

Oh My! A Guide to Your New City

Subtitle: I do not recognize any name around here, Please help!
Meaning of “Oh My!” (<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/my-oh-my>)

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This is not an exhaustive list of ideas and places, but it should help you get started discovering your new city. We do not have any specific interest, including financial, in any of those places, and they are not listed in any particular order. Try them at your own risk.

Do not forget that we are here to help you succeed, thus feel free to reach out to your colleagues.

If you think that something is missing from the list (or not up-to-date), please send a message to julie.mcmanamey@unl.edu with the subject “Oh My!”, and tell us in short sentences what to add (or remove). Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Emergency number in US is 911

It is for medical emergencies, fire and the police in case of emergency.

Emergencies and Crisis Situations

If there is an imminent danger to self or others, call **911**, call the University of Nebraska-Lincoln police department at **402-472-2222** or go to the nearest emergency room. Call 911 for medical emergencies, fire and the police in case of emergency.

If you are feeling threatened, make sure you are safe (remember *run/hide/fight*) and then contact the Police.

- On-campus reporting: University Police, telephone 402-472-2222; text 69050, key word UNLPD; and website <https://police.unl.edu/>.
- Off-campus reporting: Lincoln Police, telephone 402-441-6000; and website <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police>.

UNL Alert

During an emergency, the UNL community and general public will receive information through the web and news media as well as by email and text through UNL Alert.

To receive UNL emergency updates by email and/or text, you need to register at unlalert.unl.edu.

Safety at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to creating a culture of safety on our campuses for the members of our community to live, learn, work, visit and enjoy. The Safety at Nebraska website at <https://safety.unl.edu/> compiles a list of topics from many university departments and offices to help support safety efforts. These resources will link to various policies, procedures, guides and training available to help protect our campus community and visitors during their time at UNL.

- Personal Safety
- Campus Safety (includes chemical spill and gas leak)
- Public & Visitor Safety
- Emergency Response (includes severe weather, winter weather, active shooter, fire and explosion, power outage)

UNL Report (non-emergency)

[UNL Report](#) expands the methods by which any member of the university community can share matters they feel need to be elevated or addressed. This is not an emergency report system.

Idioms

Sometime a colleague will tell you a sentence that does not make an *ounce of sense*, which might be an idiomatic expression. You'll find some help online for some (<http://www.smart-words.org/quotes-sayings/idioms-meaning.html>), but the best remedy is to tell the person: "*It beats me! I can't make a head or tail of what you said.*" You got it. Just ask what the person meant. Do not wait.

Communication

Mobile or Cell Phone

You'll learn quickly that a smart phone (cell phone) is becoming a necessity. It is to the point that you may only use your cell phone and can save by not having a land line for the phone. UNL has some contracts that might be advantageous at Huskertech (<https://its.unl.edu/huskertech/>), UNL computer and phone shop on city campus. Be aware of your particular situation (international call direct or via calling card being one example). Shop around!

The carriers are Verizon, AT&T, Alltel, US Cellular, Metro by T-Mobile, Sprint (not too great of a network), Spectrum Mobile, and others that are non-contract carriers such as H2O wireless and PagePlus [small companies but good, we have been told]. You can also get sim cards from places like Best Buy or Walmart.

Internet and WiFi

Free WiFi

Synonym with coffee shop such as The Mills, The Bay, Scooter, Nu Vibe, and Starbucks. Other option includes Le Quartier (if you prefer your WiFi with a side of fresh bread and European pastries).

University WiFi

Connect to UNL-Wireless-Registration and open the browser. It will take you to the registration page where you can register your device. After this, connect to Eduroam. (<https://services.unl.edu/service/network-wi-fi>)

Internet at home

You can find a list of internet providers at <http://broadbandnow.com/Nebraska/Lincoln>.

Lodging

Be aware of the distances. You will need a car, bike or bus pass very quickly depending on where you live.

Facebook Group Resources

- [University of Nebraska-Lincoln \(UNL\) Housing, Sublets & Roommates](#)
- [UNL CSSA](#)

Rental Properties (off campus)

Most searches for rental properties are made via the Internet. Do not make any payments before you check the credibility of your place and the property owner.

