

Abbie Gardner Cabin

❖ Built in 1856 ❖



Known first as one of the sites of the 1857 "Spirit Lake Massacre" and later as one of Iowa's first tourist attractions, the Gardner Cabin survives as a reminder of one of Iowa's tragic frontier events. Here you can learn the dramatic stories of Abbie Gardner and the Dakota leader, Inkpadutah. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the Gardner Cabin and Museum. The cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 🇺🇸

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Arnolds Park, Iowa

The Abbie Gardner Cabin in Arnolds Park is a surviving symbol of one of the most widely known events in Iowa history. A band of Wahpekute Dakota

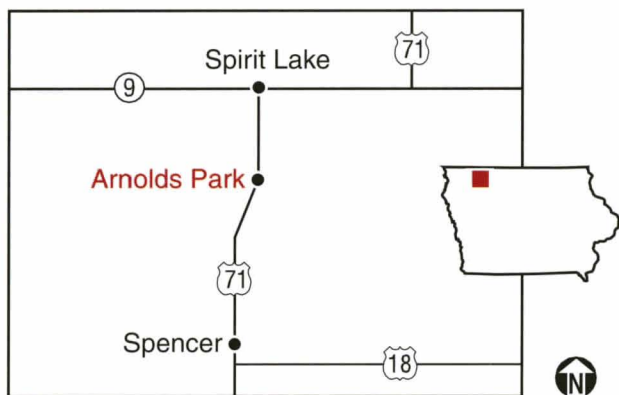


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Indians killed 34 settlers and abducted several others, including 13-year-old Abigail Gardner. Accounts vary about who began the attack.

Gardner Cabin and its interpretive center are located in the scenic Lakes Region of northwest Iowa, a summer resort area with restaurants, nightclubs, motels, bed and breakfast inns and campgrounds.

Enjoy canoeing, swimming, water skiing, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting, golfing and more. Cultural attractions abound. Enjoy historic Arnolds Park Amusement Park, learn about area history at the Dickinson County Historical Museum, visit the Lakes Art Center or Maritime Museum, or cruise the lake on the *Queen II* replica of the famous 1884 steamship.



Abbie Gardner Cabin Historic Site — Located on Monument Drive, one block west of Arnolds Park Amusement Park in Arnolds Park

Hours: Open noon to 4 p.m. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Free admission.

Address: For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact the local manager: Box 74, Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331. Call (712) 332-7248.