



Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

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The tour starts at the Visitors Center, 201 South Main Street. Proceed south on Main Street to Highway 225 South (Greenville Hwy.), to Historic Flat Rock.

Turn right onto Little River Road at the brown Sandburg Home sign, go approximately 100 yards, turn left into the parking area of the Carl Sandburg Home.

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site - Carl Sandburg, American poet, historian, author, and lecturer spent the final 22 years of his long and productive life at his estate, Connemara, in Flat Rock, NC. This National Historic Site offers a keen insight on Mr. Sandburg, his family and their 240-acre working farm. The Sandburg Home was built in 1838 and now houses his collection of 10,000 books, notes and papers. The home offers daily tours and is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. There are numerous hiking trails and a functional goat barn, where Mrs. Sandburg raised her prize-winning goats.

Walk to the park's information station below the parking lot, cross the bridge and walk up the hill to the main house. The trail ascends 100-feet, the height of a 10-story building, a moderate climb. If you are unable to walk to the house, use the phone at the information station to call for assistance (during summer season).

The Carl Sandburg Home has limited handicap accessibility; the areas that are accessible are the first floor, bookstore and the second floor, main level of the house.

You may purchase tickets for the main house guided tour in the bookstore, on the ground level of the house. A limited number of tickets are available for each tour; there may be a waiting period. The house tour takes 30-45 minutes. Videos of the home tour and of the Sandburg's are available for viewing in the bookstore.

During the summer months the guided house tours are given daily every half hour starting at 9:30am and 10:00am through 4:30pm.

During the winter months tours are given only on the bottom of the hour 9:30am-4:30pm, weekdays, and on weekends every half hour.

You may explore the goat barn on your own. Mrs. Sandburg developed a prize-winning herd and earned world fame for her diary goats. The goats at Connemara are related to Lillian Sandburg's herd.

The minimum time that should be spent at Connemara to see the most important attractions is about 2 1/2 hours, to take the house tour, programs and see the barn. To tour the house and barn, allow about 1 1/2 hours.

Leave the parking lot and turn right on Little River Road to Highway 225.

We hope you enjoyed your tour.