

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library

RESOURCE GUIDE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



FIND YOUR STORY IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Thank you for your interest in the Genealogy Center
at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.**

With one of the largest physical collections in the world, plus unrivaled access to world-class digital resources — and free, one-on-one help from professional genealogists — this is one of the best places in the country to research your family history.

Located in a \$65 million state of the art facility in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Genealogy Center is just blocks from dozens of restaurants, museums, hotels and other welcoming amenities.

In this guide, you'll find information and resources to help ensure your visit to Fort Wayne and the Genealogy Center is enjoyable and memorable for your entire family.

CONTACT

The Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Allen County Public Library

900 Library Plaza
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 421-1225

Monday to Thursday: 9 am–9 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9 am–6 pm
Sunday: 12 pm–5 pm

GenealogyCenter.org

Genealogy@ACPL.info

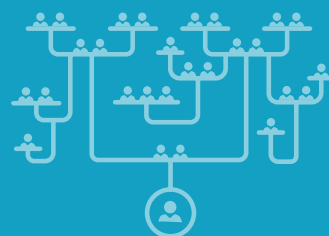
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TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR VISIT

We're very excited for your upcoming visit to the Genealogy Center, located in the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne! We have a few tips to make your visit more productive and enjoyable:

- Be prepared by checking out their website at GenealogyCenter.org. Look for the surnames you are researching as well as the places you believe your ancestors lived in their catalogs and numerous databases. Always feel free to ask a question by email Genealogy@ACPL.info. This will give you an overview of the resources you'll be searching when you arrive.
- Bring a USB drive to save images from computers, microtext, and books.
- Bring dollar bills for the copy machines.
- You may bring just about anything with you: files and notebooks, computers and tablets, scanner, camera, pens, pencils, etc. However, they do not allow food or drink in the Center. These may be stored in your bag, but not consumed in this area of the library.
- You might want to bring a sweater or light jacket. No matter the season, the rooms occasionally get a little cool.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The Genealogy Center covers about the same space as a football field.
- Want to schedule a free appointment with a genealogist in advance? Email genealogy@acpl.lib.in.us to get started. Plus, we'll have a welcome packet waiting for you upon arrival that includes dining guides, maps, and more.

Use our Family Tree worksheet on the next page to get started!

MY FAMILY TREE

KEY
B: When Born
WB: Where Born
M: When Married
D: When Died
WD: Where Died

2

FATHER

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FATHER OF NO. 2

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MOTHER OF NO. 2

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MOTHER OF NO. 3

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MOTHER OF NO. 4

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MOTHER OF NO. 5

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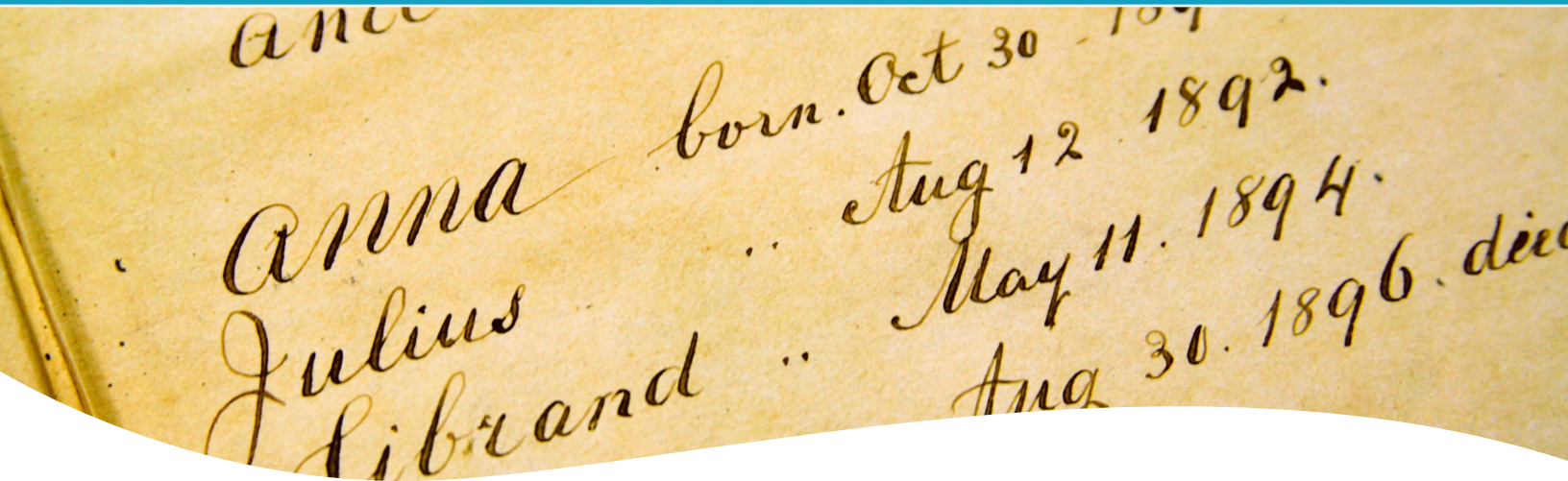
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FAMILY HISTORY CHECKLIST

