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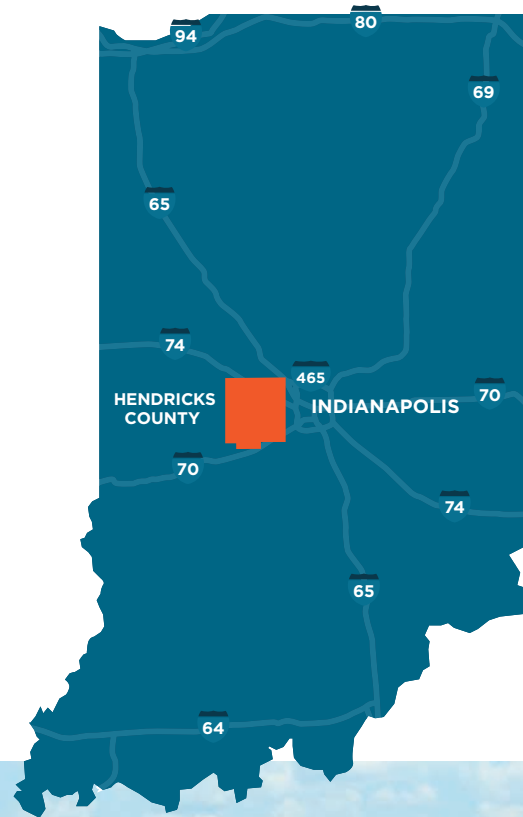
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About the Art

On the cover and throughout the guide, you'll see pieces by Justin Patten, a local artist with a distinctive style and an interesting backstory.

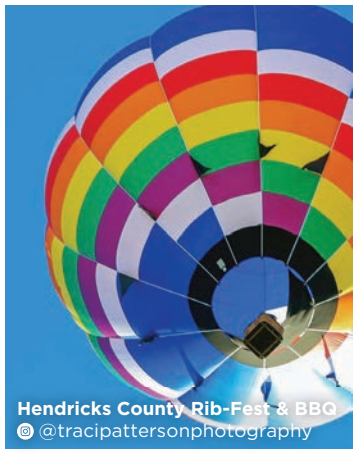
Justin and his wife Rachel are the dynamic duo behind *Storm Striker Art by Justin Patten LLC*, their prolific locally based sports art company. Justin is the artist that creates the paintings and designs, and Rachel is the everything else, managing their family business. Together with sons, Lyle and Troy, the Pattens try to bring joy to sports fans and alumni everywhere through Justin's art. Pieces can be purchased through the etsy shop, or through stormstriker.com

In his work, Justin uses bold, energetic lines to invoke the excitement of the last moments of a sporting event.

Visit Hendricks County asked Justin and the Storm Striker team to contribute some of his unique, energetic art to our new guide. The results were even better than we'd hoped!



Clayton, IN
© @aolearymarc40



Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ
© @tracipattersonphotography



Beasley's Orchard
© @grace.alleexx

Best-Kept Secrets



OINKING ACRES FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY

Oinking Acres was born when a teenager made it her mission to debunk negative stigma surrounding potbellied pigs. The animal rescue provides a haven and potential forever homes for just about any farm animal.

Make an appointment and see how much good can come from one person's passion.



THE TIE DYE LAB

Both fun and therapeutic! Pick out a shirt, towel, hat or other item, then choose a few colors and a pattern. The friendly, helpful staff will guide you through every step of the process to make an amazing tie-dye creation. The best part is the reveal at the end. The second-best? They clean up the mess for you.

RED CURB IMPROV COMEDY THEATRE

If you love comedy, this is the place for you. Only available on the weekends, their improvised shows are interactive and fun. You and your friends will laugh until you're crying ...then laugh some more.



MCCLLOUD NATURE PARK

This 232-acre property boasts a historic truss bridge, a huge boardwalk and observation deck overlooking a wetland habitat, 6.5 miles of trails, Big Walnut Creek, a live honey bee habitat, a Nature Center and more ...all free to explore.



RUSTED SILO SOUTHERN BBQ & BREWHOUSE

Simply put, this restaurant is where carnivores die and go to heaven. The owner and former Disney chef is an absolute guru at barbecuing ribs, chicken, brisket and more and pairing them with southern favorites.

It's even been ranked as best BBQ in the Indy region four years running by the *Indianapolis Star*.



AVON GARDENS

Enjoy this oasis of natural beauty spread over 5 acres. Visitors can purchase trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, or simply enjoy the gorgeous display gardens to spark inspiration or dazzle their eyes. The display gardens also have become popular for weddings and other gatherings.



BREAD BASKET CAFE & BAKERY

This family-run cafe and bakery is nestled in a historic bungalow and features tasty cuisine crafted in-house with locally grown produce. You'll marvel at the variety of handcrafted breads, pies, cakes and more as you enjoy a full breakfast and lunch menu.



PERILLO'S PIZZERIA

This small-town favorite has perfected authentic Italian dishes prepared by the owner and head chef, who hails from Palermo, Italy. Try their delicious pizza, massive calzones or other made-fresh-daily fare while enjoying a great dining atmosphere—both indoor and out on their patio.

PRESS PLAY GAMING LOUNGE

Play like the locals in this expansive indoor facility providing fun physical activity for every member of the family. Press Play offers multiple virtual reality booths, family pods, a 3-point basketball challenge, foam wars, a sports bar, party rooms and more.



WHO NORTH AMERICA

If you are a fan of the iconic British Sci-Fi TV show, *Doctor Who*, this is the best kept of all secrets in Central Indiana. This bucket-list destination boasts the only existing Doctor Who retail store and museum in North America.



What'll we do in Hendricks County?



I WANT TO DO SOMETHING

INSIDE

Kid's Planet
Press Play Gaming Lounge
Sky Zone Trampoline Park

OUTSIDE

Beasley's Orchard
Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park
Natural Valley Ranch
Splash Island Family Water Park



I FEEL LIKE SHOPPING



I WANT TO BROWSE

Downtown Danville Shops
Ella Mae's Boutique
Gilley's Antique & Decorator Mall
The Shops at Perry Crossing



I WANT TO CREATE

Board and Brush
Hot Blown Glass
The Tie Dye Lab
uPaint Pottery Studio



I'M HUNGRY

GOING OUT WITH FRIENDS

Boulder Creek Dining Company
Brew Link Brewing Company
Charbonos
Rush Off Main
Rusted Silo Southern BBQ & Brewhouse



KID-FRIENDLY

Hirosaki Japanese Steakhouse
Mayberry Cafe
Oasis Diner
Rock Star Pizza



SURPRISE ME!

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING?

Brightly Art Studio
Central Indiana Enchanted Fairy Trail
Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ
Montrose Farms Alpaca Ranch
Who North America

I WANT TO BE ENTERTAINED



HOW ABOUT A SHOW?

Red Curb Improv Comedy Theatre
Royal Theater

LOOKING FOR SPORTS?

Indiana Lyons basketball game
Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park



Events



HENDRICKS COUNTY RIB-FEST & BBQ | Art by Justin Patten

There's always something new to do in Hendricks County!
Our festivals and events will keep you busy all year long.

HENDRICKS COUNTY RIB-FEST & BBQ

LAST SATURDAY IN JUNE • HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, DANVILLE

One of the best events of the summer in Central Indiana occurs the last Saturday in June, when the Hendricks County Rib-Fest & BBQ takes over the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The event features music, not-for-profit vendor booths and lots of delicious food and drink. After dark comes a festive illumination of hot air balloons and fireworks.

The fun kicks off with the Rib-Run 5k in the morning and ends with fireworks in the evening. Don't forget to bring your blankets and chairs!



HEARTLAND APPLE FESTIVAL FIRST TWO WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER

BEASLEY'S ORCHARD, DANVILLE

The Heartland Apple Festival, one of the most popular fall festivals in Central Indiana, spans two weekends in October every year.

Attractions include live music, the Barnyard Bonanza family fun area, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, a fun (and challenging!) corn maze, apple cannons, wine tastings featuring Indiana wineries, a wide array of delicious food and high-quality arts and crafts vendors!



CENTRAL INDIANA FAIRY FESTIVAL MAY 20-21 • BEASLEY'S ORCHARD, DANVILLE

Spend a weekend in the legendary fantasy realm at this magical two-day immersive experience. With four stages of music, entertainment and more featuring fairies, fantastical games, and activities for all ages. See a live unicorn, mermaids and shop at 50 unique vendors.

Ready for even more magic? The Central Indiana Fairy Trail has numerous location stops in Hendricks County. The trail allows families to explore new locations of enchanted fairy bliss throughout the year. Each location is adorned in all things tiny and fairylike, and is adored by the many people who have visited.



MAPLE SYRUP DAYS FIRST TWO SATURDAYS IN MARCH MCCLLOUD NATURE PARK, NORTH SALEM

Ever wondered how maple syrup makes it from tree to table to tummy? At this event, held annually during the first two Saturdays in March, you'll see the entire process, from sap collection to pancake partnership; you can even tap a tree yourself! You can also learn how to identify trees in the winter and how Native Americans first made maple syrup.

100% pure McCloud Maple Syrup will be available to purchase, with all proceeds benefiting Hendricks County Parks.



HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR JULY 16-22 • HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, DANVILLE

Boasting one of the best fairground facilities in Central Indiana, the Hendricks County 4-H Fair provides everything you expect and more from a county fair.

Free shows, amazing fair food, farm animals on display, carnival rides and top-notch entertainment including the annual demolition derby make it a summer tradition that shouldn't be missed.



