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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 DEMOGRAPHICS (ESTIMATED) POPULATION OF MONROE COUNTY: 145,000

POPULATION

6,500 residents of Ellettsville

41,000 City of Bloomington permanent residents

43,000 students at Indiana University

54,500 residents outside city limits

28.7

Median Age Monroe County Have a Bachelor's Degree or higher

U.S. Census Bureau & Hoosiers By The Numbers (2015). Population rounded to nearest thousand.

TRANSPORTATION

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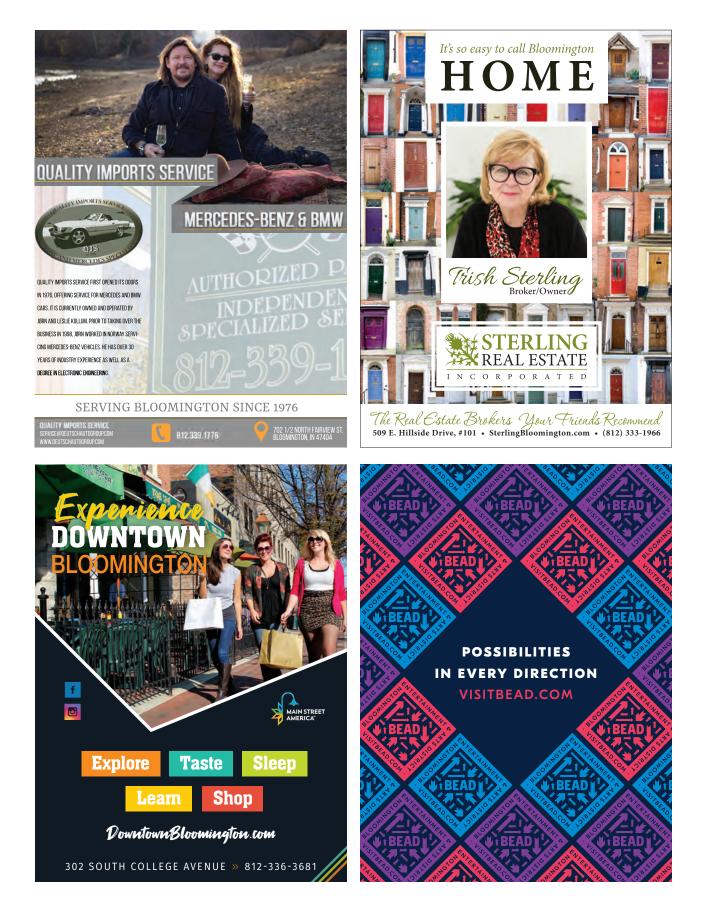
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ELLETTSVILLE

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

HARRODSBURG

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.

SMITHVILLE

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.

STINESVILLE

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.







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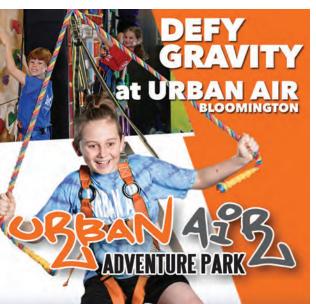


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WITH HUNDREDS OF RESTAURANTS,

Bloomington has some real winners for a feel-good start to any day.

Strolling down Bloomington's streets, the smell of coffee drifts from small storefronts as people eat pastries of all flavor palates imaginable. Local bakeries partner with farmers to bring flavors from near and far to life in the form of donuts, cupcakes, and more.

Rainbow Bakery, Bloomington's first vegan bakery, serves up everything from hand pies to donuts. Jane Kupersmith, co-owner of Rainbow Bakery and Hopscotch Coffee, knows that Rainbow fills a need in the community.

"Food is a core part of how we exist," Kupersmith said. "Sometimes, when you have food restrictions, it feels like you can't be a part of what everyone else is enjoying. Rainbow Bakery becomes a safe space for people who have those restrictions, where they can build community and enjoy this friendly café culture while knowing what they're eating." Kupersmith, who has a restricted diet, appreciates the level of care the baking team at Rainbow puts into their goods. Whether a customer orders a giant cinnamon roll or a veganized sausage, egg, and cheese biscuit, there's something for everyone.

"Commercial baking is challenging but aweinspiring," Kupersmith said. "Our baking team does an amazing job—they're equal parts precision and art."