1	Write down what you already know about your family.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Explore your home for photo albums, scrapbooks, files, holy books and diaries — anything that may identify family members.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Talk with your relatives. Ask them what they know about your family.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Explore the many genealogy websites.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Visit the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana for an extensive collection of genealogy resources and personalized services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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YOUR NAME BADGE

Make the most of your visit to Fort Wayne with special discounts offered when you “Show Your Badge.” Simply print the badge below at home, add your name, and pick up your badge holder at the Visitors Center or at the Genealogy Center.

Check VisitFortWayne.com/ShowYourBadge to learn about the great discounts you can enjoy as a visiting genealogy researcher!

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WHAT'S NEAR THE GENEALOGY CENTER

The Genealogy Center is located in the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne, conveniently located near many attractions and restaurants.

Paid parking, including handicap spots, is available in two surface lots, with entrances located off Wayne Street and Webster Street. Additional parking is available in the Allen County Public Library's underground garage, with the entrance located off Wayne Street.

Genealogy Center Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9 am–9 pm

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FIND YOUR STORY: DISCOVERIES

We hope you have a successful research session at the Genealogy Center. To commemorate your visit and help share your findings, use this page to track your discoveries.

TOP THREE DISCOVERIES:

1 What is one of the coolest stories you found at the Genealogy Center?

2 Who is the oldest person you discovered?

3 What is one thing you want to learn more about?

FIND YOUR STORY: DISCOVERIES

MORE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS:

1 Most common profession:

2 Most unusual first names:

3 Person with the most children. How many?

4 Biggest surprise or scandal you discovered?

5 Ancestral place that you'd most like to visit:

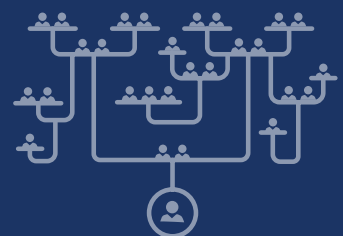
6 Ancestor that shares something interesting with a living relative (Be sure to tell them!):

