



# 74<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference

## Plains Anthropological Conference Tours

### Missouri River Early Euroamerican and Plains Village Archeological Sites

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

(price includes lunch and any entrance fees) – Tour limited to the first 35 registrants

This **day-long tour** will visit an assortment of developed and undeveloped **archeological sites** in the greater **Omaha** area such as Fort Atkinson (1820-1827, the first military post west of the Missouri River), the sunken Steamboat Bertrand and its wonderful assortment of 250,000 Civil War-era artifacts (1865), and strings of Central Plains tradition lodge depressions along ridges in Fontenelle Forest.



For more information on these attractions see:

<http://www.fontenelleforest.org/>.

[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/wildlife\\_and\\_habitat/steamboat\\_bertrand.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/wildlife_and_habitat/steamboat_bertrand.html)

<http://www.fortatkinsononline.org/>

The tour will be in a comfortable large touring bus but we will be doing some light hiking so please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Folks can certainly stay at the bus during the short hikes if they prefer.

- Wednesday, October 12. Leaving from the Holiday Inn Conference Center at 9:00 am, returning by 5:00 pm (in time to clean up for the Early Bird party!)
- Tour Guides: Rob Bozell (Nebraska State Historical Society) and Linda Plock (National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center)
- Maximum attendance is **35**. Registration will close **September 18 (or sooner if full)**.
- \$35.00 per person (includes tour and box lunch)
- Box Lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink. Indicate sandwich choice:
  - Turkey
  - Ham
  - Veggie

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## Urban Archaeology on the Great Plains - Walking tour of the Lincoln Haymarket

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>



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- Tour will leave the Holiday Inn lobby at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, arriving back around 5:00.
- Walking will be leisurely, covering about 1.5 miles
- Tour Guide: Peter Bleed (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
- Free, but please register so we can plan accordingly

Explore the history and archaeology of this early downtown neighborhood. Using historic maps and photos, this tour will visit surviving material remnants as well as excavated sites. Highlights include industrial and transportation facilities, and social centers associated with the life in a Plains city. We will walk by houses of “ill fame”, visit “Negro Shanties,” and see the very edge of America’s pottery frontier. Along the way we will also discuss the educational potential of urban archaeology and distinctive features of Great Plains cities, stopping in a surviving material remnant for refreshment and conversation.

## The Nebraska State Capitol Tour

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>



- Saturday, October 15, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Meet at the Capitol located at 1445 ‘K’ Street. Tour will begin at the North Entrance on Second Floor at the top of the grand staircase. The Capitol is about a one-mile walk from the Holiday Inn Conference Center.
- Parking is available on the street or in a lot south of the Capitol at 16<sup>th</sup> and “H”
- Tour Guides: Capitol Docent
- Free, but please register early as attendance will be capped at 30

This hour-long tour will explore the exquisite architecture and art deco design of this stunning 1920s building. Many of the art panels reflect the early Native and Euroamerican history of Nebraska.

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## Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, Nebraska

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>



- Saturday, October 15, 2:00-4:00 (open house)
- Tour Guide: Homestead NM staff
- Free, but please register to assist with planning
- Transportation on your own
- Meet at the Homestead Heritage Center, 8523 West State Highway 4, Beatrice

Homestead National Monument of America commemorates the Homestead Act of 1862 and the far-reaching effects it had upon the landscape and people. Plains Anthropological Conference attendees are invited to come explore some of these effects through the prize-winning interpretive film, the Heritage Center exhibits, tall-grass prairie trails, and the Freeman schoolhouse. Attendees are also invited to explore the **Land Entry case records project**. Since 1999, the park has worked with partners to digitize paper records tied to Homestead Land Entry case files accumulated over the Act's 123 year-history. Park staff will be prepared to discuss this project and provide tours of the online database.

For more information about Homestead NM, go to <https://www.nps.gov/home/index.htm>.

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