NORTH SALEM OLD FASHION DAYS LABOR DAY WEEKEND • DOWNTOWN NORTH SALEM

North Salem Old Fashion Days will bring back all its old traditions—and introduce a few new ones—on a weekend full of food, fun and lively entertainment.

A smorgasbord breakfast kicks off the festival at 7 a.m. on Saturday at the United Methodist Church on Main Street. At 11 a.m., don't miss the Old Fashion Days Parade, the largest parade in Hendricks County. Bring a sack for the kiddos, because candy will be plentiful! Come early though, as parking tends to fill up fast.

With parades, a car show, truck pull, live entertainment, a pie contest and more, this festival has something for everyone.



Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES TSPORT 200 & THE ARCA MENARDS SERIES AUGUST 11

Continuing a tradition which dates back to 1982, NASCAR is returning to Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will race under the lights as future stars of stock car racing compete on the historic paved oval.

DODGE POWER BROKERS NHRA U.S. NATIONALS THURSDAY-MONDAY OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Like your car races short, fast and LOUD? Since 1961, Brownsburg has hosted the granddaddy of them all.

The largest and most prestigious event in drag racing draws professional and sport racers from across North America. It's the final race of the NHRA's regular season and sets the 10-driver field in each class for the six-race Countdown to the Championship.

HENDRICKS COUNTY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER TALON STREAM PARK, PLAINFIELD

Sample various cuisines from across the globe, watch live demonstrations and dancing and learn about other cultures during the annual International Festival, held each October in Hendricks County.



GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, PLAINFIELD

Find something for everyone on your list at this popular juried event featuring more than 130 talented artists and craftspeople from across the country.

Presented annually by Plainfield Tri Kappa.





Top Things to Do

by Season



The Tie Dye Lab
@thetiedyelab

SPRING

Now that it's getting warmer, here are a few things to get you out and moving.

Natural Valley Ranch

- ☐ Explore scenic woods on horseback.

Avon Gardens

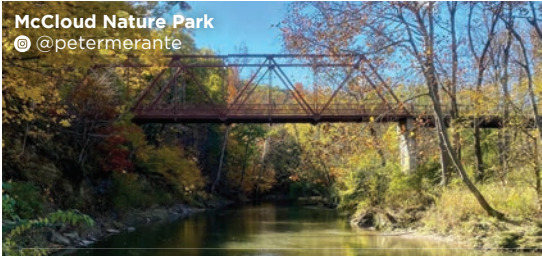
- ☐ Take a relaxing walk through this hidden oasis and get inspired for your home garden.

The Tie Dye Lab

- ☐ Design a colorful T-shirt, towel or other piece of apparel, and let them take care of the mess!



Splash Island Family Waterpark



McCloud Nature Park
@petermerante



Hogan Farms
@lethallisah

SUMMER

Summertime is Prime Time for enjoying the many charms of Hendricks County. Beat the heat—or turn it up—with these can't-miss faves.

Splash Island Family Water Park

- ☐ This 4.3 acre tropical-themed water park is just what the doctor ordered for a sweltering summer day.

Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park

- ☐ The home of drag racing's top contest has numerous events all through the summer to satisfy your family's Need for Speed.

B&O Trail

- ☐ This former railroad turned paved trail extends for 16 miles through Hendricks County. Bike, walk, or hike your way through the summer.

FALL

In Indiana, there's only one season more fun than summer. Harvest a smorgasbord of sights, sounds, tastes and sensations in the best season of the Hoosier calendar!

Beasley's Orchard

- ☐ Shoot an apple cannon, play on the giant jumping pillow, then finish it off with a cider slushie.

Hogan Farms

- ☐ Pick the perfect pumpkin and try not to get lost in the corn maze.

McCloud Nature Park

- ☐ Take in the fall colors while hiking on miles of nature trails.

WINTER

Just because the temperature's down doesn't mean you need to hibernate! Throw on a coat and check out these fun activities.

Press Play Indoor Gaming Lounge

- ☐ Strap on a VR headset or go head-to-head in a foam war.

Red Curb Improv Comedy Theatre

- ☐ Never the same show twice, this improv show will have you laughing until your sides hurt.

The Shops at Perry Crossing

- ☐ This large outdoor mall features plenty of options to help you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, or just for yourself.



Red Curb Improv Comedy Theatre
@redcurbcomedy

Things to Do



Check out everything Hendricks County has to offer!

Are you in the mood to play a game? How about watch a comedy show? Golf? Want to visit some alpacas for something totally different?



Plan the perfect trip

Visit our site by scanning this QR code to find trip itineraries.



Dogs are welcome too!

Scan here to find trails, activities, and even restaurants that are pet-friendly.





Splash Island Family Waterpark



Beasley's Orchard
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Press Play Gaming



Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park
© @sz_plainfield



Indiana Lyons
© @indianalyons



Oinking Acres Farm Rescue & Sanctuary
© @oinkingacresfarm

Family Fun

Beasley's Orchard 🏡

DANVILLE • Beasleys-Orchard.com
Voted a top Indiana destination, this family-owned working orchard features a local market, a family play area and many more activities and events through the summer and fall.

Brownsburg Bowl

BROWNSBURG • BowlWest.net
Featuring 28 lanes, this bowling alley offers a snack bar, pool tables, arcade and The Dog House bar.

Central Indiana Enchanted Fairy Trail

COUNTY-WIDE • CentralInFairy.org
Explore this unique trail with fairy stops that include fairy houses and habitats at businesses and organizations in Hendricks County and western Indianapolis.

Hogan Farms 🏡

BROWNSBURG • BrownsburgCornMaze.com
This family-owned farm includes a large corn maze, pumpkin patch and more in October only.

Indiana Lyons ❤️

DANVILLE • IndianaLyons.com
Part of the American Basketball Association (ABA), this minor league basketball team, with home games at Bosstick Gym, plays its season November through March against other regional and Midwest teams.

Kid's Planet

BROWNSBURG • KidsPlanetFun.com
This child's playland features a giant, four-story play structure featuring slides, a foam pit, tunnels, ball shooters and more for ages 2-14.

Montrose Farms Alpaca Ranch

BROWNSBURG • MontroseFarms.com
This local alpaca farm offers tours allowing visitors to meet and learn more about these wonderful animals. Reservations required, or visit during one of the farm's annual events.

Murphy Aquatic Park

AVON • WashingtonTwpParks.org/Murphy-Park
Boasting Central Indiana's only wave pool and a water playground that is completely ADA accessible. Murphy Aquatic Park in Avon is an all-inclusive summer destination.

Natural Valley Ranch

BROWNSBURG • HendricksCountyTrailRides.com
A full-service equine and public trail riding facility on 50 acres of trails along White Lick Creek. Hour-long and 90-minute rides available. Reservations required.

Oinking Acres Farm Rescue & Sanctuary

BROWNSBURG • OinkingAcres.org
Started as a passion project by a then-high school student and her mom, this regional rescue center for farm animals, particularly potbellied pigs, has become so much more. Reservations required.

Press Play Gaming ❤️

BROWNSBURG • PressPlayLounge.com
This indoor family fun center offers virtual reality, foam wars, a 3-point challenge and many other activities.

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park

PLAINFIELD • SkyZone.com/Plainfield
Play on a sea of trampolines, angled so you can bounce off the walls. Also includes a 3-D Play Experience with open jump.

Splash Island Family Water Park

PLAINFIELD • SplashIslandPlainfield.com
Indoor park open year-round and outdoor park open May-September.

The Virtual Galaxy

AVON • TheVirtualGalaxy.com
Immerse yourself into a computer-generated experience that takes you anywhere and allows you to do anything. This virtual reality cafe boasts nearly 100 games and experiences.

XGolf

PLAINFIELD • PlayXGolf.com/Locations/Plainfield/
This indoor golf experience is billed as one of the most accurate golf simulators. It allows visitors to experience the best golf courses in the world.

Xtreme Laser Tag

AVON • XtremeAvon.com
4,000 square feet of multi-level fun and arcade games.



Twin Bridges Golf Club

DANVILLE • TwinBridgesGolfClub.com

West Chase Golf Course

BROWNSBURG • West-ChaseGolf.com

Prestwick Country Club

AVON • PrestwickGolf.net

Quail Creek Golf Course

PITTSBORO • QuailCreekGC.com

Golf Courses

Deer Creek Golf Club

CLAYTON • DeerCreekGolfClub.com

Oak Tree Golf Course

PLAINFIELD • OakTreeGolf.net

Pittsboro Golf Course

PITTSBORO • PittsboroGolfCourse.com

Do-It-Yourself Studios

Board and Brush

BROWNSBURG • BoardAndBrush.com/Brownsburg
This DIY shop in Brownsburg allows visitors of all abilities to build their own wood signs through guided instruction in a relaxed environment. Board and Brush provides the perfect setting for a girls night out, corporate retreat or any other group outing.

Brightly Art Studio

BROWNSBURG • BrightlyArtStudio.com
Known for letting you use your imagination to create your own unique works of art, this studio offers classes and workshops for both kids and adults.

Hot Blown Glass

CLAYTON • HotBlownGlass.com
Glass artist Lisa Pelo, an Indiana Artisan, creates beautiful works of art using glass that's heated to 2,250 degrees, with creations to view and/or purchase.

Sally's Ceramics

PITTSBORO
A fired-art studio offering multi-level classes in clay and glass. Artist Sally Suiter will help you "get muddy" in clay or create your own custom glass or wire jewelry.

