

Hildene

The Lincoln Family Home

FAQ's

Built in 1905 by Robert Lincoln, only child of Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln to survive to adulthood.

412 Acre Estate

Hildene is old English and means "Hill" and "Valley with Stream"

All guests, members, passholders etc. must check in at the Welcome Center and pay admission.

General Admission (\$23 Adults/\$6 Youth/Under 6 & Members Free) Includes:

Self-guided tours of the house, gardens, trails, Pullman car, Hildene Farm, Dene Farm and approximately 12 miles of hiking trails
Skiing & snowshoeing in the winter (Rentals for additional fee)

Picnic tables are available

Seasonal special assistance trams

Hildene Farm is a goat dairy & cheesemaking facility

Pullman car, Sunbeam, is a restored 1903 wooden executive railcar & is a stop on the Vermont African American Heritage Trail

We are a pet free, smoke free and selfie stick free property

Second Day Pass

Consecutive days only with purchase of a regularly priced first day admission.

Additional +\$6 for adults & youth, under 6 free

Guided Tours of the House

11:00am & 1:00pm Daily (1:00 Only November-May) Reservations Required

Additional +\$7.50 for adults & youth. Limited to 10 per tour.

Behind the Scenes Tours of the Archives

2:00pm Daily, Reservations Required. Limited to 8 per tour.

Additional +\$7.50 for adults & youth. Not recommended for children under 10

The Museum Store

Hildene Cheese & Logo Items, Educational Toys, Books, Garden Related, VT Products

Seasonal Gardens

Formal Garden, Cutting & Kitchen Gardens, Soft Fruit Cage, Apple Tree Allee, Hawthorne Allee, Observation Garden, Pollinator Gardens

Dene Farm

Teaching Greenhouse, Bee, Butterfly and Bobolink Sanctuary

80 Acre Wetland with a 600' Floating Boardwalk

Must park at and purchase admission at the Welcome Center

Private Functions, Weddings & Corporate Functions

Mid-May through Mid-October

Open Daily Year-Round 9:30 to 4:30 www.hildene.org info@hildene.org 802.362.1788

(Closed Thanksgiving, December 24, 25, & 26, and Easter)

Winter & Spring 2017/2018

New Behind the Scenes Archives Tour

For guests who want a unique experience during their visit to the Lincoln family's ancestral home, this opportunity provides a sneak peek inside spaces that are not open to the general public and include some seldomly seen objects owned by Robert's parents, President Abraham Lincoln and wife Mary Todd. Also on display are items of interest from the President's descendants beginning with Robert, President of the Pullman Palace Car Company, wife Mary Harlan Lincoln, and others. To learn more about the "Behind the Scenes Archives Tour" or to make a reservation for the tour, call 802.367.7968

Thanksgiving & Our House for the Holidays?

President Abraham Lincoln signed the first annual national "Thanksgiving Proclamation" in 1863, designating the last Thursday of November as the official day of celebration for the country. At Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Thanksgiving signals the arrival of the festive holiday season. To honor President Lincoln's role in making Thanksgiving a day of celebration for all Americans and to acknowledge his relentless curiosity and ability to tackle the most serious of challenges, Hildene challenges its visitors to "Guess the Lincoln Pennies in the Jar."

Correct guesses in youth and adult categories are announced during Hildene's annual Openhouse weekend in The Museum Store, Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. Admission to Hildene is not required for shopping at The Museum Store.

Christmas 1912 at The Lincoln Family Home

December 1 - January 1

It is Christmas Eve 1912 with festive period holiday décor, tree, and music on the Aeolian pipe organ. The Boston Globe writes, "In 1912, the Lincoln family spent Christmas Eve here, so when the estate hosts its holiday festivities between Dec. 1 and Jan. 1, it is to evoke that evening ... Most of the greens they use to decorate are real; most are fresh, and some are dried." The Museum Store is filled to the brim with gifts for the holidays. Closed December 24, 25 and 26. To learn more about the holidays at Hildene visit www.hildene.org/calendar.html or call 802.362.1788.

"Celebration of Peonies"

Late May to mid-June boasts more than 20 varieties and thousands of fragrant flamboyant peony blooms in the Lincoln family's formal garden located at the Georgian Revival mansion built by presidential son, Robert Lincoln in 1905. Explore Hildene Farm and Goat Dairy and Pullman car, Sunbeam with exhibit "Many Voices" and The Museum Store filled to the brim with all things garden. Add-on options include presentations for small groups with Hildene's horticulturist and staff available by reservation. For information call 802.362.1788 or email info@hildene.org .