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**city & county parks**

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**Cascades Park, Bloomington’s oldest park, opened in 1924**

*(Switchyard Park, Bloomington’s newest, will open in 2019)*

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**10,000**

**OVER 10,000 acres of protected land in Monroe County**

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**Monroe Lake (Indiana’s largest lake) is located in Bloomington and spans 10,750 ACRES**

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**68,000 acres of national forest**

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**30,000 acres of state forest**

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**42**

**native wild orchid species in Indiana (Hawaii has 3)**

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**Monroe County is home to an abundance of wildlife, the most unique of which are bald eagles and bobcats.**

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**Download the Lake Guide (or request a print copy) at VISITBLOOMINGTON.COM**
LAKES

**GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE**
109-acre lake and over 10 miles of natural trails. No swimming. Non-motorized boats or electric trolling motors only.
3300 N. Headley Rd.; 812-349-3732; bloomington.in.gov/griffylake

**LAKE LEMON**
1,650-acre lake with marina, boat ramp, and swimming beach.
7599 N. Tunnel Rd.; 812-334-0233; lakelemon.org

**MONROE LAKE**
10,750-acre lake with boating, swimming, hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing, plus programs and special events.
Monroe Lake Office: 4850 S. State Rd. 446; 812-837-9546; Paynetown Activity Center & Naturalist’s Office: 812-837-9967; in.gov/dnr

MARINAS & BOAT RENTALS

**GRIFFY LAKE BOATHOUSE**
Rent canoes, kayaks, and rowboats. Ramp available for privately owned non-motorized boats. No swimming, 3300 N. Headley Rd.; 812-349-3732; bloomington.in.gov/griffylake

**LAKE MONROE BOAT RENTAL**
Pontoons/slides, ski boats, jet skis, fishing boats, canoes, kayaks, and SUPs. Paynetown State Recreation Area; 812-837-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

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FORESTS & WILDERNESS AREAS

**CEDAR BLUFF NATURE PRESERVE**
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8484 S. Ketcham Rd.; 317-951-8818; nature.org/indiana

**CHARLES C. DEAM WILDERNESS AREA**
13,000-acre protected wilderness area for camping and hiking in solitude.
Accessible from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier

**HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST**
202,000 acres with miles of trails for hiking, biking, camping, and more.
Access from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; fs.usda.gov/hoosier

**LEONARD SPRINGS NATURE PARK**
95.5-acre park with caves (no admission), springs, wetland, and one-mile loop trail.
4685 S. Leonard Springs Rd.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

**MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST**
24,000-acre forest with camping, hunting, and three lakes for fishing.
6220 Forest Rd.; 765-342-4026; in.gov/dnr

**YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST**
Features a 133-acre lake, fishing, hiking, camping, and hunting.
772 Yellowwood Lake Rd.; 812-988-7945; in.gov/dnr

HUNTING & FISHING

For specific information on areas that are available to the public for hunting and fishing in the Bloomington area, please contact the Bloomington Visitors Center at 800-800-0037. For current state regulations on hunting and fishing, see the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website at in.gov/dnr.

SYCAMORE LAND TRUST
Hosts hiking events and manages free public nature preserves, listed below. Throughout Monroe County, see website for details; 812-336-5382; sycamorelandtrust.org

**AMY WEINGARTNER BRANIGIN PENINSULA PRESERVE**
Hilly, forested trail with breathtaking views of Monroe Lake.

**BEANBLOSSOM BOTTOMS**
Beloved wetland habitat with raised boardwalk and endangered species.

**THE CEDARS PRESERVE**
Beautiful hike among red cedars and limestone outcrops.

**GHURYE ARBORETUM**
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**LAKE LEMON WOODS**
Mature forests and deep ravines line a lakeside trail.