The Tie Dye Lab

AVON • TheTieDyeLab.com
Offering a fun, all-inclusive, do-it-yourself experience for individuals or groups, The Tie Dye Lab helps participants color T-shirts, hats, socks, bandanas and other attire.

uPaint Pottery Studio

PLAINFIELD • uPaintPotteryStudio.com
A paint-your-own pottery and glass-fusing art studio.

Museums & Theaters

Hendricks County Historical Museum

DANVILLE • HendricksCountyMuseum.org
Once the sheriff's home and Hendricks County Jail, the museum features rotating exhibits with rooms decorated in different time periods. Open March-December, every Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Longstreet Playhouse

DANVILLE • HendricksCivic.com
Home of the Hendricks Civic Theater, with theatrical and musical performances year-round.

Red Curb Improv Comedy Theatre

AVON • RedCurbComedy.com
Serving up Chicago-style improv comedy every Saturday night, Red Curb seats around 70, providing the perfect intimate venue for an evening of interactive entertainment.

The Royal Theater

DANVILLE • DanvilleRoyalTheater.com
Built in 1927, the theater hosts movies and live performances. Food and drinks are available.

Who North America

CAMBY • WHOna.com
The only North American retailer solely dedicated to the hit British television show *Doctor Who*. Includes nearly 5,000 square feet of retail and museum space and thousands of retail items.



Natural Valley Ranch
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Brightly Art Studio
© @brightlyartstudio



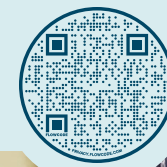
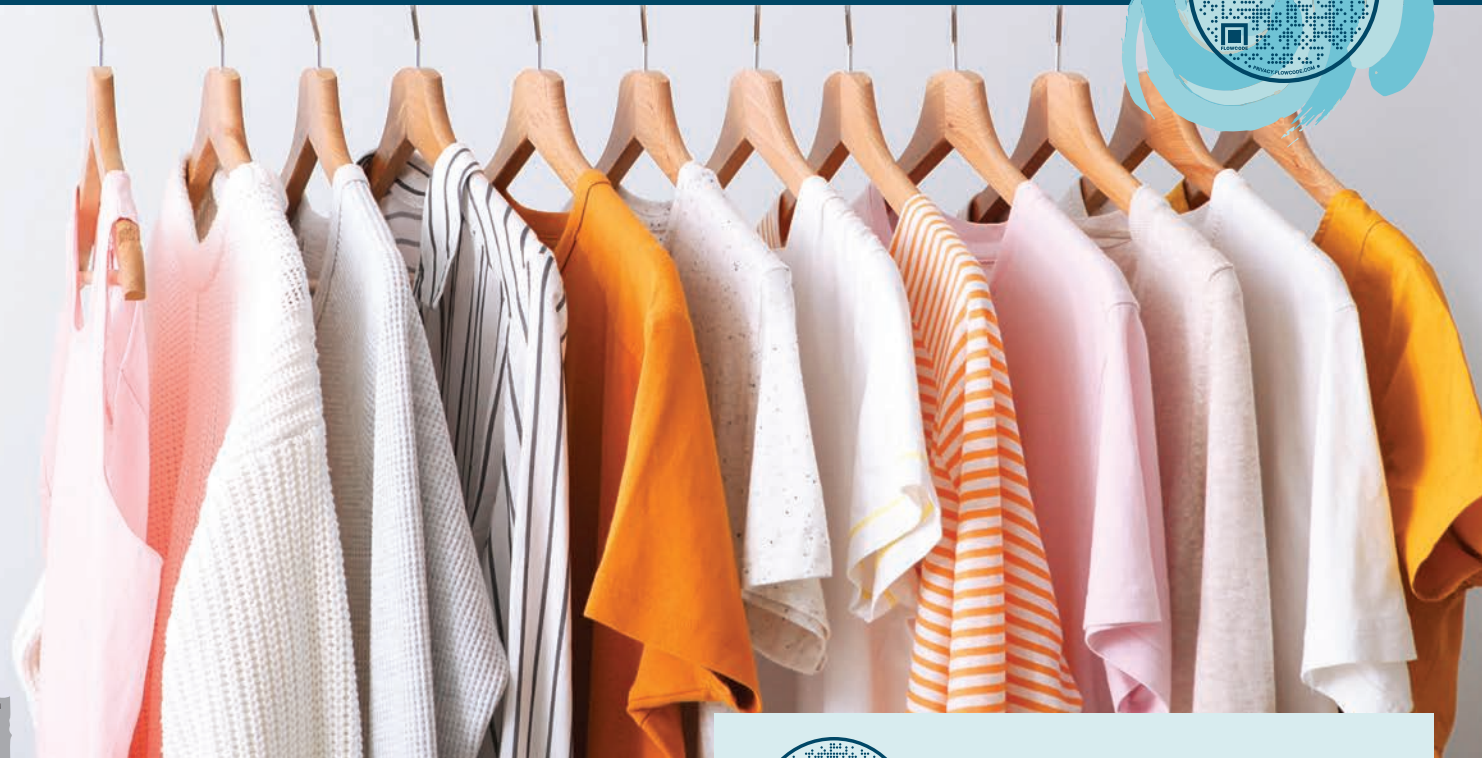
Oak Tree Golf Course
© @hoosierdan812

Shopping



THE SHOPS AT PERRY CROSSING | Art by Justin Patten

Let's take some of the guesswork out so you can get to the task at hand: shopping!



Check out the quaint and thriving local businesses in Danville.



Younique Culture
@younique_culture

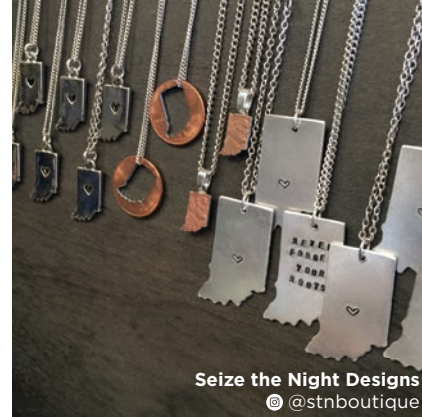


Discover Yelp's Best Shopping in Hendricks County.

"Younique Culture is a hidden gem in Plainfield! I stopped in for the first time this weekend and I already have an obsession."
- Yelp review from Sarah S., Raleigh, NC



Seize the Night Designs



Antiques, Consignments & Vintage

Copper Top Customs

CLAYTON • CopperTopCustoms.com

This consignment store in Clayton sells home decor items, handmade signs, repurposed upscale furniture, local folk crafts, primitives, jewelry, clothing, antiques, local artwork and so much more.

Forget-Me-Nots

DANVILLE

This one-of-a-kind specialty store just off the historic Hendricks County Courthouse Square specializes in custom farm tables and home accessories made from repurposed Hendricks County barn wood.

Garden Gate Gift & Flower Shop

NORTH SALEM • GardenGateFlowersIN.com

Offering distinctive gifts and collectibles, including floral designs.

Gilley's Antique & Decorator Mall

PLAINFIELD • GilleysAntiqueMall.com

Antique and craft mall with over 200 dealer spaces in a 35,000-square-foot facility. Find antiques, local crafts, home décor and more.

Gizmo's Galleria

BROWNSBURG

Traderbucks.com/Gizmos-Galleria-Brownsburg

Upscale craft mall offering everything from antiques to handmade items.

Kids Go Round

PLAINFIELD • KidsGoRound.net

This large children's resale shop features everything a family might want or need at reduced prices including clothing, strollers, toys and a myriad of other children's accessories.

Outta the Shed

PLAINFIELD

From antiques to primitive home décor, this shop tries to focus on offering useful items that truly are affordable. You never know what you might find on a visit.

Roots to Wings Barn Market

BROWNSBURG • RootsToWingsBarnMarket.com

Featuring an eclectic mix of handcrafted items including repurposed furniture and decorator pieces made by various local artists, this warehouse/showroom provides a different experience every time.

Simply Chic

PLAINFIELD • SimplyChicResale.com

Buy or sell merchandise at this women's resale shop. Simply Chic boasts all the top brands and latest fashions at affordable prices including clothing, coats, designer handbags, shoes, boots, jewelry and more.

Boutiques

Ella Mae's Boutique

BROWNSBURG • EllaMaes.com

This trendy boutique sells clothing and accessories that are in-style, affordable and flattering on everyone from high school students to the mothers of high school students.

Ivry Lane Gown & Tuxedo

BROWNSBURG • IvryLane.com

This spin-off from Ella Mae's Boutique carries a great selection of bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, mother-of-the-bride dresses, prom gowns, cocktail dresses, tuxedos, suits, shoes, accessories, gifts and more.

Michele's Boutique and Gifts

BROWNSBURG • MichelesBoutiqueGifts.com

This specialty shop features a wide array of fashionable apparel, fine jewelry, accessories and more.

Style Threads Resale & Boutique

AVON

Shop for trendy but affordable women's clothes and accessories, including both new and resale items.

Sugarbabes Boutique

PITTSBORO • SugarbabesBoutique.net

Living by the motto, "A Sassy Kind of Classy," Sugarbabes carries a variety of the latest styles for both women and girls.

Younique Culture

PLAINFIELD • YouniqueCulture.com

Nominated as one of the Best Overall Boutiques in Indiana by *Boutiques Daily*, this locally owned shop carries both men's and women's clothing and a variety of accessories featuring the latest fashions and trends, all at affordable prices.

