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

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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

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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

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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

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*

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Gear

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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*

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

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NATURAL BLOOMINGTON

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

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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

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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TWIN LAKES RECREATION CENTER

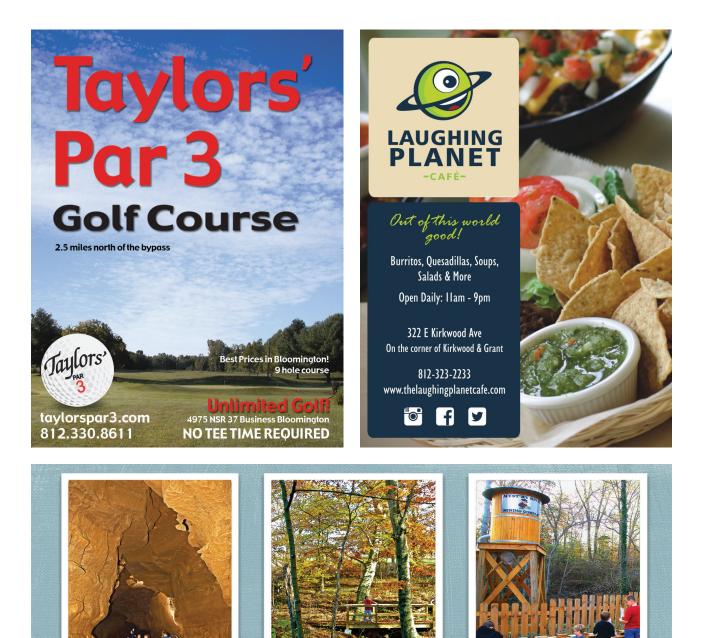
Sports, recreation, and fitness facility for members and day users. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.; 812-349-3720; bloomington.in.gov/tlrc

WILDERMUTH INTRAMURAL CENTER

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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

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KIDS PLAY GYM

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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

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SWIMMING & WATER PARKS

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