Another early-morning pastry shop may be new to Bloomington's breakfast rotation, but Kassie Jensen and Amanda Armstrong's years of baking experience back their dedication to providing the community with good food that can be tasted with every bite.

Two Sticks Bakery's conscious choice to use high-quality, organic ingredients shines in offerings like danishes, coffee cake, scones, turnovers, and other gems, baked fresh daily in the early morning hours by Jensen and Armstrong.

The attention to detail in the baked goods from Two Sticks are why their treats are the

highlight of so many days, said Jensen, Two Sticks co-owner and baker.

"I wouldn't sell anything here that I wouldn't give to my own grandmother," said Jensen. "The quality of the ingredients we use here is unmatched. It's what makes Two Sticks so special—you know what you're eating is made of the best stuff around."

Jensen and Armstrong recommend getting to the bakery early for the best breakfast

bites—it's not uncommon for the bakery to sell out before noon.

Not only home to wonderful bakeries, but sit-down breakfasts full of hearty Hoosier staples are also abundant in Bloomington.

Biscuits and gravy is pretty much a food group in Indiana—filling sausage gravy ladled over soft biscuits is a delight that has sustained Bloomingtonians through

game days and brunches alike, time and time again.

It won't be hard to find some good B&G around town. The dish is a comfort-food favorite for Hoosiers as well as visitors, adorning the menus of greasy spoons and elevated brunch spots alike.

The biscuits and gravy at Michael's Uptown Café have been tried and loved by over 40 years of customers.

"We have a really broad and elegant brunch menu now," said Michael Cassady, owner of Uptown. "But this place was built off biscuits and gravy and home fries—Hoosier favorites."

A breakfast standby in Bloomington is always pancakes. From plain to extravagant, they're a popular offering around Bloomington and one Kirkwood Avenue restaurant has perfected the dish.

"But Bloomington is such a special place the people here are ridiculously supportive of each other. This community has important safe spaces for people to gather and interact—it's more than just food."

Pancakes at the Village Deli are nothing to mess around with—fresh-made buttermilk batter fried to a golden crisp outside and fluffy, sweet inside spill over the edges of plates during the breakfast rush. Creative options, like cinnamon-style and lemonpoppy seed style pancakes, liven up this classic.

"Our cinnamon roll pancake is definitely a signature," said Bob Costello, owner of Village Deli, Soma, and Laughing Planet. "That's

something that people come back to Bloomington and immediately crave."

Paxton's Potatoes, a Village Deli classic, is another noteworthy dish according to Costello. The fried potatoes topped with homemade Hoosier sausage gravy and cheddar cheese have been recognized as Indiana's best breakfast by Food Network.

But the excellent breakfast isn't the only thing that keeps customers coming back.

"Diners provide a community space," said Costello. "They appeal to everyone and exclude no one. The atmosphere is amazing—you can sit inside and be a part of the busyness or watch Kirkwood go by from the tables outside.

Breakfast may seem like just another meal, but in Bloomington, there's an entire culture forged around the breakfast table. When you eat breakfast in Bloomington, you sit down with a community built on bringing people together using good food.

"Sometimes owning a business is hard," said Jane Kupersmith. "But Bloomington is such a special place—the people here are ridiculously supportive of each other. This community has important safe spaces for people to gather and interact—it's more than just food."