Garden Centers & Markets

Bear's Lawn Care & Garden Center

LIZTON • BearsLawn.com

This garden center carries everything needed to improve your home and yard including plants, vegetables, home décor, decorator pieces and more.

Belleville Farm Market

CLAYTON

In business since 1952, this seasonal market offers fresh flowers, produce, seed plants, candies and more. A true treasure in Hendricks County.

Country Harmony

BROWNSBURG

CountryHarmonyHomeandGarden.com

This garden center features a variety of items to help beautify the inside and outside of any home, including gardening and landscaping accessories and supplies, plants, home décor and much more.

Cox's Plant Farm

CLAYTON • CossPlantFarm.com

This large greenhouse, nursery and garden center offers everything from seeds and plants to patio furniture and lawn décor.

Evans Whispering Pines

DANVILLE • EvansWhisperingPines.com

Seasonal Christmas tree farm with handmade wreaths and a Christmas gift shop.

McCammon's Irish Market

BROWNSBURG • McCammonsIrishMarket.com

Providing an amazing selection of hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs and everything you need to plant and grow them, McCammon's is a one-stop shop. They also offer complete landscaping services if you want to leave it to the professionals.

Are you poking around for that perfect antique or wanting the latest design?

Meander through 37,000 square feet of always-changing inventory at Gilley's Antique & Decorator Mall or the well-known brands at The Shops at Perry Crossing.

Do you love strolling in and out of small shops?

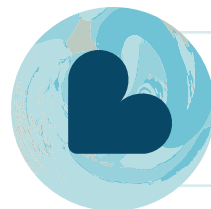
Then you're going to love our downtown shopping districts in Danville, Plainfield and Brownsburg. And save room for eating, too.

Looking for that perfect piece of jewelry?

So many options! Seize the Night Designs specializes in making jewelry from vintage items, while Earth Wear offers hand-crafted jewelry and rocks and Style Threads Resale & Boutique resells great pieces.

Love to support locally owned boutiques?

It brings you a great look, too! Find your style at places like Sugarbabes Boutique, Style Threads Resale & Boutique or Ella Mae's Boutique.



Listings with a heart icon ♥ are black-owned businesses. As Hendricks County, Indiana grows, it becomes more diverse. Small businesses open and flourish here on a regular basis. To find more information, please visit our site VisitHendricksCounty.com/Black-Owned-Businesses





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Style Threads Boutique
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The Hayloft
© @thehayloftbrownsburg



MRC Wood Products
© @mrcwoodproducts



Seek and Find Furniture and Home Décor
© @cordial_greetings

Specialty Shops

Arcane Coffee Company

DANVILLE • ArcaneCoffeeCompany.com
This quaint coffee roastery is known for its single-origin, locally roasted whole bean and cold brew coffee selections.

Brie & Bartlett

BROWNSBURG • BrieAndBartlett.com/Contact
Brie and Bartlett provides the perfect spot for all of your charcuterie needs. They can fulfill any requests for pre-made lunches or catering. They recently added a partner. Sweet Minis Cakes & Bakes, which specializes in mini desserts, now shares space in their Brownsburg store and offers desserts in store or ordered and picked up.

Brownsburg Community Gaming

BROWNSBURG • BulldogCommunityGaming.com
Bulldog Community Gaming offers a social setting for gamers to enjoy playing card games. They carry items for Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, YugiOh, Digimon, Sol Fusion and Dungeons & Dragons.

Earth Wear 🐾

PLAINFIELD
A locally owned jewelry and rock shop that offers highly durable and easily wearable handcrafted jewelry.

Flours de Beausoleil

COATESVILLE • CoatesvilleBlooms.com
Family-owned, full-service florist and gift shop, specializing in custom fresh florals and silks.

The Fudge Kettle

AVON • TheFudgeKettle.com
The headliner for this local sweet shop is its signature cream & butter fudge. Made from a long-time family recipe in a steam kettle, the flavors change regularly. This store also specializes in hard-to-find candies from decades ago, chocolates, gummies and much more.

Gallery on the Square

DANVILLE • IndianaArtGallery.com
Hendricks County's first collective art gallery featuring original art: watercolors, oils, pottery, jewelry, wood creations and more.

Gearheads

BROWNSBURG • GearheadsIndy.com
Diecast collectibles including Minichamps, AutoArt, Carousel 1, GMP, Greenlight and Motorsports Authentics. Located next door to Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

IndyWest Harley-Davidson

PLAINFIELD • IndyWestHD.com
New and used Harley-Davidson motorcycles, parts and accessories and service center.

Marsha's Specialty Desserts & Tierney's Catering ♥

AVON • MarshasSpecialtyDesserts.com
A wedding and event favorite, this store can meet any and all catering and dessert needs.

Paw Street Bakery 🐾

PLAINFIELD • PawStreetBakerys.com
At Paw Street, you can find handmade treats by the pound, gourmet treats, grain-free treats, birthday cakes, frozen yogurt and even a few wearables for your furry friends.

Pop-A-Kernel Gourmet Popcorn ♥

BROWNSBURG • PLAINFIELD • PopAKernel.org
This hometown favorite specializes in quality gourmet popcorn with numerous flavors, including Chi-Town Mix, Chocolate Caramel, Rajun Cajun and Ebony & Ivory.

The Rustic Attic by Angie

PLAINFIELD • TheRusticAtticByAngie.com
The Rustic Attic by Angie, located in The Shops at Perry Crossing outdoor mall in Plainfield carries women's clothing sizes small-3x, shoes, accessories and much more.

Schakolad Chocolate Factory

PLAINFIELD • SchakoladPlainfield.com
Nestled in The Shops at Perry Crossing, the Schakolad Chocolate Factory provides the perfect stop for fudge, candy, ice cream or hot chocolate while shopping or simply to take home and enjoy later.

Seize the Night Designs

DANVILLE • SeizeTheNight.etsy.com
This Etsy shop turned brick-and-mortar storefront specializes in hand-stamped items and recycled vintage pieces.

The Shops at Perry Crossing 🐾

PLAINFIELD • Perry-Crossing.com
This outdoor lifestyle center features more than 35 stores, a handful of restaurants and a state-of-the-art movie theater.

Valkyrie's Vault

BROWNSBURG • ValkyriesVault.net
More than just a gaming store and hangout in Brownsburg, the shop's owners hope to inspire and empower the next generation of gamers by providing a haven for all things gaming while supporting local creators and community engagement.

Health & Fitness

Alsum Organics ♥

PLAINFIELD • AlsumOrganics.com
Offering a natural, holistic alternative to pharmaceutical drugs, this store's items include CBD products, Advocare, nutritional sprays and even items for pets.

Gear Up Cyclery

PLAINFIELD • GearUpCyclery.com
Independently owned bicycle sales, service and accessory store that's been named one of America's Best Bike Shops by the National Bicycle Dealers Association.

The Hayloft

BROWNSBURG • TheHayloftFarmToTable.com
This local, farm-to-table gourmet grocery store works directly with local farmers, distributors and Indiana Artisan companies to provide a variety of items. You can find fruit, vegetables, herbs, free-range eggs, grass-fed beef, meats, cheeses, raw honey, coffee, preserves, salsas, clean-ingredient bakery items and cupcakes made in-house.

Not Yo' Mama's Food Prep

AVON • NotYoMamasMealPrep.net
Not Yo Mama's Food Prep offers affordable, convenient and nutritional meals including gluten free, low-carb, vegan and macro dense options. Meals can be ordered online or stop by the Avon store to see what healthy, flavorful meals or on hand each week.

Runners Forum

AVON • RunnersForum.com
A run, walk and triathlon specialty store.

Home Décor

African Plum Home & More ♥🐾

PLAINFIELD • AfricanPlumHome.com
This furniture and home décor shop features an eclectic mix of new and restyled furniture, local and world-traveled décor, handmade and beloved pieces.

MRC Wood Products

BROWNSBURG • MRCWoodProducts.com
MRC offers personalized wood gifts, including family name signs, engraved cutting boards, wall décor, wood frames and more. They also have a small gift shop where you can purchase pre-made items.

Pittsboro Candle Company

BROWNSBURG • PittsboroCandleCompany.com
Find all-natural, hand-crafted soy candles scented with either essential or fragrance oils. The store also offers waxes, gift baskets, room sprays, smelly jellies and more.

Seek and Find Furniture and Home Décor

BROWNSBURG
Facebook.com/SeekandFindFurnitureAndHomeDecor
This home décor store, situated in an old farmhouse, offers a variety of items including repurposed furniture, local artwork, clothing and more.



Michele's Boutique and Gifts
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Sugarbabes Boutique
© @sugarbabesboutique



Ella Mae's Boutique
© @ellamaesboutique

Restaurants



HENDRICKS COUNTY'S Comfort Food Favorites



OASIS DINER | Art by Justin Patten

Hendricks County offers so many great places to eat, it was hard work narrowing down the list of best places for comfort food.

But there seems to be just a little extra “comfort” in the comfort foods at these establishments... as long as you bring your stretchy pants. Join us as we tour some of our favorite spots—those places whose food brings light to the darkest of days and leaves you waddling around with a full belly and a smile on your face.



BREAD BASKET CAFE & BAKERY

Homemade biscuits and gravy. Need we say more? Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery in Danville provides one of the best comfort foods ever invented, and they do it right!

The cinnamon roll French toast is out of this world, and their desserts don't disappoint, either...in fact, their homemade cakes, pies, cookies and other pastries might actually be the stars of the menu.



