# OUTDOORS & RECREATION





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# 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

#### **GRIFFY LAKE BOATHOUSE**

Rent canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and rowboats. Ramp available for privately owned non-motorized boats. No swimming. 3400 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;* 812-837-9909; **lakemonroeboatrental.com** 

#### LAKE MONROE MARINA

Party boat and pontoon rentals, plus gas service and convenience store. 5505 E. State Rd. 446 (at Cutright State Recreation Area); 812-837-9394; lakemonroemarina.com

#### PARADISE RENTAL BOATS

The boat you need to complete your family "staycation." At Fourwinds Lakeside Inn & Marina; 800-824-BOAT(2628); fourwindslakeside.com

## FORESTS & WILDERNESS AREAS

#### CEDAR BLUFF NATURE PRESERVE

Challenging terrain and scenic views make it a Hoosier favorite. 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**

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#### THE CEDARS PRESERVE

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#### GHURYE ARBORETUM

A demonstration arboretum for recreation and educational purposes.

#### 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

Steep ridgeline, scenic creek valley, and beautiful fall colors.

# BIRDING

#### INDIGO BIRDING NATURE TOURS

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# MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Restle Unit is a 78-acre refuge with great bird watching. Accessible from Bottom Rd. & Woodall Rd.; 812-522-4352; fws.gov/refuge/muscatatuck

#### 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

RV hookups, cabins, and resort amenities for the whole family. *8107 S. Fairfax Rd.; 812-824-CAMP(2267); lakemonroevillage.com* 

#### PAYNETOWN STATE RECREATION AREA

Boat ramp, RV and primitive camping, hiking, beach, marina, and shower facilities. *4850 State Rd. 446;* 812-837-9490 or 812-837-9546; *indiana.reserveworld.com* 

## TOURS & RENTALS

#### **BLUESPRING CAVERNS PARK**

Explore caverns 400 ft. underground by boat on the Myst'ry River Voyage. 1459 Bluespring Caverns Rd.; 812-279-9471; bluespringcaverns.com

#### INDIANA JIM'S BICYCLING ADVENTURES

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#### **IU OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

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# CYCLING IN BLOOMINGTON

Find Bloomington cycling maps at the Bloomington Visitors Center (2855 N. Walnut St.)

#### Gear

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

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* 

#### 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

100-mile bicycle tour through the beautiful, hilly landscape of the area. October 16-18; Edgewood High School (check-in); **hillyhundred.org** 

#### LITTLE 500 WEEKEND

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#### LT PADDLE SPORTS

SUP, kayaking, and windsurfing rentals, plus lessons and classes. 9801 S. Fairfax Rd.; 812-797-4747; **Itpaddlesports.com** 

# MOST HIGH ADVENTURE OUTFITTERS

Kayak, canoe, and biking tours for families and groups. 6640 N. Old State Rd. 37; 812-340-0700; soilandwater.com/mosthigh

#### NATURAL BLOOMINGTON

Sharing Southern Indiana's natural beauty through image, prose, and ecotourism. 812-929-2430; naturalbloomington.com

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

#### **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

Manages more than 2,275 acres of property including 34 parks, a golf course, ice arena, two pools, three community centers, a fitness and recreation center, three natural resource properties, 13 ball fields, 22 tennis courts, 24 basketball courts and approximately 30 miles of trails. *Offices: 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250;* 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

#### MONROE COUNTY

Providing several parks, trails, and unique recreation facilities. Our parks offer a wide range of activities including soccer, disc golf, ultimate frisbee, and lacrosse, with multiple shelters available for rent and play areas for children. *Offices: 501 N. Morton St., Suite 100;* 812-349-2800; mcparksandrec.org

## 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

#### 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* 

#### WAPEHANI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

More than five miles of dirt trails. 3401 W. Wapehani Rd.; 812-349-3700; bloomington.in.gov/parks

# SPORTS

#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

The best athletic competitions in central Indiana. Check the calendar or website for current schedules. 866-IU-SPORTS (487-7678); iuhoosiers.com

#### ANDY MOHR FIELD

The beautiful stadium that serves as home to the IU softball team. 1873 N. Fee Ln.

