

# Liberty Jail



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**Location:**  
216 North Main, Liberty ,MO

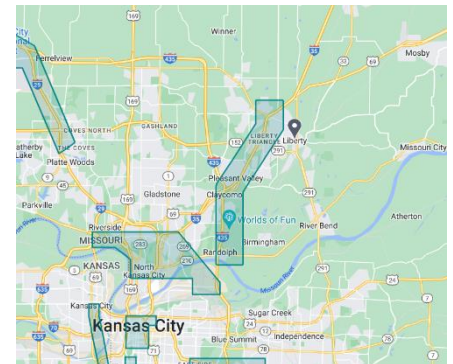
**Hours:** Mon-Sat: 10am – 7pm  
Sun: 1pm – 7pm

**D&C:** D&C 121, 122, 123  
In letter from Joseph Smith

**Amount of Time Needed Here:**  
Up to 2 hours

**Closest Temple:** Kansas City, MO (7 mi)

**Map:**



**Next Stop:**

- S: Independence Temple Site (12 mi)
- S: Kansas City, MO (7 mi)
- N: Adam Ondi Ahman (64 mi)
- NE: Nauvoo, ILL (260 mi)

**Church Ownership:** Liberty Jail Historic Site

**Historical:** Built in 1833. Clay County jail until 1856.  
Size: 14' x 14½', 2-story built of rough-hewn limestone exterior walls 2' thick and interior walls constructed of oak. Loose rocks filled the one-foot void between the 2 walls.  
The jailer occupied the upper floor and prisoners lower, accessible only through trapdoor.  
The jail fell into disrepair. It was purchased in 1939 for \$4000 by Wilford Wood for the Church and rebuilt in 1962.

**Prophecy:**

**Church History:** December 1, 1838, the Prophet Joseph Smith and 5 other men, falsely accused of treason, imprisoned here. Sidney Rigdon was released 2 ½ months later. Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Lyman Wight, Alexander McRae and Caleb Baldwin were jailed until early April 1839. They endured in **a place of severe suffering but magnificent revelation.**

**Accommodations:** Liberty, Kansas City

**Restaurants:** Liberty, Kansas City