7 Ancestor that looks the most like a living relative (Be sure to show them!):

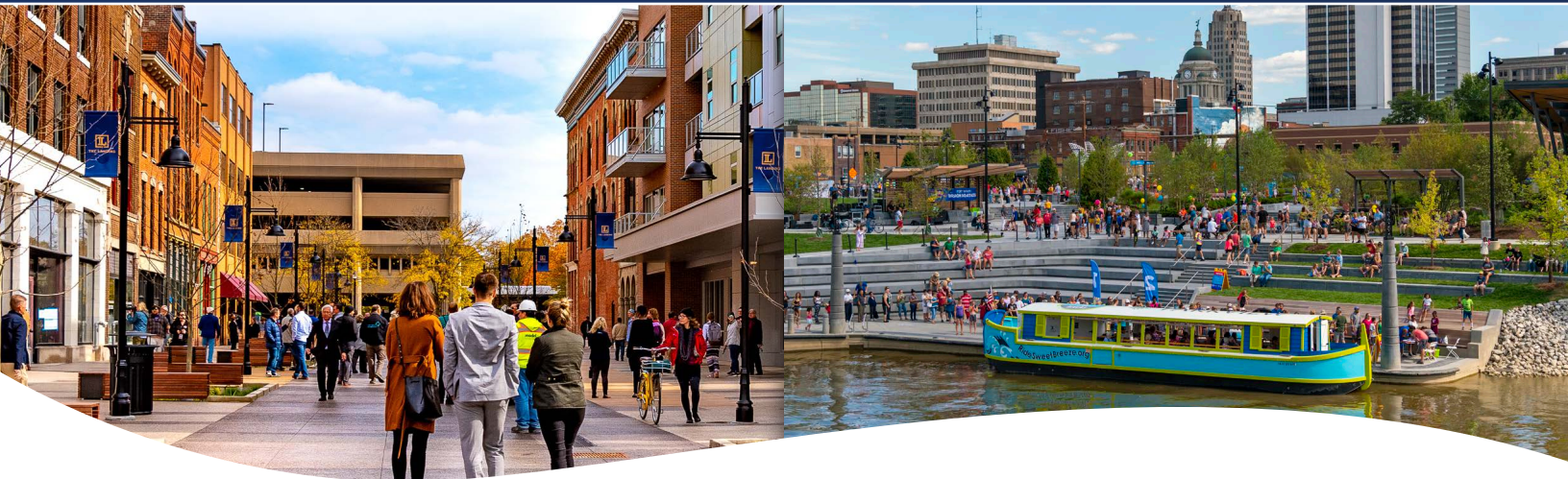


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OVERVIEW

We realize your goal will be to spend most of your time in the Genealogy Center researching your family history, but be sure to save time to enjoy everything else Fort Wayne has to offer, just steps away.

After a day of researching, take the night off at a **TinCaps baseball game** (April through September.) Don't forget to stay for the fireworks that follow most Friday and Saturday games in the summer.

For a little relaxation, we suggest a stroll through the beautiful **Botanical Conservatory** or **Fort Wayne Museum of Art**.

To get outdoors, take a short walk to the Midwest's newest attraction, **Promenade Park**, which features porch swings, a tree canopy trail, an amphitheatre, beer garden, and many other modern amenities.

Looking to catch a show? Fort Wayne's historic **Embassy Theatre**, located in downtown Fort Wayne, features national touring Broadway productions, concerts of all musical formats, cinema, and other fun performances.

You'll definitely need to eat during your visit. Downtown Fort Wayne offers plenty of great dining options. Pull up a chair at the classic **Cindy's Diner** or **Coney Island**, enjoy a meal on the patio at **Tolon** or the **Sidecar**, or grab a quick bite at **816 Pint & Slice** or **The Burger Bar**.

And if it's coffee you're after, stop by **Conjure Coffee** or **Fortezza**, both located in downtown Fort Wayne.

Legend: Red line = Bike Trail

Streets shown: W SUPERIOR ST, SHERMAN ST, WELLS ST, OLD WELLS ST, CASS ST, HARRISON ST, FOURTH ST, E SUPERIOR ST, COLUMBIA ST, PEARL ST, MAIN ST, WEBSTER ST, BERRY ST, WAYNE ST, WASHINGTON BLVD, JEFFERSON BLVD, WILT ST, STURGIS ST, E WING ST, W BAKER ST, McCLELLAN ST, WEBSTER ST, BRACKENRIDGE ST, DOUGLAS ST, CALHOUN ST, CLINTON ST, BARR ST, LAFAYETTE ST, CLAY ST, MADISON ST, LEWIS ST, E BAKER ST.

Landmarks and Points of Interest:

- Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
- Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot
- St. Mary's River
- Headwaters Festival Park
- Science Central
- Lawton Skate Park
- MLK Bridge
- Headwaters Festival Park
- Historic Fort
- Freimann Square
- Arts United Center
- Auer Center Artlink
- Cinema Center Dance Collective
- Citizens Square
- History Center
- Grand Wayne Convention Center
- Firefighters Museum
- First Presbyterian Church
- USF Performing Arts Center
- University of St. Francis
- St. Joseph Hospital
- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception & Diocesan Museum
- United States Post Office
- African/African American Historical Museum

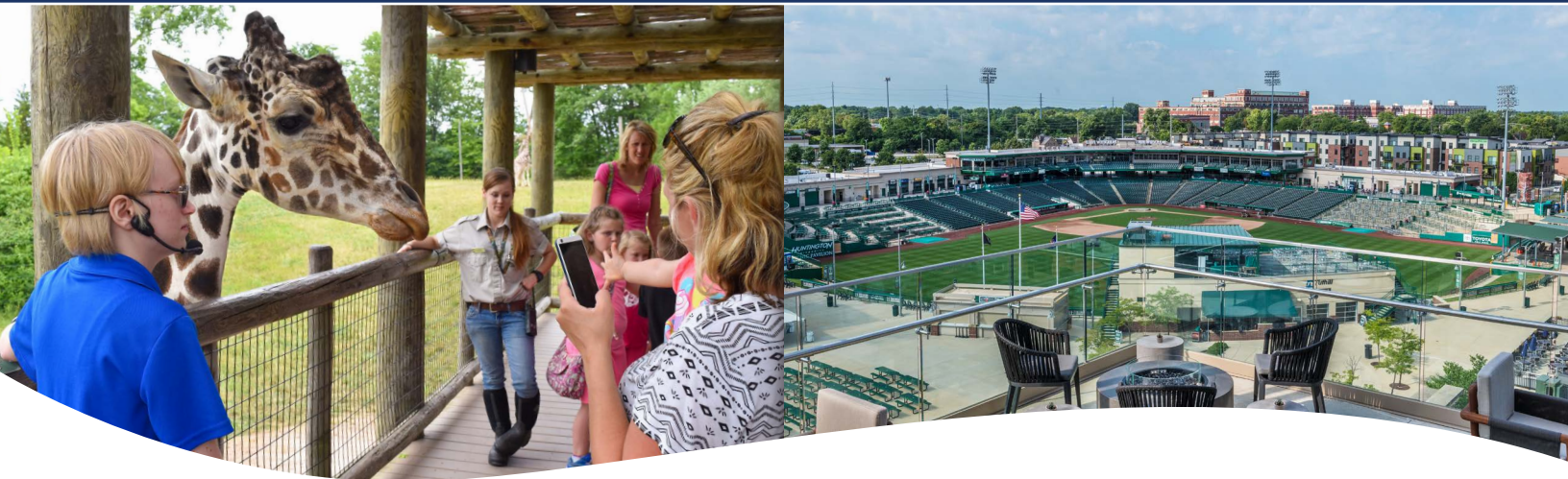
Numbered Blue Circles (1-13) and Red Line Route:

- 1: Near W BAKER ST and E WING ST.
- 2: Near DOUGLAS ST and CLINTON ST.
- 3: Near Freimann Square and Arts United Center.
- 4: Near Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot.
- 5: Near DOUGLAS ST and CLINTON ST.
- 6: Near Community Center and BERRY ST.
- 7: Near The Landing and COLUMBIA ST.
- 8: Near PEARL ST and MAIN ST.
- 9: Near JEFFERSON BLVD and E WING ST.
- 10: Near WAYNE ST and CLINTON ST.
- 11: Near JEFFERSON BLVD and E WING ST.
- 12: Near St. Joseph River and CLAY ST.
- 13: Near Citizens Square and CLINTON ST.

The red line route starts near the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, goes east along the river, then south through the city center, ending near the St. Joseph River.

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| 1. Parkview Field (Tincaps) | 4. Promenade Park | 9. Sidecar |
| 2. Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory | 5. Embassy Theatre | 10. 816 Pint & Slice |
| 3. Fort Wayne Museum of Art | 6. Cindy's Diner | 11. Burger Bar |
| | 7. Coney Island | 12. Conjure Coffee |
| | 8. Tolon | 13. Fortezza |

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SPOUSE ITINERARY

While you're researching in the Genealogy Center, the rest of the family can enjoy Fort Wayne's affordable attractions and activities.

The whole family will love the **Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**, one of the top zoos in the nation. It features 40 acres of animals, rides, hands-on experiences, and beautifully landscaped grounds.

Fort Wayne also has dozens of other great museums and entertainment options, from **Science Central**, where you can test your imagination (and the rules of gravity!) in a hands-on laboratory—to the **Botanical Conservatory**, where families wander through a sea of lush gardens and tranquil waterfalls, and take in exciting new exhibits with every season. Even our **Museum of Art** offers hands-on activities for kids!

