



## Introduction to Historic Garfield Park

Welcome to Historic Garfield Park. You may know that Garfield Park is the oldest city park in Indianapolis and that it is 126 fantastic acres packed with fun and activity for your family. But did you know that Garfield Park is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places? This distinction is judged by how great the Park's impact has been on the city of Indianapolis, since its founding! Way back in 1876 when it was Southern Park. There's more! There are several sites within the Park that have been singled out to be featured in our new Tour of Historic Garfield.

There are a variety of ways for you to have fun with these new tour materials and we invite you to try them all and then tell us what you think. Here is the overview.

1. First, a **mobile website** that hosts the content of the Historic Tour. This platform is designed to work with your smart phone and display images and text especially viewable on the small screen. To access the mobile website simply use your smart phone and text a message to short number **56512**. In the body of the text type the key word "**Garfield**".

You'll receive a message with a link. **Click the link** to enjoy the mobile tour.

2. If you prefer to **listen to information** about the historic sites at Garfield, you can use our audio platform hosted at Guide by Cell. Simply pick up a phone, any phone...cell or landline... and dial into our Garfield Park hotline at **317-495-9349**.

Once you call the number you will hear a brief welcome message which invites you to type in the "**item number**" of the site you wish to hear about followed by the **# sign**.

3. **Visit the Park** in person. Take along a print-version of this **Visitor Guide to Historic Garfield Park** to help you find your way. The Guide includes a map to direct your steps, a brief description of each of the eight historic sites, and images to help you identify each featured site. Most of the featured sites are viewable from the 1.5 mile, paved path that winds through the Park.

Watch for artistic site markers near many of the featured sites...coming soon to the Park. The markers will include a brief description of the historic site and the phone and item numbers necessary to listen to the audio tour.

Thanks for your interest in Historic Garfield Park. Both the audio tour and the mobile website give you a place to **share your feedback**. We hope you will visit soon and often...we look forward to hearing from you.

Friends of Garfield Park, Inc. [GarfieldParkIndy.org](http://GarfieldParkIndy.org)

## Visitor's Guide to Historic Garfield Park

	<p><b>The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts</b> The Amphitheatre was first opened in the early 1920's as a theatre for repertory actors presenting a new play each week. Families came from near and far to sit out in the open-air and enjoy the sights and sounds on a warm summer night. The theater received a major face-lift in 1997 and a new name, The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts, in honor of P.E. MacAllister a gracious Difference-maker and longtime friend of the Park. Neighbors, families, and visitors still love the summer fun of outdoor theater!</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b> <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>About the MacAllister Center listen to <b>3 #</b> Upcoming Events at the Mac listen to <b>2 #</b></p>
	<p><b>The General Henry Ware Lawton Monument</b> Henry came from humble beginnings. Early on he adopted an honest and tenacious work ethic. In 1861 President Lincoln called for volunteers, Henry enlisted. He was 18. Henry Lawton was destined to become a soldier, a leader of men. And he was, for nearly four decades. He led from the front line. Always. And he never asked his men to do anything that he had not, or would not do himself. General Henry Lawton was a Medal of Honor recipient. He was a principled, fierce warrior. He was a loving husband and father. A beloved uncle. A Difference-maker.</p>	<p><b>Presented by...</b> <b>The National Bank of Indianapolis</b></p> <p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b> <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>About General Lawton listen to <b>4 #</b></p>
	<p><b>The Conservatory</b> In 1908 Indianapolis hired a gifted visionary, George Edward Kessler, a German-born landscape architect with considerable engineering and city planning ability as well. Because he loved his work, he loved Garfield Park. It became his jewel. Kessler had great respect for the rich horticultural heritage of Garfield Park. Today the rainforest exhibit is an exciting place to explore, for young and old alike. Let us make your day!</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b> <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>About the Conservatory listen to <b>7 #</b></p>
	<p><b>The Sunken Garden</b> It was George Kessler who envisioned the Sunken Garden with beautiful walkways and fountains. He imagined the summer plantings to be "entirely formal in character," and to include less formal displays to enhance the elegant Sunken Garden. In 1916, F.W. Darlington of Chicago was hired to design and build the fountains in the Garden. They were the first in the country equipped to change the spray and display lights with changing colors. Put them on your must see list for summer!</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b> <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>About the Sunken Garden and Fountains listen to <b>10 #</b></p>

	<p><b>The Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument</b>  From 1861 to 1865 the United States of America faced the first test of unity. Would she survive this war that pit brothers against brothers and father's against sons? This monument is a memorial to 1,616 soldiers who died in Camp Morton here, in Indianapolis as detainees during the Civil War. The stories behind this monument tell of fair and just leaders, kindness and respect, and grace on the battlefield and gratitude across the Mason-Dixon Line...that continued many years after The End was called. These are true stories of: Difference-makers, willing and able men of character.</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b>  <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>The Story of the War and Men Behind the Monument  listen to  <b>13 #</b></p> <p>The Story of the Final Resting Place  listen to  <b>14 #</b></p>
	<p><b>Pagoda Shelter</b> Welcome to our Pagoda Shelter—truly a place where memories are made—and the stories of each generation, gifts to the next. The Pagoda was a magical place back in the day. It was built in 1903 by a clever and skilled architect, Daniel Dupree, who had a grandson he often took to the Park. For over 100 years this shelter has been <i>the place</i> for dances, first dates, engagements, family picnics, weddings...the list goes on and on. <i>If this stage could talk!</i></p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b>  <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>Our Pagoda Story  listen to  <b>16 #</b></p> <p>1970's Rehab &amp; Margie's Story  <b>17#</b></p>
	<p><b>Trolley Streetcar, Inter-urban Waiting Station.</b> In the early 1900's, Garfield Park was on the route for a city-wide trolley streetcar system that ran along both Shelby Street and Southern Avenue. There is a shelter still in the Park today that served as the Waiting Station for early trolleys that would make a short loop into the park to pick up and drop off passengers wanting to spend a day in the Park. The Depot is undergoing a major renovation at this time. So, please return later in the year and tell us how we did!</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b>  <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>History of the Trolley Streetcar Waiting Station  listen to  <b>18#</b></p>
	<p><b>Grove of Remembrance</b> The Grove of Remembrance was dedicated in 1920 after WWI had ended. Trees were planted to memorialize the over 290 soldiers who died fighting in World War I. A tree for each soldier was planted including an etched marker, for name, unit, and date of death. You may hear and read of Alice Moore French and the American War Mothers who, together, helped bring the Grove to Garfield Park. The dedication parade and ceremony was a day tucked away in the hearts and minds of all who were there. Difference-makers...behind every name.</p>	<p><b>Guide By Cell Call-in</b>  <b>317-495-9349</b></p> <p>The History Behind Grove of Remembrance  listen to  <b>20 #</b></p>