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**Presidential Visits to the Buffalo Area**

Excludes Grover Cleveland and Millard Fillmore, who lived here. Dates read as YYYY/MM/DD or YYYY/MM.  
 Did we miss one? Please let us know and supply a source if possible.

<b>Date</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Source(s)</b>
1817/08/09	Monroe, James	First known presidential visit to Buffalo. Delivered speech at Landon's Hotel.	F 127 .E6 S6 1976, v.1 p. 180 Smith, H. Perry, ed. <i>History of the City of Buffalo...</i> Syracuse, NY: D. Mason, 1884  <i>Buffalo Gazette</i> , Aug. 12, 1817
1835/09/09★	Van Buren, Martin	Visits Buffalo	<i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , Sept. 9, 1835, p. 1
1839/09/03	Van Buren, Martin	Speech at Erie County Courthouse	<i>Extra Globe</i> , v. 5 no. 20, Sept. 18, 1839, p. 307  <i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , Sept. 3, 1839
1843/07/26●	Adams, John Quincy	Delivered speech	<i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , July 27, 1843
1843/10/29●	Adams, John Quincy	Attended Unitarian Church with Millard Fillmore	F 116 .B83 P86 v. XI, pp. 190-191 <i>Millard Fillmore Papers</i> Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1907  <i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , Oct. 30, 1843, p. 2
1857/07/25★	Lincoln, Abraham	Toured Niagara Falls	Mr. Lincoln and New York <a href="http://www.mrlincolnandnewyork.org/">http://www.mrlincolnandnewyork.org/</a>
1861/02/16	Lincoln, Abraham	Speech at the American Hotel	Mr. Lincoln and New York <a href="http://www.mrlincolnandnewyork.org/">http://www.mrlincolnandnewyork.org/</a>
1866/06★	Grant, Ulysses	Suppressing the Fenian Raid	Allen, Stephen Merrill <i>Memorial life of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant</i> , p. 41 Boston, MA: The author, 1889
1866/09/03	Johnson, Andrew	Unknown	F 116 .B83 P86 v. IV, p. 343 <i>Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society</i> Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1896

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1875/08/16	Grant, Ulysses	Visits Chautauqua	<i>Buffalo Morning Express</i> , Aug. 16, 1875
1897/08/24	McKinley, William	Dinner at the Ellicott Club	<i>New York Times</i> , Aug. 25 1897
1897/08/26	McKinley, William	Visits Cayuga Island (Niagara Falls) as the intended site of the Pan-American Exposition	Dumych, Daniel M. Niagara Falls, Vol. II, p. 57 Images of America, ©1998
1901/09/05-14	McKinley, William	Assassinated in Buffalo after giving speech in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American Exposition	McKinley Museum <a href="http://www.mckinley.lib.oh.us">http://www.mckinley.lib.oh.us</a>
1901/09/14	Roosevelt, Theodore	Took oath of office at Ansley Wilcox mansion after the assassination of William McKinley	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/thri/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/thri/index.htm</a> Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site
1910/04/30	Taft, William H.	Dinner in honor of the amalgamation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturer's Club	Buffalo News Photo Galleries <a href="http://galleries.buffalonews.com">http://galleries.buffalonews.com</a>
1915/08/02 ●	Roosevelt, Theodore	Visited Buffalo	<i>Buffalo Courier</i> , Aug. 2, 1915
1917/01/05 ●	Taft, William Howard	Visited Buffalo	<i>Buffalo Courier</i> , Jan. 5, 1917
1917/11/12	Wilson, Woodrow	Speech at American Federation of Labor Convention	Scott, James Brown, ed. <i>President Wilson's foreign policy messages, addresses, and papers</i> New York: Oxford U. Press, 1918
1919/11/12 ★	Hoover, Herbert	Speech at Polish Convention	Lerski, Jerzi Jan <i>Herbert Hoover and Poland: a documentary history of a friendship</i> Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 1977
1920/10/21 ★	Harding, Warren	Campaign speech in Buffalo	<i>Southeast Missouri News</i> , Oct.20,1920
1921/01/08 ★	Hoover, Herbert	Speech on behalf of starving Belgians at Elmwood Music Hall	<i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , Jan. 8, 1921
1922/07/10	Coolidge, Calvin	Speech at Ellicott Club	<i>Buffalo Commercial Advertiser</i> , July 11, 1922
1933/10/02	Roosevelt, Franklin D.	Unknown	<i>Buffalo Courier-Express</i> , Oct. 13, 1962, sec. 7, p. 1
1936/10/17	Roosevelt, Franklin D.	Dedication of Federal Building in Buffalo and athletic field in Niagara Falls	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1940/11/02	Roosevelt, Franklin D.	Campaign speech	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1947/06 ★	Truman, Harry S	Unknown	Buffalo News Photo Galleries <a href="http://galleries.buffalonews.com">http://galleries.buffalonews.com</a>
1948/10/08 ★	Truman, Harry S	Campaign stop at Eagle Hall	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1952/10/09	Truman, Harry S	Speech in Memorial Auditorium. Mentioned communism and immigration quotas.	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>  Harry S. Truman Library & Museum <a href="https://trumanlibrary.org">https://trumanlibrary.org</a>

