VISITING MONROE COUNTY
**VISITOR RESOURCES**

**BLOOMINGTON VISITORS CENTER**
Visitor information, Bloomington gifts and apparel, self-guided walking tours.
2855 N. Walnut St.; 812-334-8900 or 800-800-0037; visitbloomington.com

**DOWNTOWN VISITORS CENTER & BCT BOX OFFICE**
114 E. Kirkwood Ave.; 812-323-3020; bctboxoffice.org

**IU VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER**
900 E. 7th St.; 812-856-GOU (4648); visitorcenter.indiana.edu

**BUSINESS RESOURCES**

**BLOOMINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
1720 N. Kinser Pike, Suite 001; 812-335-7346; bloomingtonedc.com

**GREATER BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
401 W. 7th St., Suite 102; 812-336-6381; chamberbloomington.org

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**EDUCATION**

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**
mccsc.edu

**RICHLAND-BEAN BLOSSOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**
rbbcsc.k12.in.us

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**
indiana.edu

**IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
ivytech.edu/bloomington

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**KEY SITES & DISTRICTS**

**BLOOMINGTON CITY HALL**
401 N. Morton St.; 812-349-3400; bloomington.in.gov

**BLOOMINGTON ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS DISTRICT**
812-349-3534; visitbead.com

**DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON, INC.**
812-336-3681; downtownbloomington.com

**MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
100 W. Kirkwood Ave.; 812-349-2550; co.monroe.in.us

**MONROE CONVENTION CENTER**
302 S. College Ave.; 812-336-3681; bloomingtonconvention.com

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**POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS** *(ESTIMATED)*

**POPULATION OF MONROE COUNTY:**
145,000 residents of Ellettsville
6,500 residents outside city limits
41,000 permanent residents
43,000 students at Indiana University
54,500 residents of Bloomington, Indiana

Median Age of Monroe County: 28.7 years
Have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher: 45%


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**BLOOMINGTON & MONROE COUNTY CELEBRATED THEIR BICENTENNIALS IN 2018.**
BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT
Bloomington’s public transportation system provides several convenient bus routes to take you throughout the city of Bloomington. Cash fares are one dollar per person.
301 S. Walnut St.; 812-336-7433; bloomingtontransit.com

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Weekday service to downtown Indy for just $12. Daily shuttle service to and from the Indianapolis International Airport and weekend service to the Chicago area, plus charter bus and sedan service.
3200 Venture Blvd.; 812-332-6004; goexpresstravel.com

IU CAMPUS BUS
Indiana University’s Campus Bus Service provides free transportation around the IU campus.
812-855-8384; iubus.indiana.edu

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MOVING TO
BLOOMINGTON

BLOOMINGTON NEWCOMERS CLUB
Giving new residents an opportunity to meet others who are also new to town, and encouraging members to learn more about the area.
bloomingtonnewcomers.org

CHOOSING A HOME
Explore the Bloomington Board of Realtors website at homefinder.org for current home listings in Monroe County.

OLD NATIONAL BANK
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STERLING REAL ESTATE, INCORPORATED
Sterling RE offers experience, professionalism, and dedication to helping you find housing in Bloomington.
509 E. Hillside Dr., Suite 101; 812-333-1966; trishsterling.com

TRANSPORTATION

Bloomington is located in the heart of the Midwest, in one of the region’s most picturesque areas. Just 45 minutes south of Indianapolis, two hours from Louisville, and four hours from Chicago. Bloomington is conveniently located within a day’s drive of over half of the U.S. population, making it a convenient place to visit. Three major roads provide easy access: Indiana State Road 37 runs north-south providing a direct route to Indianapolis in the north, I-69 provides access from southwestern Indiana, and Indiana State Road 46 runs east-west across the entire state. No matter where you’re coming from, you’ll find Bloomington easily accessible.

PARKING

Garages ($0.50/hour, first hour free)
220 N. Morton St.
302 N. Walnut St.

Meters ($0.25/15 minutes)
Meters accept coins (except pennies) and credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, Discover, with $0.30 transaction fee and 1 hr minimum.)

You can also download the Parkmobile app, to pay-as-you-go from your phone.

IU PARKING
Paid visitor parking is available in select lots and garages on the IU campus, and daily IU parking passes can be purchased at the Bloomington Visitors Center, which are valid in all lots.

For more details, visit the transportation page on visitbloomington.com

TAXIS & RIDESHARE

E2 TAXI
812-961-8294; e2taxi.com

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812-339-9744

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Download the apps, and navigate Bloomington without ever getting in a car.

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GETTING HERE

For more information, request a New Residents Guide or a Retirement Guide at visitbloomington.com
Whether you're young or young at heart, whether your taste is sophisticated or casual, Downtown Bloomington is the place to shop, dine, and play.

Shop swanky stores and unique galleries, satisfy your cravings with ethnic or American cuisine, savor locally crafted beverages, enjoy a comedy club, listen to live music, immerse yourself in live performances or the arts, discover local history, be part of the festivities at parades and festivals, experience pampering at a day spa or hair and nail salon, stroll or ride the scenic B-line trail ... or whatever else it is you're looking to do, you’ll want to return again and again to discover the treasures of Downtown Bloomington.
Just seven miles west of Bloomington, Ellettsville is known for a hometown atmosphere and as a center of the local limestone industry. There you’ll find unique restaurants and shopping, and special events including the Indiana Limestone Symposium each June, the Monroe County Fall Festival in September, and the Hilly Hundred Bicycle Tour in October. Chamber of Commerce: 812-876-6611; ellettsvillechamber.org

Just 12 miles south of Bloomington, near Monroe Lake, is the town of Harrodsburg. First established in 1837, this small town is host to the Heritage Days Festival the third weekend in May.

Also in the southern part of the county is the town of Smithville. This town is close to Monroe Lake, and a great stopping point on the way to Fairfax SRA, especially on Saturdays in warmer months when they have their weekly farmers’ market.

Incorporated in 1855, this quaint small town is 11 miles northwest of Bloomington. It was once at the center of a thriving Indiana limestone industry, evidence of which can still be seen as you drive along the curvy country roads around town. Plan a visit during the Stone Quarry Festival in late September.
trade shows • conventions
meetings • conferences • seminars
retreats • parties • reunions • banquets
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& receptions

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