

BLAZING A TRAIL

Sixteen sites have been identified for the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.

1. Commercial Street Business District

2. Sherman Avenue Corridor

3. Silver Springs Park

The first trail marker was dedicated in the park, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2018.

4. Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

Burial site for many of the area's African-American residents since its establishment in 1919.

5. Jones Alley Business District

A cluster of African-American-owned businesses and residences.

6. Alberta's Hotel

Lodging for African-American travelers until segregation ended.

7. Bartley-Decatur Neighborhood Center

8. Park Central Square

Marking the Easter weekend 1906 lynching of three black men.

9. Kentwood Arms Hotel

Five-story hotel built by developer John Woodruff. Ended segregation in September 1960.

10 & 11. Historic Church quadrangle

13. St. Louis Street

12. Graham's Rib Station

Owned by James and Zelma Graham; known to host African-American entertainers who came through the Ozarks.

14. Lincoln School

In 1869, the Springfield school district opened two segregated schools. Lincoln served the African-American community until desegregation in 1955.

16. Gray/Campbell Farmstead

The Gray family once owned slaves who lived on the property at Nathanael Greene Park.

15. Springfield Art Museum

Home to prominent African-American sculptor Richard Hunt's piece, "Triangulum."