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1953/04/30 ★	Kennedy, John F.	Speech as senator at Democratic Party fundraiser, Statler Hotel	Buffalo <i>Courier-Express</i> , April 19, 1953, p. 11C
1960/09/28 ★	Kennedy, John F.	Campaign speech in Memorial Auditorium	John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum <a href="http://www.jfklibrary.org">http://www.jfklibrary.org</a>
1962 ●	Truman, Harry S	Honorary degree bestowed by Canisius College	Buffalo <i>Courier-Express</i> , Dec. 27, 1972, sec. 5. p. 1
1962/10/14	Kennedy, John F.	Speech in Niagara Square for Pulaski Day parade and at Municipal Airport, Niagara Falls	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1964/10/15	Johnson, Lyndon	Campaign stop in Niagara Square	<i>Buffalo Evening News</i> , 10/15/1964, p. 1  American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1966/08/19	Johnson, Lyndon	Speech in Niagara Square about cleaning up pollution in Lake Erie. Also mentioned Medicare and the higher education act of 1965.	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1968/10/17 ★	Nixon, Richard	Campaign stop at Memorial Auditorium	<i>Buffalo Evening News</i> , Oct. 18, 1968
1976/10/31	Ford, Gerald	Republican Party fundraiser in Golden Ballroom at Statler-Hilton Hotel	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1978/10/28	Carter, Jimmy	Campaign stop at Greater Buffalo International Airport for Gov. Hugh Carey.	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1980/10/01	Carter, Jimmy	Speech at the Annual Convention of the Civil Service Employees Association, Niagara Falls	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1984/09/12	Reagan, Ronald	Speech at D'Youville College at the dedication of Santa Maria Towers	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1996/10/03	Clinton, William	Campaign speech at Greater Buffalo International Airport	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
1999/01/20	Clinton, William	Speech in Marine Midland Arena on health care and other issues	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
2002/04/10 ●	Clinton, William	Speech at the University at Buffalo	<i>Buffalo News</i> , 4/10/2002
2004/04/20	Bush, George W.	Speech at Kleinhans Music Hall on the USA PATRIOT act	American Presidency Project <a href="http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/">http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/</a>
2007/08/27 ●	Clinton, William	Reception at Babeville during Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign	<a href="http://www.babevillebuffalo.com/events_2007.php">http://www.babevillebuffalo.com/events_2007.php</a>
2008/12/10 ●	Clinton, William	Guest of Tom Golisano at Sabres Game in HSBC Arena	<i>Buffalo News</i> , 12/11/2008
2010/05/13	Obama, Barack	Tour of Industrial Support Co., Depot St., Buffalo	<i>Business First of Buffalo</i> , May 10, 2010

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