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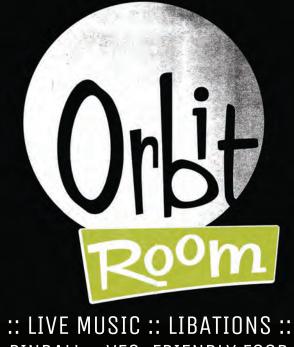
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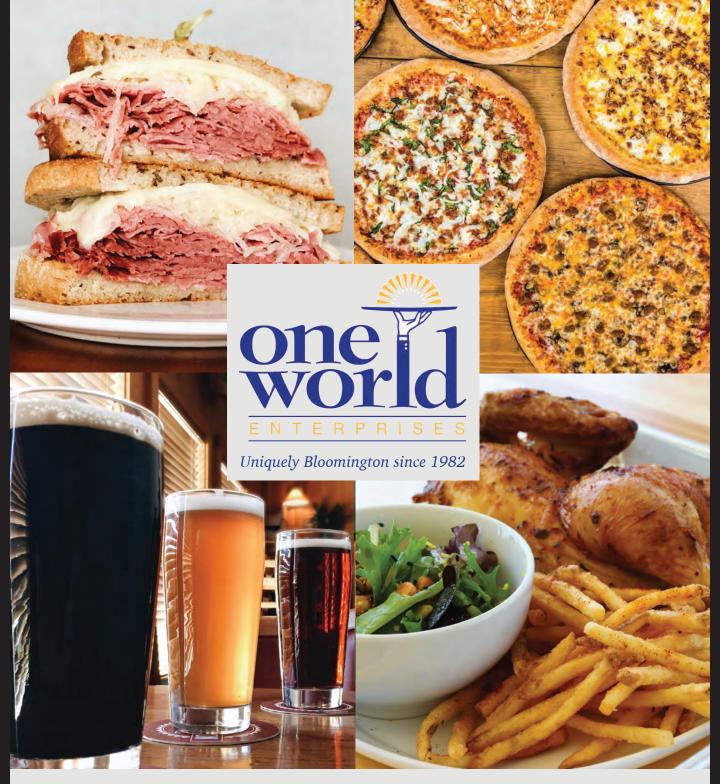
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NEW HAPPENINGS in a Historical City

Indiana is a state rich with tradition. For years, people have lived, played, and traveled through the lush forests, sweeping valleys, and rolling rivers of our Hoosier heartland. But it's not just the natural wonders that make Indiana so special-the people here are truly one of a kind.

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BY GILLIAN FULFORD

BLOOMINGTON IS NO exception to this rule. Since being established as a city in 1818, Monroe County's seat has proved itself a worthy destination for visitors from all walks of life. Home to creative minds and Nobel Prize winners, 46 National Historic Places, and a Big 10 college celebrating its bicentennial, this little city is full of history that's shaping tomorrow.

Indiana University, Indiana's first college, celebrates 200 years of operation in 2020. Bloomington has grown alongside IU since the university's beginning as a humble, onebuilding seminary with 12 students.

Thanks to IU, Bloomington has been home for notable figures such as World War II

correspondent Ernie Pyle, the revolutionary Dr. Alfred Kinsey, and the first female recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, Elinor Ostrom.

These hometown heroes have drawn attention far and wide to the ingenuity that Hoosiers throughout the years have lent to Monroe County. Bicentennial celebrations will be honoring these and other notable alumni through ceremonies planned over the coming months. If you've ever wanted to explore the people and history that have made IU such an integral part of Bloomington, now is the time to do it.

2020's celebration of Hoosier classics includes bringing new life to a symbol so



closely tied to the state that it graces Indiana license plates -- the covered bridge.

In the 1800s, wooden bridges were covered to help protect them from the elements. Often times, these bridges were on secluded rural roads, near farms and woodland homes. As building strategies changed and wood was phased out, the need for covered

bridges went away. Now, there are less than 1,000 authentic covered bridges in the United States.

In 2019, Monroe County welcomed its first covered bridge after the last bridge was lost to arson in 1976. An authentic reconstruction of an 1885 bridge, using original materials, the Cedar Ford Covered Bridge

now stands over the Beanblossom Creek, just a short drive north of Bloomington. Indiana has the third most covered bridges of any state in the U.S. and the Cedar Ford Covered Bridge, which took over 19 years to reconstruct, is the 90th in the nation.

Regaining a covered bridge brings a piece of history to life again in Monroe County. A drive along the scenic road that leads to the one-lane wooden structure harkens back to simpler times and encourages visitors to sit and admire the craftsmanship that went into the restoration. Stop along the banks of the creek and take in a piece of history on your Sunday drive.

Monroe County's industrial history will also be showcased and reimagined in 2020 attractions.

Integral to economic and social expansion in Indiana were railways. Indianapolis was the link between east coast businesses and Chicago, as well as the center of urban transit between cities. During the height of its rail days, from about 1840 to mid-1860, Indiana ranked second in the nation in interurban rail transit. Bloomington also had a hand in Indiana rail history. Where the B-Line Trail currently runs through the town, the Monon Railroad used to carry passengers from all over Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. All over town, remnants of the rail heyday are still evident in the train overpasses and whistles heard as shipping freights barrel down railroads on the East and West sides.