- <https://www.zillow.com/>
- <https://www.trulia.com/>
- http://www.realtor.com/apartments/Lincoln_NE
- <https://www.apartments.com>

Be aware that there is a lot of false advertisements for rentals on Craigslist. It is a good site to find things to put in your place, but not for rentals.

University Housing for Students (on campus)

[University Housing](#), 530 N 17th Street – sign-up for on campus housing through [MyRED](#).

- [Information for married students or students with children](#)

While you are searching for a more permanent accommodation

Be aware that the cost of temporary housing can accumulate pretty fast. You can get a room in a hotel or motel per night or per week. If you cannot be in a room with the smell of cold cigarette, be sure to request a non-smoking room.

You can find the room via internet via web sites such as Kayak.com, Expedia.com, CheapOair.com, Travelocity.com, Hotels.com, and Trivago.com.

Transportation

Bicycles

Bike Paths

There is an extensive network of bike paths that are not visible while driving. Maps are available at the Visitor Center in Haymarket (7th and P Streets) or <https://bit.ly/2TU12UK>.

Bicycle Rental

- [BikeLNK](#)
 - Bike Rack located on west side of our FIC building
 - UNL faculty, staff and students can buy an annual membership for only \$25, using a promo code when you use your unl.edu email
 - One day passes are available for \$8. All passes or memberships include unlimited 1-hour trips.
- [UNL Campus Recreation Center](#)

Scooter

- [ScooterLNK](#)

To rent the electric scooters, Huskers will need to download either the Bird or Lime mobile app. After registering and adding a payment method, the app displays a map of where all available devices are located. Users can ride the scooters within a [designated area](#), as they use geofencing to restrict where the devices can go, so if a scooter is brought outside the set boundaries, it will stop running. You can get from one UNL campus to another, but E-Scooters are not allowed on UNL campuses.

Bus

Lincoln Bus System

- [StarTran](#)
- [UNL Campus Bus Services](#)
- [RideLNK](#) allows you to track the buses – also available in a phone app

Bus Passes

- UNL's Parking and Transit Services, at 625 Stadium Drive, Suite A
 - [UNL students with N-card](#) are entitled to a free bus pass
 - [UNL employees with N-card](#) may purchase an annual bus pass
- [Token Transit](#) (phone app)

Lincoln to Omaha

- [OMALiNK](#) shuttle to and from airports

Long Distance Bus Services

- Arrow Stage Lines, Burlington Trailways, Windstar Lines, Dashabout, Roadrunner, Megabus

Taxi Services

- [Uber](#) (phone app)
- [Lyft](#) (phone app)
- [zTrip](#) (phone app)
- [Taxi Fare Finder](#) (Yellow Cab, Servant Cab, Capital Cab) [Be aware cash only]

Train

- [Amtrak](#) – They have discounts for students available

Airports

- [LNK Lincoln Airport](#) is next door; five miles northwest of downtown.
- [OMA Eppley Airfield](#) (Omaha airport) is only a one hour drive away. This choice can save you money on some destinations.
- Flight search sites include Kayak.com, Expedia.com, CheapOair.com, Travelocity.com, and specific company such as United Airlines, Red Way, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and Sun Country Airlines that leave out of Lincoln and Omaha.

Car Rentals

- Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National Car Rental, RentAVan, Rent'N Drive
- Short term car rental (by hour increment): ZipCar.com

Driver's License

You will need to take care of your driver license at the [Department of Motor Vehicle \(DMV\)](#). If you are international, your passport, I-20 and I-94 form might be part of the requested documents. In any case, check their web site as gathering the list of document required more time than the process, and will save you multiple trips.

Parking Garages

- [City Parking Garages](#) - The nice thing about parking in city parking garages is that the first hour is free (you'll need a US credit or debit card to get out even during the free hour).
- [Lincoln Parking Information](#)

Finding Your Way Around

You'll quickly learn that "there is an app for that!"

Directions to a location

- [Waze](#) on your smart phone
- [Google Maps](#) (web and phone versions)
- Maps on your iPhone

Finding restaurant, coffee shop, etc.

- [Yelp](#) (this will also give you a price range from cheap [\$] to expensive [\$\$\$])
- [Google](#) search

Weather

An app to check the weather is from [WeatherUnderground](#).

[Tornadoes](#) can strike Nebraska (yes, you read correctly!) and are most likely to occur in the spring or summer. If a tornado warning sounds (siren), go to the basement of a building and stay away from windows. You will notice that there is a county wide siren system testing at 10:15 am, the first Wednesday of each month.

