



Founded in 1732 when what is now the Midwest belonged to France, Vincennes is Indiana's oldest city. France lost the area to Great Britain, which in turn lost it to the Americans in the Revolutionary War. Congress created the Indiana Territory in 1800, with Vincennes as its capital. The new territory was much larger than the State of Indiana today, including what is now Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota.

It was at Vincennes that Governor William Henry Harrison and others made decisions that influenced the future of the whole Midwest. Westward migration meant conflict with Native

Americans who had a different view of land ownership and use. It meant enormous land sales, the creation of new counties and, later, new states out of the Indiana Territory.



Spaces available for use

Interior

- Elihu Stout Print Shop
- Indiana Territory Capital

Exterior

- Fort Knox, 40 acres of open field. Can hold several thousand
- Territorial Capital lawn, can accommodate a thousand



Hours

Vincennes Historic Sites are open year-round. (Closed on Sundays)

- **Monday–Saturday** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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