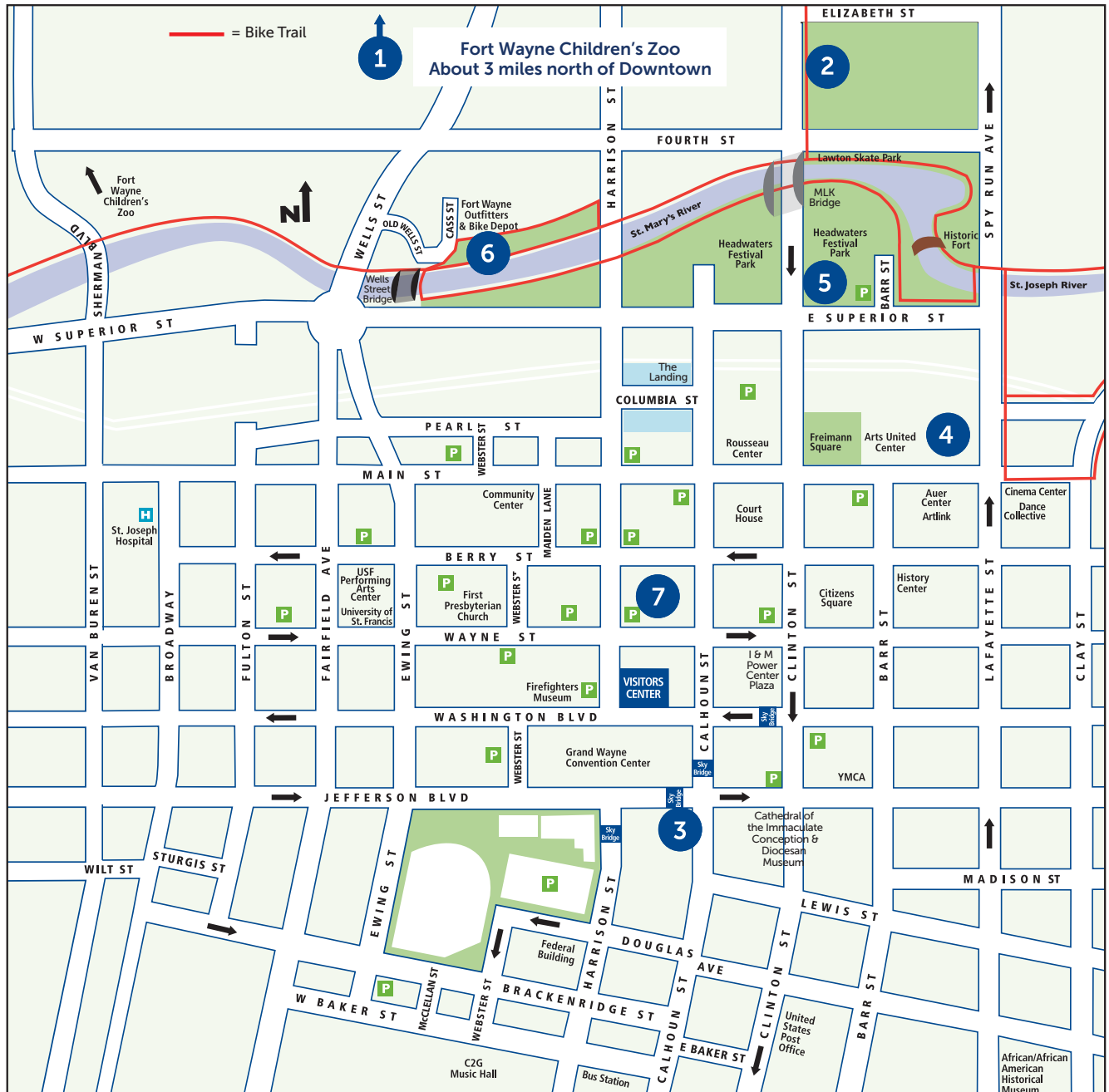
Plan your visit around one of our many summer festivals, which kick off in June with **Arab Fest**, **Germanfest**, and **Greekfest**.

For some extra family fun, a visit to **Promenade Park** is a must. Rent a kayak, explore Fort Wayne's eight miles of riverfront trails, or spend time splashing in the kids' canal.

For a quick break, explore the public art located all around downtown Fort Wayne. Keep a look out for murals covering Fort Wayne alleyways, street corners, and parks!

Fort Wayne is a convenient and affordable destination, perfect for the whole family. Request a visitors guide to start planning your getaway at [VisitFortWayne.com/guide](https://www.visitfortwayne.com/guide).

SPOUSE ITINERARY MAP



1. Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
2. Science Central
3. Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
4. Fort Wayne Museum of Art

5. Headwaters Park
 - Arab Fest
 - Germanfest
 - Greekfest
6. Promenade Park
7. Downtown Alleyway Murals

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ADDITIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Use the resources below to help you plan your itinerary.