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RUSTED SILO SOUTHERN BBQ & BREWHOUSE

What do Disney, southern barbecue and Lizton, IN, all have in common? Rob Ecker, the former EuroDisney chef who owns Rusted Silo Southern BBQ & Brewhouse.

BBQ with all the fixings is a beloved comfort food staple, and no one in Central Indiana does it better than Rusted Silo. Watch out, though: with all the available varieties spinning daily on their Ferris Wheel of Meat, you could end up in a meat coma if you're not careful.



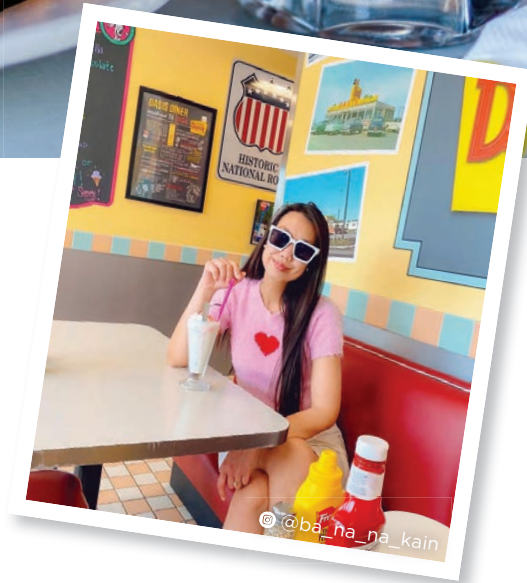
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OASIS DINER

The Oasis Diner in Plainfield has a cool history as a survivor when every other original diner on the National Road disappeared, but it also serves some amazing comfort food.

Most people already know about its tenderloin, which is as outstanding as it is enormous. But some other comfort food favorites include their brunch burger, the Kansas City (loaded biscuits and gravy), and the Indianapolis (a country fried breakfast that includes a breathtaking amount of food).



MAYBERRY CAFE

Fans of *The Andy Griffith Show* will love the Mayberry Cafe in Danville for the ambience and decor, while fans of comfort food will love the menu there.

Get started with some fried biscuits and apple butter, then dive into Aunt Bee's fried chicken, Ernest T's bacon Swiss burger, Andy's tenderloin or the chicken-fried chicken smothered in country gravy.

THE MASON INN

One of Hendricks County's best-kept secrets—especially for comfort food—is Pittsboro's Mason Inn.

Don't mistake it for being just a bar. The Mason Inn makes outstanding tenderloins, excellent pizza, delicious wings and more.



PERILLO'S PIZZERIA

We love Italian food, so when genuine Italian Damiano Perillo cooks up some of his family's authentic recipes at Perillo's Pizzeria in North Salem, we couldn't leave it off our comfort food list.

They specialize in pizza, but offer a wide variety of other items too, including their massive calzones. If it's Italian food you're after, Damiano is your man and Perillo's is the place.



THE COACHMAN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Hendricks County's oldest independently owned and operated restaurant is a wonderful place to find comfort food.

Located in Plainfield, The Coachman's prime rib simply melts in your mouth. We also love their homemade baked lasagna, fettuccine alfredo and porterhouse pork chop.



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Bru Burger Bar
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Tegry Bistro
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Brew Link Brewing Company
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Hoosier Roots
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American

Boulder Creek Dining Company 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 1551 N. Green St.
317-858-8100 • BoulderCreekDining.com

Bru Burger Bar 🍷
BROWNSBURG
5724 N. Green St., Ste. 100 • 317-350-8151
BruBurgerBar.com

PLAINFIELD
2499 Perry Crossing Way • 317-268-1077
BruBurgerBar.com

Charbonos
AVON • 128 N. State Rd. 267, Ste. 102
317-272-1900 • Charbonos.com

The Coachman Restaurant & Lounge 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 6112 Cambridge Way
317-839-4545 • TheCoachmanRestaurant.com

Hoosier Roots
PITTSBORO • 26 E. Main St.
317-892-0071 • HoosierRootsCatering.com

Bars & Breweries



B Squared Bar & Grill 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 1430 N. Green St., Ste. L
317-858-1569 • BSquaredBar.com

Books & Brews 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 1551 N. Green St., Ste. I
317-456-4216 • BooksNBrews.com/Brownsburg

Brew Link Brewing Company 🍷 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 4710 E. U.S. Hwy 40
317-838-9694 • BrewLinkBrewing.com

The Locale 🍷 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 932 E. Main St.
317-858-8400 • TheLocaleBrownsburg.com

The Prewitt Restaurant & Lounge
PLAINFIELD • 121 W. Main St.
317-203-5240 • PrewittDining.com

Rush Off Main 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 5767 N. Green St.
317-286-7002 • RushOnMain.com/RushOffMain

Rusted Silo Southern BBQ & Brewhouse 🍷
LIZTON • 411 N. State St.
317-994-6145 • RustedSiloBrewhouse.com

Stone Creek Dining Company 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 2498 Perry Crossing Way, Ste. 105
317-837-9100 • StoneCreekDining.com/Plainfield

Green Street Pub & Eatery
BROWNSBURG • 911 N. Green St.
317-852-6644 • Green-Street-Pub-and-Eatery.Business.site

Mason Inn
PITTSBORO • 1 W. Main St. • 317-892-8200

Nigh Brewpub 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 2067 E. Hadley Rd.
317-268-6140 • NighBrewing.com



International

Akira Japanese Steakhouse
PLAINFIELD • 160 Plainfield Village Dr.,
Ste. 121 & 125 • 317-838-7970 • Akira-Steakhouse.net

Bangkok Kitchen
AVON • 9269 E. U.S. Hwy 36
317-438-5887 • BangkokKitchenThai.com

Hirosaki Japanese Steakhouse
AVON • 9086 E. U.S. Hwy 36
317-273-8866 • HirosakiSteakhouse.com

India Bistro
PLAINFIELD • 130 N. Perry Rd.
317-742-7300 • IndiaBistro.net

Narita Japanese Restaurant
PLAINFIELD • 6108 Cambridge Way
317-838-0007 • NaritaPlainfield.com

Italian/Pizzeria



Amo Pizza Shop
AMO • 4964 Pearl St. • 317-539-2555
Facebook.com/AmoPizza

CJ's Pizza
CLAYTON • 1852 U.S. Hwy 40 • 317-539-2828
CJsPizza.Rocks

PLAINFIELD • 10 S. East St. • 317-839-4900
CJsPizza.Rocks

Frank's Place
DANVILLE • 33 S. Washington St.
317-718-1146 • FranksPlaceItalian.com

Opa! Authentic Greek-American Cuisine & Bar
AVON • 7900 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-707-7513
OpaAvonIN.com

Pho 36
AVON • 9655 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Ste. C
317-273-1830

Tegry Bistro 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 1521 N. Green St., Ste. A
317-858-9505 • TegryBistroBrownsburg.com

Thai Basil
BROWNSBURG • 814 E. Main St.
317-286-7545 • ThaiBasilBrownsburg.com

Nonna's by So Italian
PLAINFIELD • 5020 Cambridge Way
317-839-3777

Perillo's Pizzeria
NORTH SALEM • 5 S. Broadway St.
765-676-4171

Pizzaville
AVON • 5201 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Ste. 106
317-386-8320 • PizzavilleIN.com

Rock Star Pizza
BROWNSBURG • 922 E. Main St.
317-858-1188 • RockStarPizza.net

Thai District
BROWNSBURG • 5724 N. Green St.
317-939-2112 • ThaiDistrictIndy.com

Thai Lanna
AVON • 9655 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Ste. I
317-426-3420

Thai Orchid
PLAINFIELD • 2683 E. Main St., Ste. 106
317-838-9688 • ThaiOrchidPlainfield.com

Yats Cajun Creole Restaurant 🍷
AVON • 9259 E. U.S. Hwy 36
317-964-0565 • YatsCajunCreole.com/WP/Avon

Sal's Famous Pizzeria
BROWNSBURG • 1028 E. Main St.
317-858-8700 • SalsFamousIndy.com

PLAINFIELD • 350 E. Main St.
317-837-8800 • SalsFamousIndy.com

So Italian!
BROWNSBURG • 515 E. Main St.
317-858-4777 • Soltalian.com

Two Guys Pies
DANVILLE • 55 E. Main St.
317-745-6434 • TwoGuysPies.Pizza



The Beehive
DANVILLE • 55 E. Main St.
317-718-8470 • BeehiveMarket.com

Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery 🍷 🍷
DANVILLE • 46 S. Tennessee St.
317-718-4800 • BreadBasketCafe.com

Court House Grounds 🍷
DANVILLE • 65 S. Washington St.
317-563-3131 • CourtHouseGrounds.com

Emmy's Pancake House & Grill
AVON • 7508 Beechwood Center, Ste. 300
317-272-7200 • EmmysPancakeHouse.com

Hotcakes Emporium Pancake House & Restaurant
AVON • 5201 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-745-6262
HotcakesEmporiumAvon.com

Mayberry Cafe 🍷
DANVILLE • 78 W. Main St.
317-745-4067 • MayberryCafe.com

Oasis Diner 🍷 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 405 W. Main St.
317-837-7777 • OasisDiner.com

Coffee, Donuts & Ice Cream

Best Friends Coffee & Bagels ♥
BROWNSBURG • 1060 E. Main St.
317-350-2185

Big Apple Bagels 🍷
AVON • 8115 E. U.S. Hwy 36
317-272-6944 • BigAppleBagels.com/Avon

Danny's Mexican Ice Cream
AVON • 7730 E. U.S. Hwy 36
317-607-8391 • DannysMexicanIceCream.com

Danville Dips 🍷
DANVILLE • 101 S. Washington St.
317-745-2233 • DanvilleDips.com

The Frigid Frog & More 🍷
PLAINFIELD • 303 E. Main St.
317-409-2475 • FrigidFrogAndMore.com

Frost Bite 🍷
AVON • 7025 Galen Dr. W. • 317-272-2483



Hilligoss Bakery
BROWNSBURG • 804 E. Main St.
317-852-7451

Lizton Dairy Bar 🍷
LIZTON • 102 W. Main St. • 317-994-5399

Mandy's Ice Cream 🍷
BROWNSBURG • 1042 E. Main St.
317-350-2467

Reds Donuts
DANVILLE • 60 S. Jefferson St.
317-563-3223 • RedsDonutsDanville.com

The Singing Crust
CLAYTON • 1753 E. U.S. Hwy 40
317-539-2183 • SingingCrust.com

Two Chicks Whisky Business
PLAINFIELD • 120 E. Main St. • 317-294-2239
Facebook.com/TwoChicksWhiskyBusiness



“I can’t say enough good things about **The Beehive**! Such a cute place with a cozy atmosphere and friendly staff. If I’m in the mood for something sweet, I love to grab a Nutella Latte & a dessert. The desserts are always phenomenal!