**PORTER WEST PRESERVE**
Forest and prairie habitat, and an old cemetery.

**POWELL PRESERVE**
An easy, one-mile hike that’s beautiful in every season.

**SCARLET OAK WOODS**
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BIRDING

**INDIGO BIRDING NATURE TOURS**
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**MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
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**STILLWATER-NORTH FORK WATERFOWL RESTING AREA**
Great bird watching in Monroe Lake area. 8475–8631 E. Kent Rd.; 812-349-2800; in.gov/dnr
CAMPGROUNDS

BLACKWELL HORSE CAMP
Overnight camping area for equestrians and their horses. Located within the Deam Wilderness, on Tower Ridge Rd.; 812-275-5987

HARDIN RIDGE STATE RECREATION AREA
Boat ramp, RV and primitive camping, hiking, beach, and shower facilities. 6464 Hardin Ridge Rd.; 812-837-9453; fs.usda.gov

HICKORY RIDGE HORSE CAMP
Primitive campground specifically designed for horse camping. Located within the Hoosier National Forest, off State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987

HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST
Primitive camping throughout the forest, plus limited RV camping. Accessible from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; fs.usda.gov/hoosier

JELLYSTONE PARK AT LAKE MONROE
A family-oriented resort with RV camping, cabins, water zone, pools, and activities. 9396 S. Strain Ridge Rd.; 812-824-3322; lakemonroejellystone.com

LAKE MONROE VILLAGE
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PAYNETOWN STATE RECREATION AREA
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TOURS & RENTALS

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**Gear**

**BICYCLE GARAGE, INC.**
507 E. Kirkwood Ave.; 812-339-3457; bikegarage.com

**BIKESMITHS**
112 S. College Ave.; 812-339-9970; bikesmiths.net

**REVOLUTION BIKE & BEAN**
401 E. 10th St.; 812-336-0241; revolutionbikeandbean.com

**SALT CREEK CYCLES**
235 W. Dodds St., Suite 101; 812-334-2453; saltcreekcycles.com

**Rentals**

**PACE BIKE RENTALS**
Dockless bikes available for rent throughout Bloomington; ridepace.com/bloomington

**SALT CREEK CYCLES**
235 W. Dodds St., Suite 101; 812-334-2453; saltcreekcycles.com

**Trails**

**THE B-LINE TRAIL**
The B-Line Trail (paved) extends a total of 3.1 miles from Adams Street to Country Club Drive. The B-Line connects to the Bloomington Rail Trail at Country Club Drive, offering a total of 5.1 miles of trail. 350 W. 7th St.; bloomington.in.gov/parks/trails/b-line-trail

**BLOOMINGTON RAIL TRAIL**
The Bloomington Rail Trail is a two-mile, gravel surface trail that connects with the Clear Creek Trail just north of the Clear Creek Trail’s Church Lane Trailhead. 301 W. Country Club Rd.; bloomington.in.gov/parks/trails/bloomington-rail-trail

**CLEAR CREEK TRAIL**
The Clear Creek Trail (paved) stretches 2.4 miles from Country Club Drive past Tapp Road to Church Lane, and connects to the existing Bloomington Rail Trail. Trailhead at W. Tapp Rd.; bloomington.in.gov/parks/trails/clear-creek-trail

**WAPEHANI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK**
Nearly 5 miles of rolling single-track trails for mountain bike use and hiking. 3401 W. Wapehani Rd.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

**Events**

**HILLY HUNDRED BICYCLE TOUR**
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**LITTLE 500 WEEKEND**
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BIKING & WALKING TRAILS
There are many miles of trails located within the forests and nature preserves as well. See previous listings for more ideas.

B-LINE TRAIL
3.1-mile paved trail through downtown Bloomington; no motorized vehicles. Downtown Bloomington; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

BLOOMINGTON RAIL TRAIL
2-mile gravel trail with multiple trailheads; no motorized vehicles. Trailheads at W. Country Club Rd. and Church Ln.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL
2.4-mile paved trail with multiple trailheads; no motorized vehicles. Trailhead at W. Country Club Rd.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

KARST FARM GREENWAY
A 3.5-mile paved trail in western Monroe County. Trailhead at Karst Farm Park, 2450 S. Endwright Rd.; 812-349-2800; mcparksandrec.org

WAPEHANI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK
More than five miles of dirt trails. 3401 W. Waupahani Rd.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

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TENNIS CENTER
Indoor tennis membership facility serving students, faculty, and staff. 1833 N. Fee Ln.; 812-855-5750; indiana.edu/~tnscntr

TWIN LAKES RECREATION CENTER
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MILLS POOL
Activity pool for small children, water basketball, and waterslide. 1100 W. 14th St.; 812-349-3741; bloomington.in.gov/parks

SWIMMING BEACHES
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