HOTEL INFORMATION

www.visitfortwayne.com/hotels

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/events

RESTAURANTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/restaurants

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/restaurants/downtown

ATTRACTIONS

www.visitfortwayne.com/things-to-do/attractions

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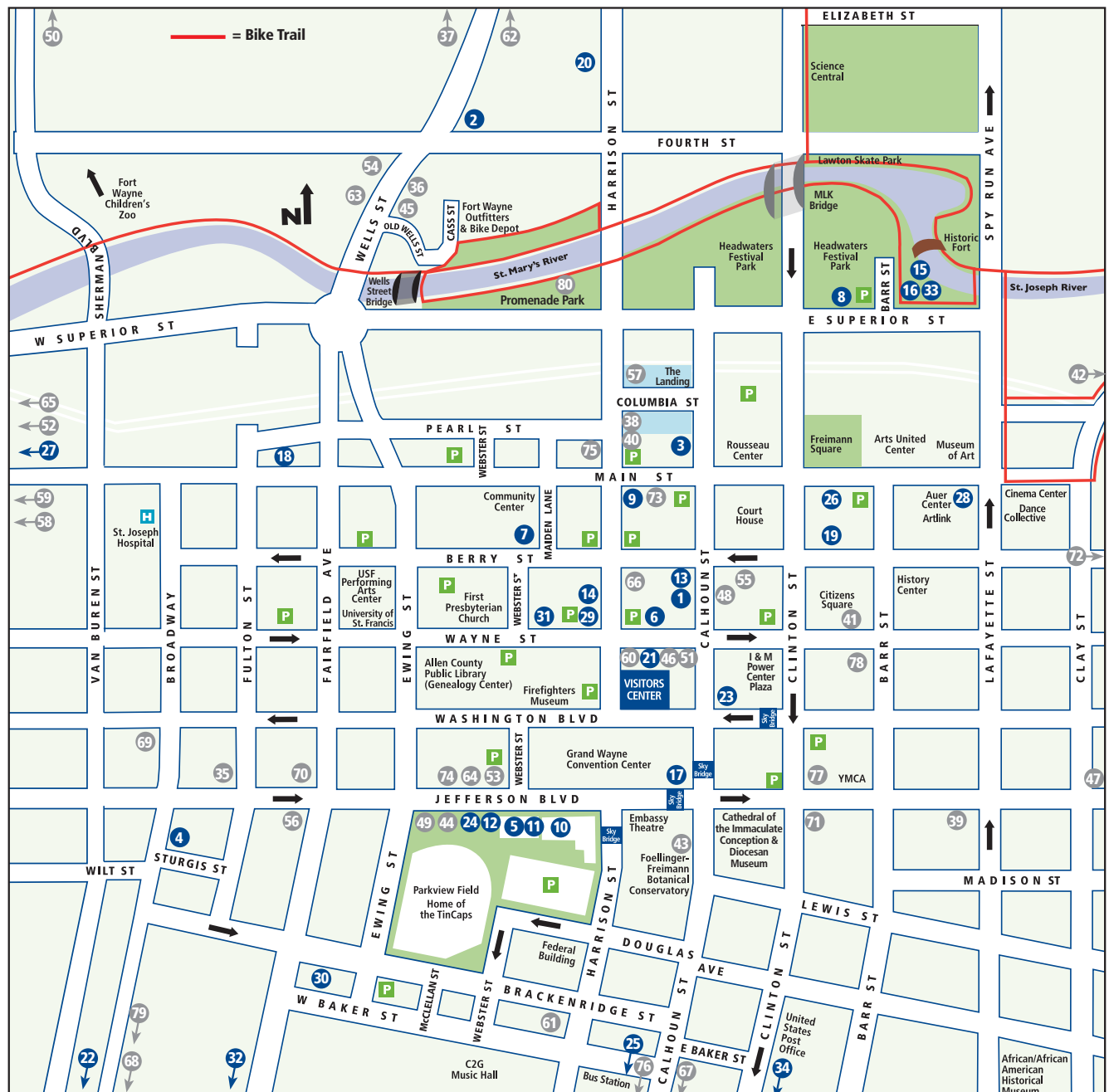
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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

Welcome to Fort Wayne, known as the City of Restaurants for its wide variety of eating establishments. This listing includes restaurants which are within easy walking distance of the Grand Wayne Center and downtown Fort Wayne attractions.

Information was correct at the time of printing. Please call for reservations, hours, and additional information.



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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS, CONTINUED