Banking and Money

Currency Exchange

- Wells Fargo
- U.S. Bank
- [Union Bank & Trust \(UBT\)](#)
UBT needs 24 hour notice.
UBT also has a location in the Nebraska Union on city campus with ATMs around campuses.

Banking

- As a member of the University of Nebraska community you are entitled to a free checking account at the [University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union](#).
- Many options are available. If you need international transfers, be specific while asking as some banks do not offer this option.

Shopping

Food

The prices range very widely from one store to the other and within a store (from cheap to abusive pricing). Be informed, be aware ☺. Some of them are open 24h a day (yes, your 2 am ice cream craving can be satisfied all year long). If you eat out of a can, with a plate, organic, gluten free, pescatarian, vegetarian, vegan or with any other dietary restrictions, you'll find what you need in many parts of the city.

Grocery Stores

- [Aldi](#)
- [Costco](#) (yearly membership fee, visit with an existing member)
- [Open Harvest Co-op Grocery](#)
- [Hy-Vee](#)
- [Russ's Market](#)
- [Natural Grocers](#)
- [Leon's Gourmet Grocer](#)
- [Sam's Club](#) (yearly membership fee, visit with an existing member)
- [Super Saver](#)
- [Trader Joe's](#)
- [Target](#)
- [Walmart](#)
- [Whole Foods](#)
- Specialty stores:
 - Certified Beef: [El Mercato](#)
 - [International Grocery Stores](#)
 - African: African Home Food Supply
 - Asian: Asian City Mart, Dai Phat Market, KT Market, Little Saigon Asian Grocery Store, Hong Kong Market, Jung's Oriental Food Store, Oriental Market, Viet Hao Market

- European: Harvest European Market, European Grocery Deli
- Halal: Al Mustafa Market, Alfourat Grocery, Global Foods of Lincoln, Teeba Market
- Hispanic: Guerrero Grocery, Lobo's City Mex Supermarket, Marlene's Tortilleria
- Indian: Suji's Indian Grocery
- Mediterranean: Lincoln Mediterranean Market

UNL Stores

- [UNL Dairy Store](#), Department of Food Science and Technology – ice cream and cheese
- [Loeffel Meat Shoppe](#), Department of Animal Science – beef, pork, lamb, goat, sausage and bratwursts

Farm Store

- [Jisa Farmstead Cheese](#) (Brainard, NE)

Farmers' Markets

[Farmers' markets](#) are shops that are temporarily set up and sell local produce. They run from May to October.

- [Lincoln Haymarket Farmers' Market](#) (7th and P Street; Saturdays 8 am-12 pm)
- [Sunday Farmers' Market at College View](#) (4801 Prescott Avenue; Sundays 10 am-2 pm)
- [Thursday Farmers' Market](#) (600 Fallbrook Boulevard; Thursdays 4-7pm)
- [East Campus Discovery Days and Farmers Market](#) (once a month)

Bakery

- [Le Quartier Bakery and Cafe](#) (Lincoln and Omaha) – fresh bread and European pastries
- [Grand Patisserie](#) (Omaha) – European pastries and fresh bread Friday and Saturday
- [Goldenrod Pastries](#) (Lincoln) – gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan bakery items
- [Jerusalem Bakery](#) (Lincoln) – traditional pastries from Central America, fresh fruit smoothies and sandwiches

Lunch Options

Here are some options if you have no time to prepare your own food that day:

Nebraska Innovation Campus

- No cafeteria on site
- [The Mill Coffee and Bistro](#) is located in the Innovation Commons. Drinks, sandwiches and bakery items are available for purchase.
- The Scarlett Hotel
 - [Good Life Coffee](#) is part café, coffee shop, market, and ice cream parlor. Breakfast and lunch items, drinks and UNL Dairy Store ice cream are available.
 - [Well & Good Signature Restaurant](#) offers the best local meats, produce and dairy products.
 - [Barred Owl](#) is a rooftop bar with indoor and outdoor seating. It features cocktails and other alcoholic drinks.
- Food Express' Bistro to Go! vending area is located in the connector between the Food Innovation Center and NIC Conference Center. It is open to faculty, staff and graduate students with keycard access.