I’m also obsessed with the Turkey Club sandwich, but I’ve found you can’t really go wrong with any of your options. If you’re in the Danville area, I would highly recommend stopping by this sweet local shop!” - Yelp review from Sara T., Indianapolis

Experience the Best Restaurants in Indiana & Win Prizes

DISCOVER INDIANA FOODWAYS CULINARY TRAILS

The Indiana Foodways Alliance boasts 21 themed culinary trails that wind across the state, including a Hoosier Pie Trail and a Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Trail. A number of Hendricks County restaurants are featured among its 250+ membership of mostly family-owned small businesses. You won't find any national chains here.

The state has now made it even easier to tempt your tastebuds, offering a free app that serves as your digital passport. Sign up online for the passport and receive custom prizes for visiting multiple restaurants and checking in from a smartphone. Participants earn more by visiting more locations.

Learn more, including a link to download the app, at VisitHendricksCounty.com/Things-To-Do/Indiana-Foodways

When you see the Indiana Foodways icon 🍷, you'll know it's an establishment participating in a statewide nonprofit organization that celebrates, promotes and preserves Indiana's authentic food culture.





Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery



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See Yelp's Top Restaurants in Hendricks County



Planning a getaway definitely includes eating, right?

DUH, MORE THAN ONCE!

INDIANA TRADITIONS

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When it comes to signature, destination cafes and nostalgic diners, Hendricks County can't be beat.



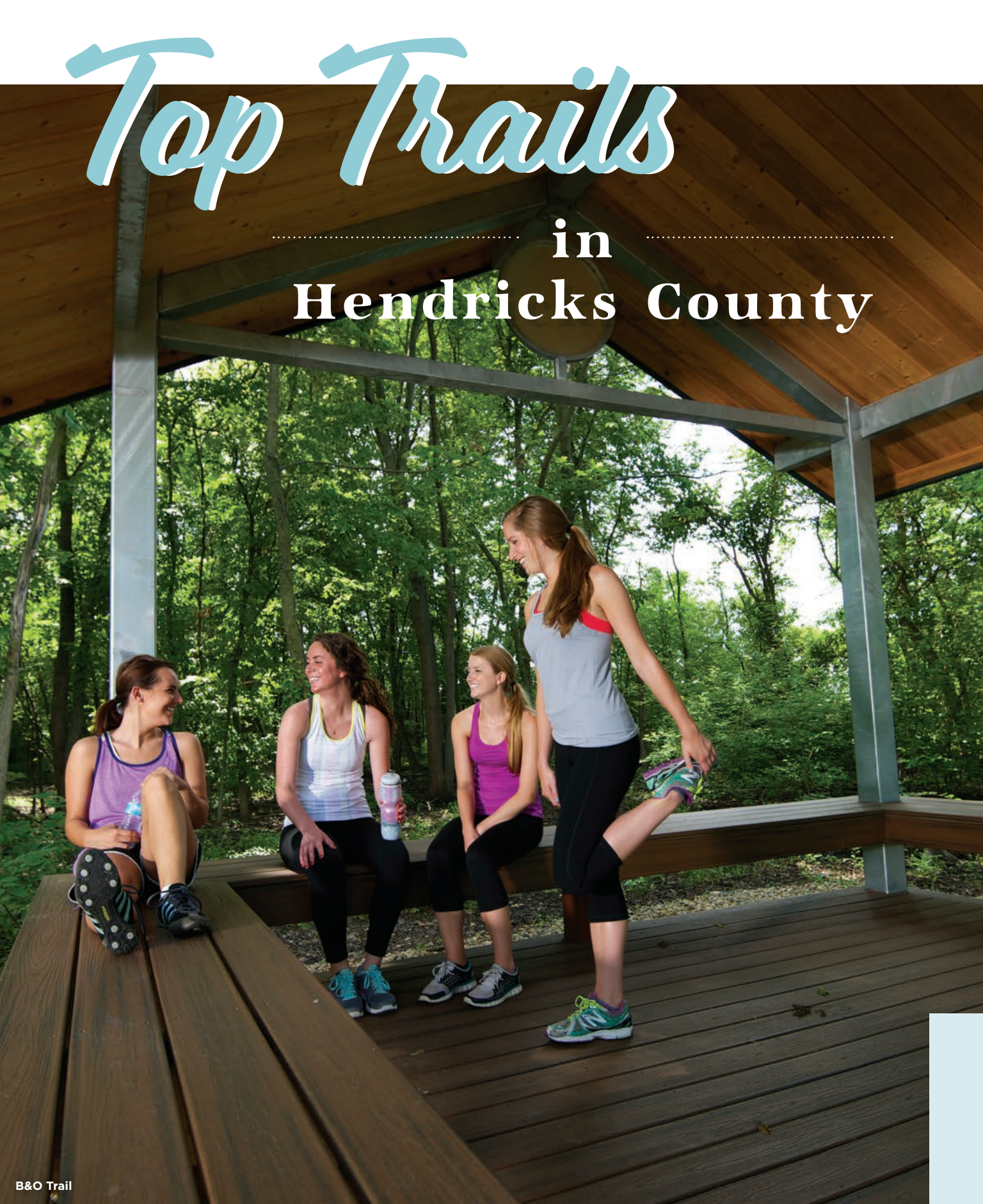
If you're looking for craft beer or just a friendly place to hang out, we've got you covered.



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Top Trails

in Hendricks County



B&O Trail



McCloud Nature Park
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Washington Township Park



Sodalis Nature Park
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ARBUCKLE ACRES TRAIL • BROWNSBURG

This paved trail in Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N. Green St., provides hikers with an easy stroll through a 16-acre parcel of woods. The trail parallels White Lick Creek for a good distance before climbing uphill to a bend in the trail. The elevated bridge to cross the creek provides great views of the creek and lower area.

Length: Nearly a mile • *Difficulty:* Easy to moderate

AVON TOWN HALL PARK TRAIL • AVON

Featuring a 10-foot-wide paved trail that loops through Town Hall Park, 6570 E. U.S. 36, this trail offers a diverse mix of scenic and environmental views. Some of the highlights include a 9-acre lake, open space, woods and native Indiana prairie and wetlands. The trail is handicap-accessible and fun for all age groups and skill levels.

Length: 1.5 mile • *Difficulty:* Easy

BEAVER RIDGE TRAIL • SODALIS NATURE PARK, PLAINFIELD

This scenic trail offers hikers amazing views of a pristine wildlife refuge. The trail meanders through mature woodlands, providing views of a 5.5-acre pond below. The trail is flat, making it a favorite for trail hikers with limited mobility and has benches periodically to rest and relax.

Length: 0.6 mile • *Difficulty:* Easy

B&O TRAIL • BROWNSBURG

The former railroad turned paved trail provides an easy hiking or biking experience. This trail currently extends from Raceway Road west past Ronald Reagan Parkway and Ind. 267 to County Road 500 East in Brownsburg. Parking can be found at the Ind. 267 Trailhead. The trail will eventually extend 16 miles through Hendricks County.

Length: Nearly 9 miles • *Difficulty:* Easy

BLANTON WOODS • DANVILLE

This scenic path provides opportunities for both inexperienced and experienced hikers. This trail, 625 N. Washington St., boasts views of White Lick Creek and wildlife. Follow any of several trails to experience creek crossings, hill climbs, bird-watching podiums, bat houses, wildflowers and more.

Length: More than 4 miles • *Difficulty:* Moderate

BLUEBIRD TRAIL • AVON

Washington Township Park, 115 S. County Road 575 East, is home to numerous trails ranging in difficulty. However, the Bluebird Trail comes highly recommended due to its picturesque, leisurely stroll through the woods. This trail also provides easy access to some intermediate trails and the historic Iron Whipple Truss bridge built circa 1876.

Length: 0.13 miles • *Difficulty:* Easy

MAPLE RIDGE TRAIL • WILLIAMS PARK, BROWNSBURG

The main section of this crushed stone trail in Williams Park, 940 S. Locust Lane, isn't rigorous though several secondary trails connected to it offer more of a challenge. The natural trails sit on 45 acres and provide a nice hike with elevation changes and ravines that lead to White Lick Creek.

