -- This week's National Park Getaway

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WEST BRANCH, Iowa – This week the National Park Getaway takes readers to east central Iowa to visit the birthplace of the 31st president of the United States.

Ten miles east of Iowa City, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site tells the story of Hoover's life and achievements, and how a small community opened a world of opportunity to a child of simple beginnings.

Visitors can tour the cottage where Hoover was born, a blacksmith shop, West Branch's first one-room schoolhouse, and the Friends Meetinghouse where the Hoover family worshipped. Also located on the grounds are the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, the gravesites of President and Mrs. Hoover and an 81-acre tallgrass prairie.

If you visit this summer, you'll find plenty of activities designed to entertain. The park is hosting a summer concert series on Thursdays through June and family day camps throughout July. If you're in the area, you won't want to miss the annual Hoover's Hometown Days festival, celebrated during the first weekend of August.

Visit www.nps.gov/getaways to learn about Herbert Hoover and the turbulent era of his presidency.

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