City and East Campuses

- [City Union](#) (Starbucks, Imperial Place, Subway, Valentino's, Chick-fil-a, Steak n Shake)
- [East Union](#) (Starbucks, East Campus Dining Center)
- [UNL Dining Centers](#) (also phone app)

Salad Bars

- Hy-Vee
- Whole Foods

Fresh Ready Meals

- Hy-Vee
- [Source Eat Fit](#)
- [Wham Bam Meal in a Pan](#)

Frozen Meals

- Frozen meal rescue in the frozen isle of your preferred store

Food Delivery

For an additional fee, you can have food delivered

- [DoorDash](#) (also phone app)
- [GrubHub](#) (also phone app)
- [Metro Dining Delivery](#) (also phone app)
- [Uber Eats](#) (also phone app)

Local Restaurants and Fast Food

If/When you own a car, there are some places nearby

- [Downtown & Haymarket](#)
- On north 27th Street or at 10th Street and Cornhusker Highway

Tipping at Restaurants

The tips are not included in your bill (except for very rare occasions mentioned on your bill). The most common recommendations are:

- 15% to 20% tip for sit-down restaurant service
- 10% for servers at buffets (for help with drink orders and plate removal)
- \$1 to \$2 per drink for bartenders, or 15% to 20% of the bar tab
- As for cash-register coin jars, there's no obligation to add money to them, although it might be worth it if you receive super service or you're a regular customer

All the tips are calculated on the pre-tax amount. Do not worry, there is an app to calculate tips, split bills etc. No top of the head calculation needed ☺.

Dietary Restrictions

There is an App for that! Some of them allows you to know based on the bar code of the product if it is compatible with your needs. Others will tell you if a restaurant has meals that fit your needs.

For gluten free diet there are multiple apps, "Find Me GF" is one of them.

Electronics

- [Huskertech](#) – offers UNL faculty, staff, and students discounted prices on products including Apple, PC, software, accessories, and more. We also offer cellular service with exclusive plans and discounted phone prices.
- [Best Buy](#)

Furniture

You can find new furniture at furniture stores around town or in large department stores like Walmart. IKEA now can ship part of their catalog to your place.

A popular store in eastern Nebraska is Nebraska Furniture Mart and its discount store, Ms. B Clearance, in Omaha NE.

Clothing and Home Items

- [Kohl's](#)
- [JC Penney](#)
- [TJ Maxx](#)
- [Marshalls](#)
- [Home Goods](#)
- [Big Lots](#)

- [Five Below](#)
- [DSW](#) (shoes)
- [Payless](#) (shoes)

All Under One Roof

From food to furniture to clothing to home items

- [Target](#)
- [Walmart](#)

Large quantity store

From large pack of socks or huge bag of rice

- [Costco](#) (yearly membership fee, visit with an existing member)
- [Sam's Club](#) (yearly membership fee, visit with an existing member)

Shopping Malls

Lincoln has two malls where your shopping needs may be fulfilled:

- [Gateway Mall](#)
- [SouthPointe Pavilions](#)

[Nebraska Crossing Outlets](#) is a place with multiple factory outlets of many brands. It is in Gretna, about a half-hour drive east from Lincoln.

Used Items

Sometimes you do not want to buy all new and it is fine. To save money, you can buy used furniture, clothing and home items at thrift shops, consignment shops, and garage sales.

Stores:

- consignment and thrift stores
- [Goodwill](#)
- [Sally's Select](#) (local store)
- [Better Ways Thrift](#) (local store)
- [Bud's Thrift Shoppe](#) (local store)
- [Cause of Paws](#) (local store)
- [The Daisy with Fresh Start](#) (local store, women's clothing only)
- [Once Upon a Child](#) (gentle used children's clothing and toys)
- [Play it Again Sports](#) (sport related items)
- [Music Go Round](#) (musical instruments and accessories)
- [UNL CSSA Facebook Group](#)

Garage Sales:

For individuals from abroad not familiar with the terms, a "garage sale," "rummage sale," "yard sale," or "estate sale" is a sale held for a day or two by people selling their stuff out of their garage, yard, or home at whatever price they choose to set. You can find excellent items at a nice price (sometimes not even believable as it is so cheap) or expensive garbage. There are some sale advertisements on Craig's List as well as in the local newspaper, *The Lincoln Journal Star* (the ads are published during the week and online), and some dedicated websites such as <https://garagesalefinder.com/>.