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> After 112 years of service, the last cart departed the McDoel Railroad Switchyard in 2004. The former commerce and transit hub sat vacant until plans were put in place to breathe new life into this piece of Hoosier history.

> Community gardens, event spaces, outdoor stages, playgrounds, a skate park, and more all adorn the area where trains formerly deposited goods and people to Bloomington.

> The more than 65 acres of Switchyard Park aims to be a gathering space for the community while restoring flora in the previously industrial area. Located right next to the B-Line and local businesses, the park's placement lends itself well to getting a glimpse of the community without ever using a car.

> As you plan to adventure over roads new and old to get to your favorite Monroe County destination, don't forget to plan for some incredible experiences seeing the past and present come together in Bloomington.

OUTDOORS & RECREATION





state parks within a 45 minute drive of Bloomington 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. Nonmotorized boats or electric trolling motors only. 3400 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

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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

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THE BIKE SHOP 209 S. Rogers St.; 812-674-1136; thebikeshop.io

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

REVOLUTION BIKE & BEAN

401 E. 10th St.; 812-336-0241; revolutionbikeandbean.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*

LIMESTONE GREENWAY

A 1.7-mile paved trail that connects the Clear Creek Trail to S. Victor Pk. *Trailhead at Church Ln.;* 812-349-2800; *mcparksandrec.org*

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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

LIMESTONE GREENWAY

A 1.7-mile paved trail that connects the Clear Creek Trail to S. Victor Pk. *Trailhead at Church Ln.; 812-349-2800; mcparksandrec.org*

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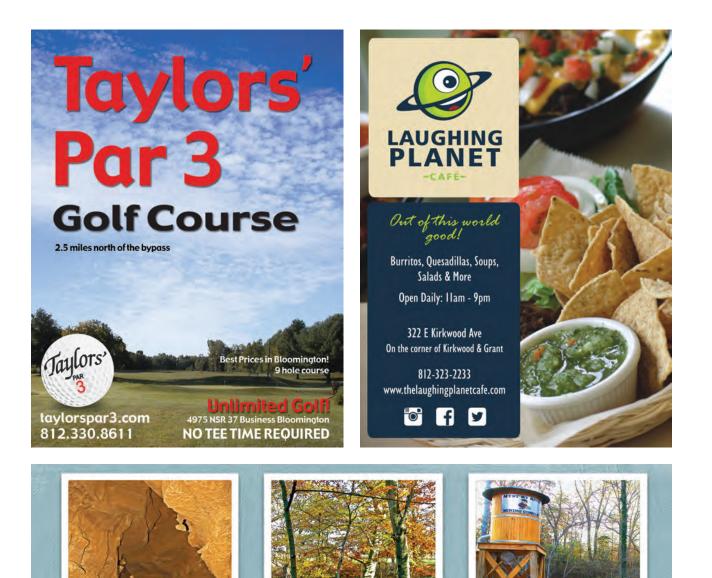
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If you're more into outdoorsy lodging, there are some nature-encumbered options for you. The Lake Monroe Village will give you the chance to get away from it all in an assortment of cabins or primitive camping, and your dog will be thankful for miles of beautiful trails around the area.

EAT

Doggie diets and human food may not be on the same page, but that doesn't mean you can't bring your fuzzy friend to dinner with you.

There isn't a bad view in Bloomington, especially when you're eating on a patio with a dog at your side.

Take a stroll down the B-Line and get some city sight-seeing in before stopping at Bloomington's very own craft brewery and kitchen at Upland Brewery. The patio is perfect walking distance from the B-Line so you and your dog can enjoy the hubbub of Bloomington while enjoying some of the Midwest's best beer.

If you're looking for a caffeine buzz to ward off the post-meal drowsiness, look no further than one of Bloomington's best roasteries, Needmore Coffee. Enjoy an expertly roasted cup of coffee on the outdoor seating area while your dog has a complimentary dog treat from Nashville's Bone Appetit Bakery.

Headed downtown? Stop for a traditional Irish meal at the Irish Lion's garden-like patio, and let your dog enjoy homemade treats and water bowls (both are four-leaf clover shaped!) while you sate your hunger.