#### **BART KAUFMAN FIELD**

The site of all IU Baseball home games. 1873 N. Fee Ln.

#### **BILL ARMSTRONG STADIUM**

Home of Indiana soccer and the famous Little 500 bike races. *1606 N. Fee Ln.* 

#### COUNSILMAN/BILLINGSLEY AQUATICS CENTER

Home to both the men's and women's IU Swimming and Diving teams. 1601 E. Law Ln.

#### HARRY GLADSTEIN FIELDHOUSE

Home to IU indoor track and field meets. 1001 E. 17th St.

#### HAUGH TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX

One of the country's finest outdoor track and field facilities. 1606 N. Fee Ln.

#### **MEMORIAL STADIUM**

The home of IU Football and birthplace for Indiana traditions. *1001 E. 17th St.* 

# SIMON SKJODT ASSEMBLY HALL & COOK HALL

Headquarters for the men's and women's basketball teams. Tours available. *1001 E. 17th St.* 

# STUDENT RECREATIONAL SPORTS CENTER

Strength and cardio areas, Olympic pool, multiple courts, track, and group exercise spaces. Guest passes available. 1601 Law Ln.; 812-855-7772; recsports.indiana.edu

#### **TENNIS CENTER**

Indoor tennis membership facility serving students, faculty, and staff. *1833 N. Fee Ln.* 

# TWIN LAKES RECREATION CENTER

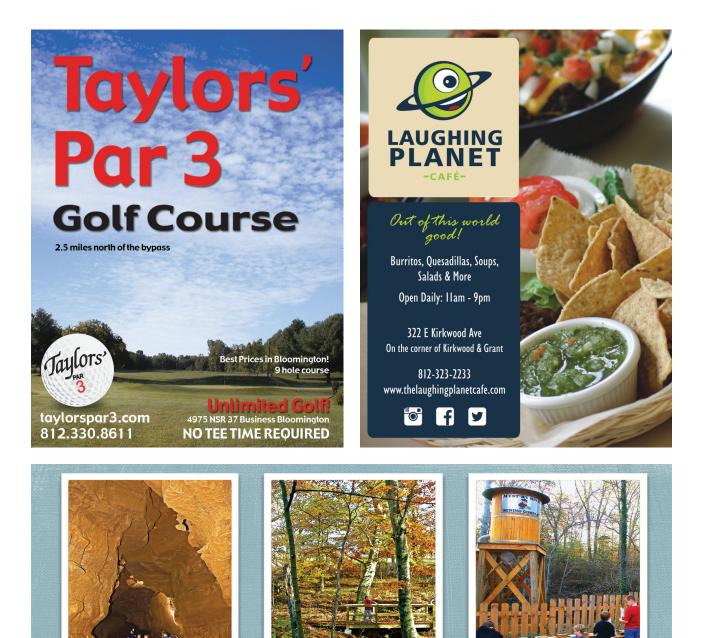
Sports, recreation, and fitness facility for members and day users. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.; 812-349-3720; bloomington.in.gov/tlrc

#### WILDERMUTH INTRAMURAL CENTER

Strength and cardio areas, Olympic pool, multiple courts, track, and group exercise spaces. Guest passes available. 1025 E. 7th St.; 812-855-5222; recsports.indiana.edu

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#### **BLOOMINGTON SPEEDWAY**

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#### **BLUETIP BILLIARDS**

Enjoy billiards, food, beer, and fun at this family-friendly pool hall. 426 S. College Ave.; 812-278-7608; bluetipbilliards.com

#### **CLASSIC LANES BOWLING CENTER**

Thirty-two lanes, plus billiards, arcade games, concessions, and lounge. 1421 N. Willis Dr.; 812-332-6689; classiclanesin.com