App and web-based sales of items by individuals in the area (any item):

- Facebook Market
- [Craigslist](#)

Pharmacy

You'll rarely see a "Pharmacy" sign. Some of them are open 24 hours a day. Here are some of those businesses incorporating a pharmacy (for those medications that need prescription from your doctor or not):

- [University Health Center](#)
- [CVS](#)
- [Walgreen](#)
- [Target](#)
- [Walmart](#)
- [Hy-Vee](#)

Books

For your courses

You can get rental textbooks from UNL online or from the [University Bookstore](#) in the union at both East and City Campus. They also do a price match for the books (if you find the same book at some other place or website for a lesser price). You can also buy or rent books from Amazon or eBay online.

Do not forget that there is the UNL library with paper and digital options.

For your leisure

Physical bookstores (bookshop) are becoming rare. Google "bookstore" to find the smaller ones. Two examples:

- [A Novel Idea](#) (used books)
- [Francie and Finch Bookshop](#) (new books)

Large online bookstores include Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and ebay.com.

Lincoln has a nice [public library](#) with satellites all over town to access books and more for free when you get a library card.

Supporting Small Businesses in Nebraska

Supporting local producers also supports the state economy.

- The community of Nebraskan farmers can be searched at: <http://buylocalnebraska.org/>
- The 2021 Local Food Guide is at <http://buylocalnebraska.org/printed-food-guide>

Food (no chain, no franchise):

Leon's Gourmet Grocer	2200 Winthrop Road, Lincoln	Grocery store
Open Harvest Co-op Grocery	1618 South Street, Lincoln	Grocery store
Surf and Turf	5740 Old Cheney Road, Lincoln	Fresh seafood market
Jisa's Farmstead Cheese	2653 Q Road, Brainard	Dairy farm store
Mr. Hui	3255 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln (near NIC)	Chinese restaurant and take out
Mr. Hui 2	4131 Pioneers Woods Drive, Lincoln	Chinese restaurant and take out
Imperial Palace	701 N 27 th Street, Lincoln	Chinese restaurant and take out
Chopsticks	6891 A Street, Lincoln	Chinese restaurant and take out
Rolling Wok	2600 S 48 th Street #1, Lincoln (Van Dorn Plaza)	Chinese restaurant and take out
Le Voltaire French Restaurant	569 N 155 th Plaza, Omaha	French restaurant
Daffodil Mediterranean Cuisine	5500 Old Cheney Rd, # 21, Lincoln (Old Cheney Center)	Halal restaurant
Ali Baba Gyros	112 N 14 th St, Lincoln	Halal restaurant
The Sultan's Kite	1309 O St, Lincoln 7350 S 13 th St, Lincoln	Halal restaurant

The Oven	201 N 8 th St, Lincoln 101 Pioneer Woods Dr., #110, Lincoln	Indian restaurant
Tandoor Indian Cuisine	3530 Village Dr, #100, Lincoln (Williamsburg Village)	Indian restaurant
Piezano's	2740 South Street, Lincoln	Italian restaurant (pizza)
Kinja	4141 Pioneer Woods Dr., #120, Lincoln	Japanese restaurant and sushi
Shogun Japanese Restaurant	3700 S 9 th St, Lincoln	Japanese restaurant
Hiro 88	601 R St, #100, Lincoln 5730 Hidcote Dr, Lincoln	Sushi
El Toro	2600 S 48 th Street, Lincoln (Van Dorn Plaza)	Mexican restaurant
Blue Orchid Thai Restaurant	129 N 10 th St, Lincoln	Thai restaurant
Vung Tau Restaurant	2708 Y St, Lincoln	Vietnamese restaurant
Stauffer's Cafe & Pie Shoppe	5600 S 48 th Street, Lincoln (Plaza South)	American restaurant
HF Crave	4800 Holdrege Street, Suite 100, Lincoln	American restaurant by Hollenbeck Farms
Hub Cafe	250 N 21st Street, Lincoln	American farm to table restaurant
Au Courant Regional Kitchen	6064 Maple Street, Omaha	European farm to table restaurant

Books (no chain, no franchise)

A Novel Idea	118 N 14 th Street, Lincoln	Used books
Francie and Finch Bookshop	30 S 13th St, #100, Lincoln	New books

Board Games (no chain, no franchise)

Gauntlet Games	3231 S 13 th St, Lincoln, NE	Board games, supplies and events
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UNL Employee and Student Discounts

Now that you have an ".edu" email address...