Length: 2-3 miles including secondary trails • *Difficulty:* Moderate





RED-TAILED RIDGE TRAIL • MCCLOUD NATURE PARK, NORTH SALEM

This trail offers hikers spectacular views as it passes over the centerpiece of McCloud Nature Park, its 100-year-old historic iron truss bridge over Big Walnut Creek. It then traverses mature woodlands and crosses through grasslands and prairies.

Length: 1.1 miles • *Difficulty:* Moderate

VANDALIA TRAIL • AMO & COATESVILLE

In a sense, Hendricks County has two trails in one along the former Vandalia Railroad, as the two sections do not actually link. A more newly paved portion of the Vandalia Trail extends from Amo to Coatesville. This portion tends to be popular for horseback riding, far away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Length: About 3 miles • *Difficulty:* Easy to moderate

BLUE & RED TRAILS • BURNETT WOODS NATURE PRESERVE, AVON

This secluded preserve boasts two looped trails through a heavily wooded area, providing scenic views and all the wonder of Indiana nature, including various tree and wildflower species and wildlife.

Length: 1.5 miles • *Difficulty:* Easy

VANDALIA TRAIL • PLAINFIELD

Running from County Road 500 South to a trailhead at County Road 900 South, the paved Plainfield section has some nice spots, especially when it crosses White Lick Creek at Franklin Park, but it also runs behind subdivisions and businesses and crosses several busy streets.

Length: About 2 miles • *Difficulty:* Easy to moderate

WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL • PLAINFIELD

Beginning at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation & Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Road, the White Lick Creek Trail is the centerpiece of Plainfield's trails system. This paved trail meanders south along White Lick Creek down to Hummel Park. At Friendship Gardens Park, the trail crosses over White Lick Creek on an old iron truss bridge that was relocated from southern Guilford Township.

Length: 6 miles or more • *Difficulty:* Easy to moderate



Parks & Gardens

Anderson Skate Park

PLAINFIELD • TownOfPlainfield.com/Facilities
Part of Anderson Park, this skate park opens from April through the end of October and offers a variety of ramps, rails and boxes for skateboards, rollerblades and bikes.

Arbuckle Acres Park

BROWNSBURG • BrownsburgParks.com
This expansive community park includes a children's playground, numerous shelters for rent, a wooded area with a creek and nature trails, and sports amenities. It plays host to a number of events.

Avon Gardens

AVON • AvonGardensWeddings.com
A tour through these five acres of superbly manicured gardens and water features leaves visitors thinking they've entered a little piece of paradise. Visitors can also browse their retail garden center.

Avon Town Hall Park

AVON • AvonGov.org
The town's park features walking trails, a 9-acre lake that allows fishing, outdoor ping pong tables, Trak 36—a compacted dirt race track specifically designed for battery-powered RC (radio control) vehicles—a playground, and more.

Ellis Park and Gill Family Aquatic Center

DANVILLE • DanvilleIndiana.org/Parks
Home to hiking trails, an amphitheater, and outdoor family aquatic center with lazy river, waterslides and splash pad.

Franklin Park

PLAINFIELD • TownOfPlainfield.com/Facilities
This local park offers disc golf, a pickleball court, baseball and softball diamonds, a playground and multiple public shelters and is connected to the Plainfield Trails System.

Friendship Gardens Park

PLAINFIELD • TownOfPlainfield.com/Facilities
This 13-acre garden park features a stone waterfall, beautiful landscaping, a 'Veterans' Memorial and the three-room Gazebo Pavilion, which is the centerpiece of the park and is often used for weddings or other gatherings.

Guilford Township Hummel Park

PLAINFIELD • TownOfPlainfield.com/Facilities
204 acres with trails, geocaching, a wooden pedestrian bridge, special events and more, including an outdoor Performing Arts Center.

McCloud Nature Park

NORTH SALEM • HendricksCountyParks.org
232-acre nature park with hiking, year-round nature center programs, bird-viewing room, art gallery and a historic iron bridge.

Pecar Park

AVON • WashingtonTwpParks.org
Located in rural Avon, this community park features an indoor bird observatory, live animal exhibits including tortoises, reptiles and snakes, a small outdoor playground and eight primitive campsites.

Scamahorn Park

PITTSBORO • TownOfPittsboro.org/Departments/Parks-Department
Pittsboro's signature park boasts numerous sports fields and courts, walking areas, a playground and more.

Sodalis Nature Park

PLAINFIELD • TownofPlainfield.com/Facilities
Features a fishing pier on a 5.5-acre lake, a picnic pavilion, hiking trails and wildlife viewing platforms. This 210-acre park is within protected land for the endangered Indiana bat.

Swinford Park

PLAINFIELD • TownOfPlainfield.com/Facilities
This 25-acre park boasts a massive playground, lighted ball diamonds and a shelter house.

W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park

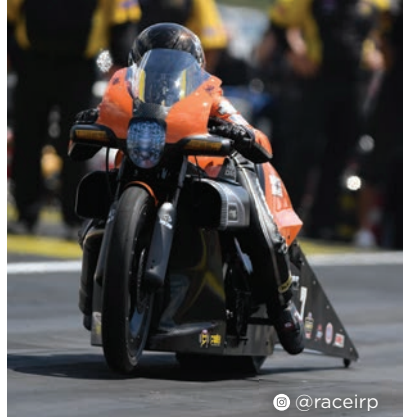
DANVILLE • HendricksCountyParks.org
This Hendricks County park provides 70 acres of recreational amenities, including two miles of trails, an 18-hole disc golf course, playground, sledding hill, picnic areas and much more.

Washington Township Park

AVON • WashingtonTwpParks.org
Features hiking trails, an iron truss bridge, mountain biking, paw park and splash pad. Located in the center of the county.

Williams Park

BROWNSBURG • BrownsburgParks.com
This park features a splash pad, expansive all-wood children's play area called Blast-Off playground, beautiful gazebos, shelters and much more.



Spending a Day at the U.S. Nationals

BY LENA BURKUT | WAY 2 GOOD LIFE TRAVEL BLOG

With so many all-ages things to see and do, Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in Hendricks County, Indiana, is one of the most family-friendly racecourses in the country. Sure, it's incredibly entertaining to watch cars take off on the drag strip, but it can be just as fun exploring outside the course, too!

The weekend of our visit—Labor Day weekend—Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park hosted The U.S. Nationals, the biggest drag racing event of the year. It did not disappoint. It's not every day you can get up close to a real racecar, score an autograph from a professional drag-racer or hold a real race car part in your own hands.

Everything you could possibly want in a fun family weekend is here—mechanics take racecars apart right in front of your eyes, swapping out the bad parts for good ones and getting it back together and out on the course in the blink of an eye!

There are also plenty of trinkets for the kids: posters, t-shirts, hats and any number of other little souvenirs... so many things that'll become long-lasting memories of this exciting time and place. Little adventure-seekers (my 9-year-old son was one) even occasionally get a chance to sit in a real race car, a thrill-of-a-lifetime that I know he'll never forget!

As we continued through the pit area (a ticket is also a pit pass at this event—a great value that's not always the case at other tracks) and out onto the wider grounds, we noticed something different about the atmosphere at the U.S. Nationals. It felt more like a big all-ages party than a sporting event—the enormous parking lot seemed like backstage at a rock concert and a festival grounds at the same time.

Here and there, race cars were tucked away in trailers—some quietly waiting for the next day while teams of mechanics worked feverishly on others. Groups of nearby people were grilling, laughing and drinking... just having a blast.

The air was charged with an excitement and urgency that I knew would become a cherished family memory. It felt like we scored a backstage pass to observe racers, crews, and families living the race-course life. And everything so close we could reach out and touch it—a far, far cry from watching it all through a screen.

Later in the day, when it started getting dark, we made our way back to the bleachers just in time to see another pair of dragsters explode off the line. Flames shot out of the exhaust pipes, lighting up the sky, and ZOOM—they were on the other side of the course almost before you could blink. What a rush!

The U.S. Nationals at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in Brownsburg, Indiana is a big, raucous, family-friendly party, perfect for making memories that'll last a lifetime. It seems like an ideal father-son trip, and I would like my boys to come back here next year.

If you come, bring your family, your sense of adventure... and some noise-canceling headphones, because those cars are LOUD. What an exciting time!

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An iconic, 267-acre racing mecca continues to provide thrills and chills for race fans throughout Indiana's racing season (April-October).

Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park boasts a .686-mile paved oval and a quarter-mile drag strip that hosts one of the most iconic drag-racing events in the world on Labor Day Weekend—the U.S. Nationals.

But this complex's history and grandeur goes well beyond one event.

RACE YOUR OWN CAR

Many locals don't even know that the track sets aside one evening each week during race season to let anyone race their street-legal vehicles down the same legendary drag strip as some of the greats.

Known as Wild Wednesdays, this popular weekly event allows participants to bring their own cars and compete for bragging rights.

RIDE-ALONG OR DRIVE A RACECAR

A handful of times each race season, the track has racing opportunities available to ride or drive cars. You must check their schedule each season and reserve your spot in advance with various options including driving experiences from five to as many as 50 laps.

The track also hosts ride-along experiences on their drag strip once a year that can be purchased and reserved through Pure Speed Racing.



Events



The activity at the track remains constant on both the oval and drag strip, with the number of events growing each year.

Feeder series, where some of the future greats earn their stripes—such as USAC, ARCA and CRA—host events annually. One of the largest automotive and music festivals in the country also calls this racing facility home, and its big, signature events are must-see attractions.