If you're looking to take your dog inside, check out Switchyard

Brewery. Since they don't sell food, dogs are welcome. Feel free to bring your own snacks, grab a beer, and enjoy some great company.

PLAY

Everywhere you go in Bloomington, there are endless options for fun with your dog. Bloomington is well-known for its proximity to wonderful outdoor options, with outdoor recreation only minutes away from downtown. The Sycamore Land Trust has eight protected land preserves around Bloomington, with options to explore like the Porter West Preserve, a forested area full of wildflowers, a spring, and wildlife ponds.

If you and your dog are avid bird watchers, check out the National Audobon Society's Important Bird Area at the Beanblossom Bottoms Nature Preserve. This preserve has a walkway for ease of access, making it perfect for pooches who don't fancy rough terrain.

There are also miles of beautiful trails around Bloomington in areas such as the Yellowwood State Forest, Paynetown State Recreation Area, and Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, to name a few. Grab a leash and your sense of adventure, and get ready for a scenic day with your dog.

Urban trails are perfect for getting around town while giving your pet plenty of fresh air. Walk, jog, or run down the B-Line Trail to get some good exercise in and see a variety of local businesses, restaurants, and art.

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> If shopping is more your scene, Bloomington has some pet-friendly retail therapy spots for you. Pop into JL Waters with your dog to see some of the latest and greatest outdoor gear, for humans and four-legged friends. From harnesses to collapsible water bowls, you'll be ready to take on the outdoors side by side with your best friend.

> If you're here for business, recreation, or just want to get away for a little, you don't have to sacrifice time with your pup when you come to Bloomington. Whether bipedal or four-legged, everyone is welcome here.

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JANUARY

FREEZEFEST

Family friendly winter festival featuring world-class ice carvers. January 6-11; Multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; freezefest.com

FEBRUARY

BLOOMINGTON MUSIC EXPO

A celebration of music anchored by Bloomington's only public vinyl show. February 8; Monroe Convention Center; bloomingtonmusicexpo.com

DEVOUR BLOOMINGTON

14 delicious days of three-course, valuepriced meals! February 24–March 9; Participating Bloomington restaurants; devourbtown.org

PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

Bloomington's cinematic celebration of LGBTQ+ arts and culture. February 28-29; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; **bloomingtonpride.org**

MARCH

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

200+ quilts on display, special exhibits, vendors and a competition quilt exhibition. *March 5-7; Monroe Convention Center; ihqs.org*

APRIL

BLOOMINGTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sample 100's of craft brews from 45+ Indiana and Midwest breweries in a former limestone mill. *April 11; Woolery Mill; drinkin.beer*

HOOSIER HALF MARATHON AND 5K

Half marathon and 5k with amazing views of campus, downtown, and countless spring blooms. *April 18; DeVault Alumni Center (check-in); hoosierhalf.com*

LITTLE 500 WEEKEND

"The World's Greatest College Weekend," Little 500 is the largest collegiate bike race in the United States. *April 24-25; IU Armstrong Stadium; iusf.indiana.edu* MAY

HARRODSBURG HERITAGE DAYS

Great food, an arts and crafts show, a big parade and more. May 15-16; Harrodsburg Community Center, Harrodsburg; harrodsburgheritagedays.org

BLOOMINGTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

An annual series of concerts celebrating performances and workshops by local, regional, and national performers. *May* 17-25; various locations; **blemf.org**

JUNE

LIMESTONE MONTH

Special events include architectural walking tours, limestone quarry tours, exhibitions and more. *The month of June; multiple venues in Monroe and Lawrence counties; limestonemonth.com*

LIMESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL

A three-day festival featuring today's biggest comedians and tomorrow's brightest stars. June 4-6; multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; limestonefest.com

HANDMADE MARKET SUMMER FAIR

30+ indie handmade makers along with DIY booths and food trucks. June 6; 6th St. between College Ave. & Walnut St.; bloomingtonhandmademarket.com

INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM

Limestone sculpting courses led by expert instructors. Beginners welcome! June 7-27; Bybee Stone, Ellettsville; limestonesymposium.org

ARTS FAIR ON THE SQUARE

Juried art show featuring 100+ regional and national artists and craftspeople. June 13; downtown square; artsfair.org

TASTE OF BLOOMINGTON

Over 40 restaurants to sample, plus live music and kids' activities. June 20; Showers Common; tasteofbloomington.com

MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Livestock, midway rides, races, pageants, crafts, and fair food. June 29-July 5; Monroe County Fairgrounds; monroecountyfairgrounds.net

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Enjoy this classic parade of floats, trucks, live music, and characters. July 4; Downtown square; downtownbloomington.com

AUGUST

BLOOMINGTON BLUES & BOOGIE WOOGIE PIANO FESTIVAL

Featuring acclaimed piano players with free and ticketed performances. August 7-10; Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center; **bloomingtonboogies.com**

PRIDEFEST

Free all-ages festival celebrating our sparkling LGBTQ+ community. *August 29; Kirkwood Ave.; bloomingtonpride.org*

MAKEVENTION

A showcase of "makers" from the area who create new art or products from unwanted or unused materials. *August 29; Monroe Convention Center; makevention.org*

INDIANA TOY AND COMIC EXPO

Celebrating pop culture new and old. Panels, cosplay contest, and the only custom figure contest in Indiana. August 30; Monroe Convention Center; indianatoyandcomicexpo.com

SEPTEMBER

B'TOWN JAZZ FEST

Free festival celebrating Bloomington's rich jazz heritage; a showcase of the area's leading jazz musicians. September 5; Monroe Convention Center; btownjazz.org

4TH STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS

Two-day showcase of 120+ nationally and regionally recognized artists. September 5-6; 4th St. between Grant St. and Indiana Ave.; 4thstreet.org

BLOOMINGTON GARLIC FEST & COMMUNITY ART FAIR

Two-day fest featuring food, local artists, live music, kid zone and more. September 5-6; Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park; bloomingtongarlicfestival.com

BUBBLEFEST

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

ARTISAN GUILDS OF BLOOMINGTON HOLIDAY SHOW

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BLOOMINGTON HANDMADE MARKET

Juried arts and crafts show featuring a variety of contemporary artisans. November 14; Monroe Convention Center; bloomingtonhandmademarket.com

CANOPY OF LIGHTS

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HOLIDAY MARKET

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DECEMBER

KRAMPUS NIGHT

A festive, winter celebration featuring Alpine folklore beasts, parade, and bazaar. December 5; Showers Common; krampus-night.com

ONGOING EVENTS

GALLERY WALK

Gallery Walks are festive evenings of new fine arts exhibits open to the public. First Friday of every month; Downtown art galleries (see Arts & Culture section for locations); gallerywalkbloomington.com

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Fresh, locally grown farm products and locally prepared foods. Every Saturday, 8am-1pm, April-November; Showers Common; Winter Market: Every Saturday, 9am-12:30pm, December-March; Switchyard Park Pavilion; bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket

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April-October, 11am-9pm; Dimension Mill; facebook.com/foodtruckfriday

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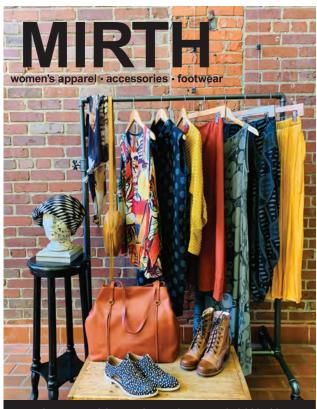


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BY GILLIAN FULFORD

WITH OVER 98,000 ACRES of forest, 38 different parks, and more than 10,000 acres of protected lands in Monroe County, there is no shortage of ways to spend your time outside.

Almost anywhere you go outdoors in Bloomington, you'll find that water is a common variable. Lakes, rivers, and waterfalls can all be found minutes away from the hustle and bustle of downtown. Monroe Lake, the largest inland lake in Indiana, is found in Bloomington. If you're looking to explore life on the water in Monroe County, you have ample choices.

Boating in Bloomington is a great way to spend a day on the lake. Head out to Lake Monroe Boat Rental to rent a pontoon, jet ski, ski boat, paddle board, canoe, kayak, and more. If you're interested in fishing, this lake is home to populations of largemouth bass, crappie, walleye, bluegill, and catfish.

If you're looking for solely non-motorized boating, take a drive out to Griffy Lake. This lake offers a quieter alternative for recreation.