Discounts available to all higher education members:

- Apple has a discount via the apple store (online or via UNL)
- Microsoft office offer software at a great discount for educators
- The *Washington post* can be obtained at a discounted price with a valid .edu email address (students, employees, etc.)
- New York Times can be obtained at a discounted price for educators

Discounts for students:

- Microsoft Office for students there is the possibility to get the software for free
- New York Times can be obtained at a drastically discounted price

Basically think about discounts that may apply to you. This can save you a lot of money.

Recycling

In Lincoln, you'll find very different attitudes for recycling. Know that recycling sites exist if it is not offered where you live. You will need to separate the items (paper/glass/plastic) in some places, in other it is single stream.
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/Utilities/Solid-Waste-Management/Recycling>.

Recycle electronics through [Best Buy](#) or [Staples](#).

Community Building

UNL Resources

- [Diversity and Inclusion Connections](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion Student Resources](#)
- [Global Nebraska Community & Support](#)
- [International Student and Scholar Office \(ISSO\)](#)
- [Big Red Resilience and Well-Being](#)
- [LGBTQA+ Resource Center](#)
- [Military and Veteran Success Center](#)
- [Office of Academic Success and Intercultural Services \(OASIS\)](#)
- [Student Affairs](#)
- [Women's Center](#)

Student Societies

- [UNL Food Science Club](#)
- [UNL Phi Tau Sigma](#)
- [UNL Graduate Student Assembly](#)
- [UNL College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources Student Clubs](#)
- [Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement](#)
 - UNL recognized student organizations
 - Community of origin by country, language, ethnicity, etc.
 - Others you'll have to figure out what the club is based on cryptic titles

National/ International Associations

Students are encouraged to visit with their advisors for advice on useful field-specific societies to join.

- [Institute of Food Technologists \(IFT\)](#) with the local IFT Aksarben student chapter
- [American Society for Microbiology \(ASM\)](#)
- [American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers \(ASABE\)](#)
- [International Association for Food Protection \(IAFP\)](#)
- [American Association of Immunologists](#)
- [American Society for Nutrition](#)

Religious communities

- See <https://diversity.unl.edu/place-worship> or use Google search.

Cultural communities in Lincoln

- [Asian Community and Cultural Center](#)
- [The El Centro de las Americas](#)
- [Proyecto Cultural](#)
- [Indian Center](#) (Native American)
- [Ponca Tribe of Nebraska](#)
- [Lincoln Council for International Visitors](#)
- [Malone Center](#)
- [Out Nebraska](#) (LGBTQ+)

Groups focused on an activity

- Anything from meditation to hardcore coding. You might search <https://www.meetup.com/> for these.

Your neighborhood

- Your neighborhood may have a neighborhood association that might provide support to the residents
- [Nextdoor](#) is an app and web site that allows to offer services or ask for services
- Be a good citizen. [UPLNK](#) is a free app used to report non-emergency quality-of-life issues within the Lincoln City limits, such as streetlight problems, downed tree limbs, potholes or park maintenance issues.

Things to Do

Visitors Center

The Lincoln Visitors Center is located at 201 N. 7th Street (telephone: 402-434-5348). It offers maps and information about current events and sites to see in Lincoln, as well as a wealth of other information about the capital city.

- [UNL Life On and Off Campus](#)
- [Downtown Lincoln](#)
- [Lincoln's Historic Haymarket](#)
- [Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)
- [Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)
- [Omaha's Old Market](#)
- [Visit Nebraska](#)

Engage Your Creativity

- Do you love to create and build all sorts of unique projects? Join [Innovation Studio](#) and get access to an incredible facility with unique professional fabrication tools!
- [Makit Takit](#) offers craft classes and kids' camps
- [LUX Center for the Arts](#) offers art classes and has permanent art exhibits