- 1 816 Pint & Slice**
816 S Calhoun St • (260) 423-6600
 New York style pizza, whole or by the slice. **L D \$**
- 2 Big Eyed Fish**
1502 N Wells St • (260) 420-3474
 Voted "Best Fish in Town." Known for their breaded Alaskan Pollock & HUGE Pork tenderloin. Casual dining, outdoor dining. Daily special. **B L D \$**
- 3 Bistro Nola**
620 S. Calhoun St • (260) 488-6682
 New Americana style cuisine (in a casual, walk-up lunch setting.) Offering soups, salads, & sandwiches (on fresh in-house bread and entrees) made in a scratch kitchen. **B L \$**
- 4 The Brass Rail**
1121 Broadway • (260) 267-5303
 Downtown's spot for live music. Craft beer and cocktails. Live original music many nights. A Fort Wayne original for over 70 years. Open 3pm to 3am 365 days a year. 21 and over. **D \$\$**
- 5 Burger Bar**
223 W. Jefferson Blvd
 Unique and Handcrafted Burgers that are not just delicious but memorable. **L D \$**
- 6 Caliente Cuban Restaurant and Bar**
120 W Wayne St • (260) 471-0900
 Enjoy the classic Cuban sandwich and more! **L D**
- 7 Cindy's Diner**
230 W Berry St • (260) 422-1957
 Authentic 50's Diner. Serving the "WHOLE WORLD" 15 at a time. Breakfast served anytime. **B L \$**
- 8 Club Soda**
235 E Superior St • (260) 426-3442
 Sizzling steaks, cool jazz and commodious cocktails. 21 & over. Closed Sun. **L D \$\$\$\$**
- 9 Coney Island**
131 W Main St • (260) 424-2997
 Family owned since 1914, this local favorite's specialty is the legendary Coney Dog on a steamed bun. M-Th 8am-10pm, F-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 9am-9pm. **B L D \$**
- 10 Conner's Kitchen + Bar**
1150 S Harrison St • (260) 467-1638
 Enjoy elevated Midwest cuisine and a hangout worthy atmosphere at Downtown's newest restaurant. **B L D \$\$**
- 11 Conner's Rooftop**
223 W Jefferson Blvd
 Fort Wayne's only Rooftop Restaurant serving dinner overlooking Parkview Field. **D \$\$**
- 12 Copper Spoon/The Sidecar**
301 W Jefferson Blvd (260) 755-1019
 Enjoy a seasonal menu prepared with sustainable, locally sourced ingredients. Nationally acclaimed bar features about 600 unique spirits & wines. In the summer, try The Sidecar patio Tiki bar. 21 and over. **L D \$\$**
- 13 Dash-In**
814 S Calhoun St • (260) 423-3595
 Coffee drinks, famous grilled cheeses, fresh & creative menu, house made soups. Live music weekend nights and 70+ craft beers. 21 & over. Closed Sun. **B L D \$**
- 14 DeBrand Fine Chocolates**
878 Harrison St • (260) 969-8353
 Stop in to experience some of the world's finest chocolate. M-Th 10am-9pm, Fri- 10am-10:30pm, Sun 12-6pm. **L D \$**
- 15 The Deck**
305 E Superior St • (260) 426-3411
 A favorite spot for outdoor dining. Situated on the bank of the St. Mary's River. Good eats and cold drinks in a setting unlike anywhere else in the city. Open May-Oct. **L D \$\$**
- 16 Don Hall's Old Gas House**
305 E Superior St • (260) 426-3411
 Prime Rib, seafood, steaks and Cajun specialties. **L D \$\$\$**
- 17 Features at the Hilton**
1020 S Calhoun St • (260) 420-1100
 We connect out of town visitors with local regulars, great drinks with great food, and business with pleasure. 6:30am-11pm daily. **B L D \$\$**
- 17 Starbucks at the Hilton**
1020 S Calhoun St • (260) 420-1100
 Just steps from the Embassy Theatre and Botanical Conservatory! **B L D \$**
- 18 Henry's**
536 W Main St • (260) 426-0531
 Specials: Friday Prime Rib, Saturday seafood. Family owned and operated since 1959. Full food service 4 pm 'til midnight. M-Sat 4pm-2am, Sun 4-11pm. 21 & over. **D \$\$**
- 19 The Hoppy Gnome**
203 E Berry St • (260) 422-0070
 Tacos, tortas and salads created in a "scratch" kitchen. **L D \$**
- 20 Hop River Brewing Co.**
1515 N. Harrison St • (260) 739-3931
 Visit this 15-barrel production micro-brewery/taproom in downtown Fort Wayne. This local brewery is all-ages with award-winning beer, long community tables, games, outdoor patio with firepits, from-scratch & seasonal food menu, and community events. Closed Mon. **L D \$**
- 21 J.K. O'Donnell's Irish Ale House**
121 W Wayne St • (260) 420-5563
 A wee bit of Ireland. . . pub fare, unique beers, hard cider and eclectic daily features. Family room open until 7pm. 21 & over. **L D \$**

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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS, CONTINUED

22 Mad Anthony Brewing Co.

2002 Broadway • (260) 426-ALES

Fresh, natural handcrafted ales. Gourmet pizza, pasta, salads & munchies. Family dining. **LD** \$\$\$

23 Nola on 13

101 E Washington Blvd, 13th Floor (260) 422-9734

Enjoy our spectacular view from the 13th Floor (of Downtown's highest building.) Offering the finest in South Louisiana and American Cuisine. (Catering, meeting and special event space.) Open Mon-Fri 7am- 2 pm. **BL** \$

24 O'Reilly's Irish Bar & Restaurant

301 W Jefferson Blvd (260) 267-9679

Irish specialties, grilled hamburgers, pizza, salads, sandwiches, specialty beer. Outdoor ballpark dining and party space. 11am-3am daily. 21 & over. **LD** \$