Griffy Lake Nature Preserve is home to scenic waterfront as well as ample hiking opportunities around the lake, with miles of trails ranging from easy to rugged. The Griffy Lake Boathouse has rental options for paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, and rowboats for anyone looking to enjoy the scenery from the water. Boating at Lake Lemon will truly get you away from it all. The 1,650 acre lake is nestled amongst scenic ridges and ravines. Bring your own boat and paddle around the beautiful place that Indiana University's Rowing Team practices, or cast a line at one of Indiana's most productive fishing areas.

If you'd rather dip your toes in the water, Bloomington's lakes have you covered. Along the shores of Monroe Lake, you'll find the Paynetown and Fairfax State Recreation Areas, two popular public beaches perfect for sunbathing, swimming, or picnicking. Both beaches have nearby marinas, if you decide you want to hop on a boat during your day.

The Riddle Point Park at Lake Lemon is an excellent place to swim if you're looking to see more of Monroe County. Find the beach at the end of a beautiful drive down Tunnel Road and enjoy a swim surrounded by lush trees and blue water. The shelter house is available for rental if you're looking to have a beach-side get together with friends and family.

Spending a day on the water in Bloomington doesn't mean you have to spend a day in the water. The beautiful lakes around town are also home to ample hiking, with popular routes at both Griffy Lake Nature Preserve and Monroe Lake providing options from paved to rugged trails, giving hiking options for everyone.

After a long day enjoying the outdoors, a good meal is in order.

Some of Bloomington's favorite nosheries can be found lakeside for an opportunity to refuel after a day of exploring and enjoying the water.

Right off Lake Lemon, you can find the Port Hole Inn Bar and Grill. If live music, ribs, fried catfish, and cold drinks are your speed, the Port Hole is the place to be after a day of paddling and swimming around the lake. Closer to Monroe Lake, options for everything from brunch to pizza can be found. Overlooking the lake, the Scenic View Restaurant gives diners sweeping views of the surrounding landscape while enjoying traditional American food. The Scenic View serves lunch and dinner, as well as a weekend brunch, and the scenic drive makes for a great trip all the way around.

Located within the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn and Marina is the Windjammer Bar and Grill, offering everything from salads to pork tenderloins (a Hoosier favorite) alongside creative cocktail specials. During the spring, summer, and fall, weekend entertainment at the lake-side bar gives you ear-candy to match the eye-candy of the lake.

You don't just have to eat at the Fourwindsif you're looking for a place to stay right next to the water, staying here will give you access to the marina, heated pools, mini golf, and easy access to the lake.

The lodge at Scenic View also gives you an option for food and rest all in one place. The Scenic View Lodge's close proximity

The best part about staying close to the water? Getting up the next morning and finding a new day's adventures, right past your doorstep. to the Hoosier National Forest has miles of trails to hike and sights to see, if you want to wander into the leaves alongside the lake.

Camping is also an option alongside the water in Bloomington. Lake Monroe Village and Jellystone Park have primitive, RV, and

cabin lodging options if you want to stay a little more connected to nature throughout your trip.

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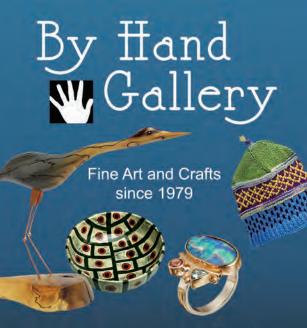
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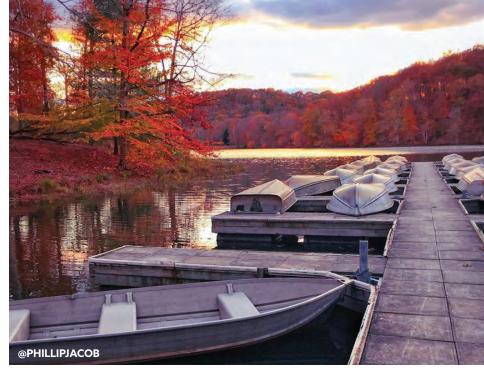
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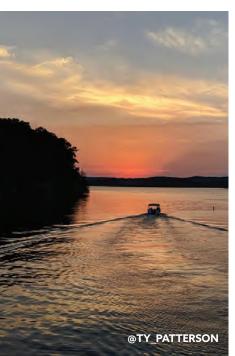
















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