The Lincoln Highway

“A coast-to-coast memorial to Abraham Lincoln”

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Lincoln Highway now is and henceforth shall be an existing memorial in tribute to the immortal Abraham Lincoln.”

It all began on July 1, 1913, when a group of American industrialists, including Indiana’s own Carl G. Fisher, created the Lincoln Highway Association to promote their vision of a “continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, open to lawful travel of all descriptions, without toll charges. This highway is to be known, in memory of Abraham Lincoln, as The Lincoln Highway.” The ultimate goal of the Association was to promote the economic advantages of good goods for transporting goods to market and for tourism. It also served as an advocate for getting the federal government involved in paying for and building America’s roads.

The 1913 route through Indiana took travelers from Fort Wayne to Valparaiso via Goshen, Elkhart, and South Bend.

Several realignments were made in later years in an effort to shorten the route and for safety. In 1926, more than 250 named trails and highways existed across the United States, with the most well-known being the Lincoln Highway. The confusion this caused travelers resulted in the creation of the U.S. Numbered Highway System, and in 1928 the route of the Lincoln Highway through Indiana dropped from the northerly route to U.S. 30. This route took travelers from Fort Wayne to Valparaiso via Columbia City, Warsaw, and Plymouth.

Also in 1928, the new route was marked across America with a round 2,400 concrete posts set by the Boy Scouts. In 1942, after successfully accomplishing their original goals, the Association dissolved. The road, its purpose and its memories live on today. In 1992, a reorganized Association was established to promote the highway.

An Adventure Awaits!

Never heard of the Lincoln Highway? Not sure where the highway is? Want to experience the old road as your grandparents did? Across Indiana, you can still travel on most of both the 1913 and 1928 routes of the Lincoln Highway.

Along the drive, tourists will discover wonderful landscapes showcasing both rural and urban areas, quaint and grand architecture, and vistas that provide glimpses back in time. The culture of northern Indiana is revealed through stops at diners, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, museums, historical sites and through strolls along main streets.

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The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association hosts meetings and fun events each year.

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