#### CODE AND KEY ESCAPE ROOMS

Find clues, solve puzzles, and get out in 60 minutes. *101 W. Kirkwood Ave., Suite 113*; 812-214-1497; *codeandkeyescaperooms.com* 

#### ENIGMA PUZZLE HOUSE

Solve mysteries, crack codes, and have fun at Bloomington's first escape room. 2660 E. 2nd St.; 812-217-8761; enigmapuzzlehouse.com

#### FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA

Open October to March with public skating daily. Admission charged. 2100 S. Henderson St.; 812-349-3741; bloomington.in.gov/parks

#### GLOW GOLF

Miniature golf course that glows in the dark, plus a laser maze. Inside College Mall, 2806 E. 3rd St.; 812-323-3400; opryglowgolf.com

#### HOOSIER ESCAPE HOUSE

Theme-based, interactive escape room games. 933 N. Walnut St.; 812-822-0639; hoosierescapehouse.com

#### **HOOSIER HEIGHTS**

Indoor climbing facility with rental gear, instruction, and challenges for all skill levels. 1008 S. Rogers St.; 812-824-6414; hoosierheights.com/bloomington

#### JUMP-N-JOEY'S

Bouncing, sliding, and jumping fun for children 12 years old and younger. 108 N. Curry Pike; 812-822-1947; jumpatjoeys.com

#### KIDS PLAY GYM

The ultimate interactive play experience for children 10 years old and younger. 2010 S. Yost Ave.; 812-822-0605; *kidsplaygym.com* 

#### LASERLITE LASER TAG

Laser tag and one of Bloomington's largest arcades. *4505 E. 3rd St.; 812-337-0456; lazertagandfun.com* 

#### UPPER CASCADES SKATE PARK

Concrete ramps, rails, and other terrain for use by skateboards and in-line skaters. 2602 N. Kinser Pike; 812-349-3712; bloomington.in.gov/parks

#### URBAN AIR ADVENTURE PARK

Indoor trampoline park with open jump, sky rider coaster, warrior obstacle course, climbing walls and more. *3603 W. State Rd. 46; 812-727-8309; urbanairbloomington.com* 

#### WESTERN SKATELAND

Classic roller skating rink, with skate rental available. 930 W. 17th St.; 812-332-7288; westernskateland.com

# GOLF

#### CASCADES GOLF COURSE

A 27-hole course that's fun, fair, and fast to play. 3550 N. Kinser Pike; 812-349-3764; bloomington.in.gov/cascades

#### THE GOLF CLUB AT EAGLE POINTE

Community owned 18-hole championship golf course. 2250 E. Pointe Rd.; 812-824-1100; eaglepointe.com

#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY GOLF COURSE

18-hole championship golf course for all levels. Open to the public. *1350 IN 45/46 Bypass; 812-855-7543; iugolfcourse.com* 

#### TAYLORS' PAR 3

Family-owned 9-hole course welcomes all ages and skill levels. 4975 N. State Rd. 37 Business; 812-330-8611; taylorspar3.com

## SWIMMING & WATER PARKS

#### **BRYAN PARK POOL**

Pool and waterslides open Memorial Day through Labor Day. 1020 S. Woodlawn Ave.; 812-349-3741; bloomington.in.gov/parks

#### IU OUTDOOR POOL

Ten-lane, Olympic-size pool, separate diving well, instructional pool. 1833 N. Fee Ln.; 812-855-9584; indiana.edu/~iuop

# JELLYSTONE PARK AT LAKE MONROE

Water zone with slides and sprays, plus swimming pools. 9396 S. Strain Ridge Rd.; 812-824-3322; lakemonroejellystone.com

#### KARST FARM PARK SPLASH PAD

Zero-depth water features that are fun for the entire family. Free! 2450 S. Endwright Rd.; 812-349-2800; mcparksandrec.org

#### MILLS POOL

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

#### **SWIMMING BEACHES**

See lake listings for directions. Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA, Fairfax SRA and Hardin Ridge Recreation Area; Lake Lemon: Riddle Point Park

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