Libraries, Parks and Recreation

- [Lincoln Public Libraries](#) – children, family and adult programs
- [Lincoln Parks and Recreation](#) – after-school programs, sports, public pools, recreation centers, golf and tennis/pickleball, dog runs
- [Pioneer's Park Nature Center](#) (Lincoln) – wildlife preserve (bison, elk, birds of prey), hiking, programs and special events
- [Holmes Lake and Park](#) (Lincoln) – fishing, kayaking
- [Branched Oak State Recreation Area](#) (Raymond) – fishing, boating, swimming, camping, hiking (requires state park permit)
- [Eugene T. Mahoney State Park](#) (Ashland) – fishing, camping, horseback riding, hiking, golf, water park, melodramas/plays (requires state park permit)

Museums, Art and Gardens

- [Morrill Hall: University of Nebraska State Museum](#) (Lincoln, on UNL city campus)
- [Lincoln Children's Museum](#) (Lincoln, near UNL campus)
- [Nebraska History Museum](#) (Lincoln, near UNL campus)
- [Sheldon Museum](#) (Lincoln, on UNL city campus)
- [Joslyn Art Museum](#) (Omaha)
- [Kaneko Museum](#) (Omaha)
- [Bemis Museum](#) (Omaha)
- [El Museo Latino](#) (Omaha)
- [Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum](#) (Ashland)
- [Sunken Gardens](#) (Lincoln)
- [Lauritzen Gardens](#) (Omaha)
- [First Friday Artwalks](#) are held on the first Friday of every month at galleries and businesses in downtown Lincoln

Zoos and Animals

- [Lincoln Children's Zoo](#) (Lincoln)
- [Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#) (Omaha)
- [Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari](#) (Ashland)

See the Stars

- [Hyde Observatory at Holmes Lake](#) (Lincoln)
- [Department of Physics and Astronomy Observatory](#) (Lincoln and Meade)

Performing Arts, Theatre and Movies

- [UNL Nebraska Repertory Theatre](#)
- [UNL Theatrix](#)
- [UNL Glenn Korff School of Music](#)
- [UNL Ross Media Art Center](#)
- [Lied Center for Performing Arts](#) (Lincoln) – have student discounts
- [Pinnacle Bank Arena Events](#) (Lincoln)
- [Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra](#)
- [Lincoln Theatre Alliance](#) for stage performances
- [Marcus Movie Theatres](#) - \$5 Tuesday movies, \$6 Thursday student movies, sign-up for the rewards card to get more discounts

Children

Schools (K-12)

For native speakers

The [Lincoln Public Schools District](#) (LPS) should have the answers to your questions (5905 O St, 402-436-1000).

For non-native speakers

The District office of the Lincoln Public Schools will most probably refer you to go to “[English language Learner Program \(ELL\)](#)” located in the Park Middle School, 855 S, 8th Street (Entrance Gate is 11). At ELL, they assess the English skill of the child and deliver their recommendation of admission to the nearby school from the residence.

Child Care

- [Lincoln Littles](#)
- [UNL Children's Center](#)

Resources

- [UNL Services for Students with Children](#)
- [UNL Human Resources Family Care and Support](#)
- [UNL Campus Recreation Youth Activities](#)
- [UNL Lactation Rooms](#)
- [Lincoln Public Schools \(LPS\) Free and Reduced Meals](#)
- [Macaroni Kid](#)
- [Care.com](#)
- [Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Learning and Practicing English

- [Lincoln Literacy](#)
- [Nebraska Union Toastmaster Club](#) (a public speaking club)

Taxes and Legal Assistance

- [Tax Help](#)
- [Student Legal Services](#)

In Need – Free Resources

Food & Meals

- [Husker Pantry](#)
- [Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska](#)
- [Center for People in Need](#) (food and diapers)
- [Food Bank of Lincoln](#)
- [Foodnet](#)
- [Good Neighbor Community Center](#)
- [Havelock United Methodist Church](#)
- [Malone Center](#)
- [Salvation Army Community Center](#)

Clothing

- [Barnabas Community](#)
- [Capitol City Christian Church](#) (free clothing 3rd Saturday of each month)
- [Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska](#)
- [Good Neighbor Community Center](#)
- [Northwest Church of Christ](#) (free clothes 1st Saturday of each month)
- [People's City Mission](#)

Homeless

- [Homeless Resources in Nebraska](#)
- [CenterPointe](#)
- [Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Counties](#)
- [Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach](#)
- [Family Service Lincoln](#)
- [People's City Mission](#)

Multiple Needs, including Housing Assistance

- [Husker Pantry Resources](#)