25 Oyster Bar

1830 S Calhoun St • (260) 744-9490

Landmark since 1888 with a great atmosphere and superb seafood. Closed Sun. **LD** \$\$\$

26 Park Place on Main

200 E Main St • (260) 420-8633

Park Place on Main is in the heart of Downtown Fort Wayne, located across from Freimann Square. Offering fine steaks and seafood, a wide variety of wines, cocktails and 14 craft beers. 21 & over. Closed Sun. **LD** \$\$\$

27 Paula's on Main

1732 Main St • (260) 424-2300

Enjoy lobster, oysters on the half shell, fresh cut steaks, chowder, salads in an eclectic atmosphere. Full bar. Closed Sun. **LD** \$\$\$

28 Pembroke Bakery & Café

300 E Main St in the Auer Center (260) 247-7220

Vegan bakery: artisanal breads, desserts and gluten-free items. Homemade vegan, vegetarian, & carnivore soups, salads & sandwiches. Local & organic ingredients. **BLD** \$

29 Proximo

898 Harrison St • (260) 459-6150

Upscale restaurant specializing in Latin cuisine. **BLD** \$\$\$

30 Rudy's Wine Chocolate and Cigars

409 W Brackenridge • (260) 451-0115

Serving Indiana wines and beers and DeBrand Fine Chocolates. Nonsmoking inside, but smoking on the large rear patio. Open daily. 21 & over. **LD** \$

31 Ruth's Chris Steak House

224 W Wayne St • (260) 444-5898

Famous for sizzlin' steaks and New Orleans inspired menu. Open daily for dinner, Fri lunch. **D** \$\$\$\$

32 Shigs in Pit Barbeque

2008 Fairfield Ave • (260) 387-5903

Traditional Southern barbeque and homemade side salads. **LD** \$

33 Takaoka of Japan

305 E Superior St • (260) 424-3183

Showmen chefs create your meal tableside! **LD** \$\$\$

34 Three Rivers Distilling Co.

224 E Wallace St • (260) 745-9355

Fort Wayne's only distillery, featuring a full restaurant and cocktail bar. Spirits made from Indiana organic, non-GMO grain and distilled on-site. Choose from the finest whiskeys, vodka, gin, and coffee liqueur. Saturday and Sunday Brunch. **D** \$

35 Arby's **BLD** \$

36 Big Apple Pizza **LD** \$

37 Bird + Cleaver **D** \$\$ Closed Mon

38 Bourbon Street Hideaway **D** \$\$

39 Burger King **BLD** \$

40 Columbia Street West **D** \$

41 Comfort Food Café **BL** \$
Closed weekends

42 Conjure Coffee \$ Closed Sun

43 Conjure Coffee \$ Closed Mon

44 Domino's Pizza **LD** \$\$\$

45 Don Chavas Mexican Grill **LD** \$\$\$
Closed Sun

46 Double Dragon **LD** \$

47 El Salvador **LD** \$

48 Fortezza Coffee **BLD** \$
Closed Sunday

49 Freshii **LD** \$\$ Closed Sun

50 Green Frog Inn **L** \$

51 Jimmy Johns **LD** \$

52 Junk Ditch Brewing Company \$ \$
Closed Tues

53 King Gyros **LD** \$

54 Klemm's Kafe **BL** \$ Closed Sun

55 Lincoln Tower Soda Fountain **BL** \$
Closed weekends

56 McDonald's **BLD** \$

57 Nawa **LD** \$

58 O'Sullivan's **LD** \$

59 Pedal City Beer Garden **D** \$

60 Poptique Closed Sun, Mon

61 Powers Hamburgers **LD** \$
Closed Sun

62 Pupuseria El Rinconcito **BLD** \$

63 Purple Mountain Cheesecake **LD** \$

64 Rally's **LD** \$

65 Redwood Inn **LD** \$

Closed Sun, Mon

66 Revitalize Health Bar **BL** \$
Closed weekends

67 Saigon **BLD** \$ Closed Wed

68 Salsa Grille at George's International Grocery **LD** \$

69 Sassie Cakes **L** \$

70 Starbucks **BLD** \$

71 Subway **BLD** \$

72 Summit City Brewwerks **D** \$ \$
Closed Sunday

73 Sweets on Main **D** \$

74 Taco Bell **LD** \$

75 Tolon **LD** \$\$\$\$

76 Welch's Ale House **LD** \$ \$
Closed Sunday

77 Wendy's **LD** \$

78 Zinnia's Bakehouse **BL** \$

79 Trubble Brewing **LD** \$

80 Trubble Riverside **LD** \$

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