

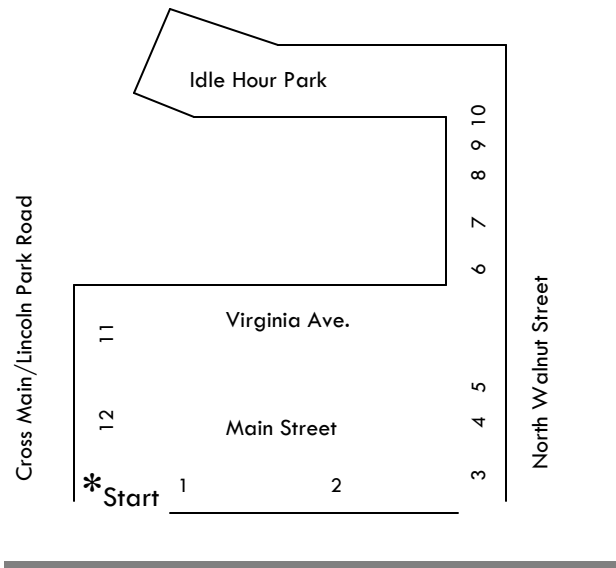
**The following species of trees are marked on the trail. We hope you enjoy the scenery!**

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| American Holly       | Japanese Zelkova  |
| Eastern Redbud       | Sugar Maple       |
| Peach Tree           | American Sycamore |
| Kentucky Coffee Tree | Northern Caltapa  |
| Dogwood              | Green Ash         |
| American Elm         | Crab Apple        |
| Hackberry            | Black Locust      |
| Black Walnut         | White Mulberry    |
| Burning Bush         | White Oak         |
| Pin Oak              | Tulip Poplar      |
| Southern Magnolia    | Norway Spruce     |
| Service Berry        | Osage Orange      |
| Black Cherry         | Shagbark History  |
| Bradford Pear        | Red Maple         |
| Gingko               | River Birch       |
| Scarlet Oak          | Crepe Myrtle      |
| Sweet Bay Magnolia   | White Pine        |
| Norway Maple         | Slippery Elm      |

Yoshino Cherry

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“Footprints to the Park” is a 3 mile Walking Arboretum beginning at Cross Main, continuing east on Main to North Walnut through Springfield’s Historic District and winding through Idle Hour Park, then back to downtown. This trail features historical sites and numerous trees that have been identified along the path. This added dimension to the recreation of our community is providing an attractive new venue for physical fitness, educating the public about the importance of sustaining current tree plantings, encouraging future plantings, as well as recognizing important historical structures. We do encourage you to respect the Homeowners property and please enjoy the beauty from the path.



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**“FOOTPRINTS TO THE PARK”**



**Historical Walking Tour and Arboretum**



**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

### **1. Washington County Courthouse**

Main Street~~ Completed in 1816, this historic Courthouse is the oldest courthouse still in use in Kentucky. Among the records, which dates from 1792, is the marriage certificate of Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, parents of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, as well as many other Lincoln family documents. (Historical Marker)

### **2. Springfield Presbyterian Church**

140 E. Main Street~~ The first church of the Springfield Presbyterians, the oldest denomination in the county, was a log meeting house near the present Washington Co. School Board. This present brick building was built after the Civil War around 1888 and is used for services today, as is the beautiful pipe organ that was added in 1915.

### **3. Springfield Christian Church**

201 E. Main Street~~ On March 17, 1899 John W. & Lizzie Lewis sold this corner lot to the Trustees of the church for \$900.00. At a congregational meeting it was unanimously decided to borrow \$1500.00 to pay for a new building, The terms were five yearly payments of \$300.00 at four percent interest. The first unit of this present building was constructed in 1900 as is evidenced above the front door. It was formally dedicated in June, 1901.