Here's just a few of the bigger events hosted at the track:

April

- ☐ Hoosier Hundred

May

- ☐ Carb Night Classic

June

- ☐ Ultimate Callout Challenge

August

- ☐ NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series TSport 200 & the ARCA Menards Series

September

- ☐ Dodge Power Brokers NHRA U.S. Nationals
- ☐ NMCA World Street Finals

October

- ☐ Championship Saturday

The Doctor is In ...Camby?



What do Hendricks County and fans of the iconic British Sci-Fi TV show *Doctor Who* (BBC One, 1963-89; 2005-present) have in common? Quite a bit, it turns out, because of the vision of one Camby man.

In 1998, Hoosier and *Doctor Who* superfan Keith Bradbury set out to provide stateside fans of the long-running series a resource for reasonably priced merchandise. 24 years later, his brainchild, Who North America in Camby, Indiana, owns the distinction of being the only *Doctor Who* store & museum in North America.

It's become a bucket-list destination for any self-respecting Whovian (what fans of the show call themselves) on the continent. One recent visitor came all the way from Hawaii—a granted birthday wish for a die-hard fan.

There's a lot to see when you step into Who North America. Like, A LOT. To help keep you from being overwhelmed, here's a couple highlights:

TARDIS

Upon entering, the first thing you'll likely see is the TARDIS (a time machine from the series that looks like a British police box and whose name is an acronym for *Time and Relative Dimension In Space*) greeting you at the front door. It's become one of the top photo spots in Hendricks County. Don't leave Who North America without getting a selfie next to the TARDIS.

MUSEUM TREASURE HUNT

For the most hardcore Whovians visiting Who North America, here's the ultimate challenge: on the museum side of the store, see if you can locate these items:

- ☐ The largest Dalek* cookie jar in the world
- ☐ Artificial snow from a 2017 Christmas episode
- ☐ A replica Lady Cassandra made by a customer for the show's 50th anniversary
- ☐ A rare Dalek* postage stamp sealed in a glass paperweight

*Daleks are the superintelligent robotic nemeses of Doctor Who. They look a little like mailboxes on wheels and have famously menacing mechanical voices.

GAME ROOM

Somewhat hidden between the museum and retail areas and behind the checkout area, you'll find a *Doctor Who* full-size pinball machine and *Star Trek: Voyager* arcade game for two players. Both are free to play.

MERCHANDISE

If you're a true fan, you'll think you've gone to *Doctor Who* heaven. Literally thousands of items can be found on the retail side of Who North America, including (but certainly not limited to): action figures, masks, games, clothing, books and virtually any other *Doctor Who*-related item imaginable. They even have sweets from the UK, including Jelly Babies and Jammie Dodgers.

Who North America is located at
8901 S. State Road 67 in Camby, Indiana.

whoNA.com

Where to Stay



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If you need accommodations near the Indianapolis International Airport, are traveling on I-70 or U.S. 40, or need quick access to downtown Indianapolis, then our cluster of hotels in Plainfield just off I-70 is the perfect choice. The Shops at Perry Crossing outdoor lifestyle mall, Who North America, Splash Island Family Waterpark and other amenities and destinations can also be found near these hotels.

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WyndhamHotels.com/Baymont

Best Western Plus Airport Inn & Suites 🏠
6109 Cambridge Way • 317-837-7500
BestWesternAtrea.com

Clarion Pointe Plainfield 🏠
6015 Gateway Dr. • 317-837-8888
ChoiceHotels.com/IN533

Comfort Inn Airport 🏠
6107 Cambridge Way • 317-204-3768
ChoiceHotels.com/IN082

Courtyard Indianapolis/Plainfield 🏠
450 Marketplace Mile • 317-839-0400
Marriott.com/INDCU

Days Inn by Wyndham Plainfield 🐾
2245 E. Perry Rd. • 317-279-4562
WyndhamHotels.com/Days-Inn

Embassy Suites by Hilton Plainfield/Indianapolis Airport Hotel 🐾 🏠
6089 Clarks Creek Rd. • 317-839-1106
PlainfieldIndianapolisAirport.EmbassySuitesByHilton.com

Hampton Inn Indianapolis Southwest/Plainfield 🐾 🏠
2244 E. Perry Rd. • 317-839-9993
IndianapolisSWPlainfield.HamptonInn.com

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6296 Cambridge Way • 317-839-9000
HiExpress.com/Ind-Plainfield

Homewood Suites by Hilton Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield 🐾 🏠
2264 E. Perry Rd. • 317-839-1900
IndianapolisPlainfield.HomewoodSuites.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Indianapolis Airport West 🐾 🏠
2251 Manchester Dr. • 317-406-5106
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6105 Cambridge Way • 317-204-4289
ChoiceHotels.com/IN361

Select Suites Indianapolis/Plainfield 🐾
6295 Gateway Dr. • 317-837-2950
ExtendedStayAmerica.com/hotels/IN/Indianapolis/Plainfield

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6014 Gateway Dr. • 317-279-2394 • Marriott.com/INDPS

Staybridge Suites Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield 🐾 🏠
6295 Cambridge Way • 317-839-2700
Staybridge.com/IndyAirport

White House Suites
2688 E. Main St. • 317-839-9358
WhiteHouseSuitesPlainfield.com

Wingate by Wyndham Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield 🏠
6300 Gateway Dr. • 317-204-2457 • WingateHotels.com

Avon • 11 MILES FROM AIRPORT

If you are looking for the closest accommodations to the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, Beasley's Orchard or Avon Gardens—one of our top wedding destinations—then our cluster of Avon hotels is where you want to look. These hotels, while not the closest, are also a good option if you're visiting Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, and they have a growing number of shops, restaurants and entertainment nearby, including Red Curb Improv Comedy Theatre and The Tie Dye Lab.

Comfort Inn Avon 🏠
8229 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-204-2100
ChoiceHotels.com/IN271

Fairfield Inn & Suites Indianapolis/Avon 🏠
119 Angelina Way • 317-271-9200 • Marriott.com/IndAv

Hampton Inn & Suites Avon/Indianapolis 🐾 🏠
193 Angelina Way • 317-224-2900
AvonIndianapolis.HamptonbyHilton.com

Vacation Rentals

Great options for family reunions or friend getaways, when togetherness rules.

The Cabin at Natural Valley Ranch
BROWNSBURG • 6310 E. County Rd. 350 N. 317-509-3577 • HendricksCountyTrailRides.com
The Cabin overlooks a three-acre lake and has six bedrooms, five-and-a-half baths, an open concept on the main floor and a large wraparound porch.

The Cottage at Natural Valley Ranch
BROWNSBURG • 6260 E. County Rd. 350 N. 317-509-3577 • HendricksCountyTrailRides.com
Beautiful cottage overlooking White Lick Creek. Country living close to the city. Enjoy access to a private lake and horse farm.

The Cozy House in the Big Woods 🐾
BROWNSBURG • 8601 N. County Rd. 1050 E. 574-329-0027
A guest house located in the rear grounds of a main home provides a scenic vacation rental getaway within minutes of the city. The property includes a full kitchen and has enough room to sleep 1-5 guests comfortably.

Creative Hearts Retreat
DANVILLE • 1388 N. County Road 200 E. CreativeHeartsRetreat.com
The Retreat is for groups to get together to relax and work on crafty projects in a quiet, country atmosphere. Each guest has their own 6-foot table to work at and a twin bed to sleep in. Up to 8 guests.

Gathering Loft 🐾
JAMESTOWN • 301 Lowry St. • 765-586-2908
This vacation rental offers privacy and comfort for up to four guests with two beds, one bath and a kitchen with access to an outside grill and swim spa.

The Marmalade Sky Bed & Breakfast
DANVILLE • 337 N. Washington St. • 317-507-3993
TheMarmaladeSky.com
Just two blocks north of the square in Danville. Enjoy vintage charm with modern amenities. Within walking distance of dining, shopping and parks.

Raceway Farmhouse
INDIANAPOLIS • 5110 N. Raceway Rd. • 251-422-4317
Book your getaway at this inviting and cozy remodeled farmhouse located 2.5 miles from Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park and 7 miles from Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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Brownsburg • 18 MILES FROM AIRPORT

Our No. 1 cluster of hotels for those attending an event at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park is our Brownsburg group of hotels. Located along I-74, they also provide quick access to Speedway and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as well as several other attractions, including Natural Valley Ranch, Press Play Gaming Lounge and more.

Comfort Suites West Indianapolis/Brownsburg 🏠
500 W. Northfield Dr. • 317-852-2000
ChoiceHotels.com/IN098

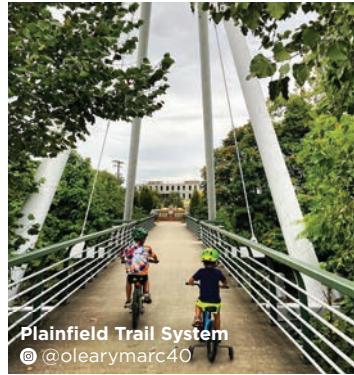
Hampton Inn & Suites Indianapolis/Brownsburg 🐾 🏠
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BrownsburgSuites.HamptonInn.com

Quality Inn & Suites Brownsburg 🐾 🏠
31 Maplehurst Dr. • 317-852-5353
ChoiceHotels.com/IN441

Super 8 Brownsburg 🐾
1100 N. Green St. • 317-852-5211
WyndhamHotels.com/Super-8



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