### **4. John Pope House**

207 N. Walnut Street~~ This Federal style, story and a half brick home, was built for Pope's third wife, Francis Watkins Walton, the widow of the founder of Washington County, at a cost of \$4100.00 in 1839. He died here in 1845. John Pope was a Representative and Senator from Kentucky and third Governor of the Territory of Arkansas. (Historical Marker)

### **5. House of History**

301 N. Walnut Street~~ This is the oldest house still standing in Springfield. This Federal-Gothic home built of logs around 1800 by John Thompson was owned by well-known silversmith David H. Spears, who crafted fashionable flatware and worked in Springfield. James P. Calhoun, who cast the only vote tallied in Washington County for Abraham Lincoln in the election for his presidency, also lived in this house. (Historical Marker)

### **6. Polin-Simms House**

405 N. Walnut Street~~ This Gothic Revival Home was built about 1858 and encases a two-room log house. Two Springfield natives who achieved national recognition in the literary world are a part of this quaint old home's past. Dr. James T Cotton Noe born in 1864, was Kentucky's first Poet Laureate by joint resolution of the Kentucky General Assembly in 1926, resided here. Also Elizabeth Maddox Roberts, born in 1881, who ranks with the finest half-dozen novelists of the century resided here and conducted a private school at this location in 1901-1902.

### **7. Eleanores**

514 N. Walnut Street~~ This impressive Neo-Classic home was built by Elizabeth Maddox Roberts, who after returning to her beloved Springfield, wrote her famous books "The Great Meadow" and "Time of Man." Ms. Maddox is buried in the Springfield Cemetery overlooking the town she loved.

### **8. Cunningham-McIntrye-Haydon House**

511 N. Walnut Street~~ Today this home is known as the McIntrye Place, or the G.R. Haydon house, remembered for its gala parties, weddings and happy times. The house was built by J.A. Seay circa 1882, when Andrew Cunningham, son of Clelland, planned to live here with his wife, Betty Bullock. The Greek-Revival portico was added around 1939.

### **9. McChord Place at Walnut Hills**

515 N. Walnut ~~~ The land where this Vernacular style home now stands was originally owned by E.L. and Ann M. Davison, prominent early citizens of Springfield. In November 1881, they sold 338 acres to Charles R. and Loulie J. Grundy. In October, 1882, Mr. & Mrs. Grundy sold 3.49 acres of the land to A.H. McChord. Mr. McChord was a lawyer, uncle of Charles and Will McChord, who were lawyers in Springfield in later years. Mr. A. H. McChord built the house and a school house in the back yard. The foundation of the schoolhouse still remains. Some local names that appeared in the school's day book that was found in the attic of this home were Hyatt, Gordon, White, Cornish, Mayes, Davis, Robinson, McElroy and Anderson. This home has all original staircases, floors, mantles and woodwork. In the over one hundred years 8 families have resided. The house is called McChord Place, but an old envelope found here was addressed to "Walnut Hills", Springfield, Ky. Was the general neighborhood called "Walnut Hills" or was the house itself? We can only wonder!

### **10. Kalarama Farm**

~~Kalarama is Greek for "Beautiful Sight" and appropriately describes this breathtaking view from our Walking Arboretum's rest area. Just sit a spell and enjoy the horses grazing in the fields. Judge I. H. Thurman in the early 1900's, established the fine Kalarama strain of saddle bred show horses for which the farm is renowned. One of Kalarama's most prestigious horses, Kalarama Rex, was the number one sire in America from 1935 to 1944. He is buried at the entrance to the farm. Mr. Paul Hamilton purchased the farm in the mid 1960's. His daughter, Joan Hamilton, who is the Farm Manager and Larry Hodge, Trainer, have through careful study, planning and execution restored, if not surpassed, the achievements of the past. The success of their team has brought the name of Kalarama prominence once again in the American Saddle Bred Horse World.

### **11. McChord Place and Carriage House**

202 Lincoln Park Rd.~~ William C. McChord, scion of Caldwell-Hynes heritage (wealthy pioneers who settled here in 1788), bought Lucy Marratta's one third interest in the famed "Lott No. 10" and established this lovely townscape (circa 1900)- a Victorian Queen Anne style house, a two room law office, a carriage house, stable and gardens. The Carriage house is a unique 5-room building (located behind the main house) that served as servants' quarters and the carriage house. Mr. McChord was elected Washington County Attorney in 1874. These buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 and authentically restored.

### **12. . The Woman's Club Building**

~~ In late summer of 1915 the Woman's Club began considering the purchase of this little brick building on Cross Main, former law office of Mr. John Lewis, for a meeting place and possible library. The club held the first meeting in their newly renovated building on January 27, 1916, with each member bringing her own chair, leaving it for future use. This was also the occasion for their first of many "book showers" which provided over 2000 books for the new library. In 1965 when the new tax supported Washington County Library opened its doors, The Woman's Club terminated its book business after 50 years of library service to the community. This building continues to serve as home to the Woman's Club.