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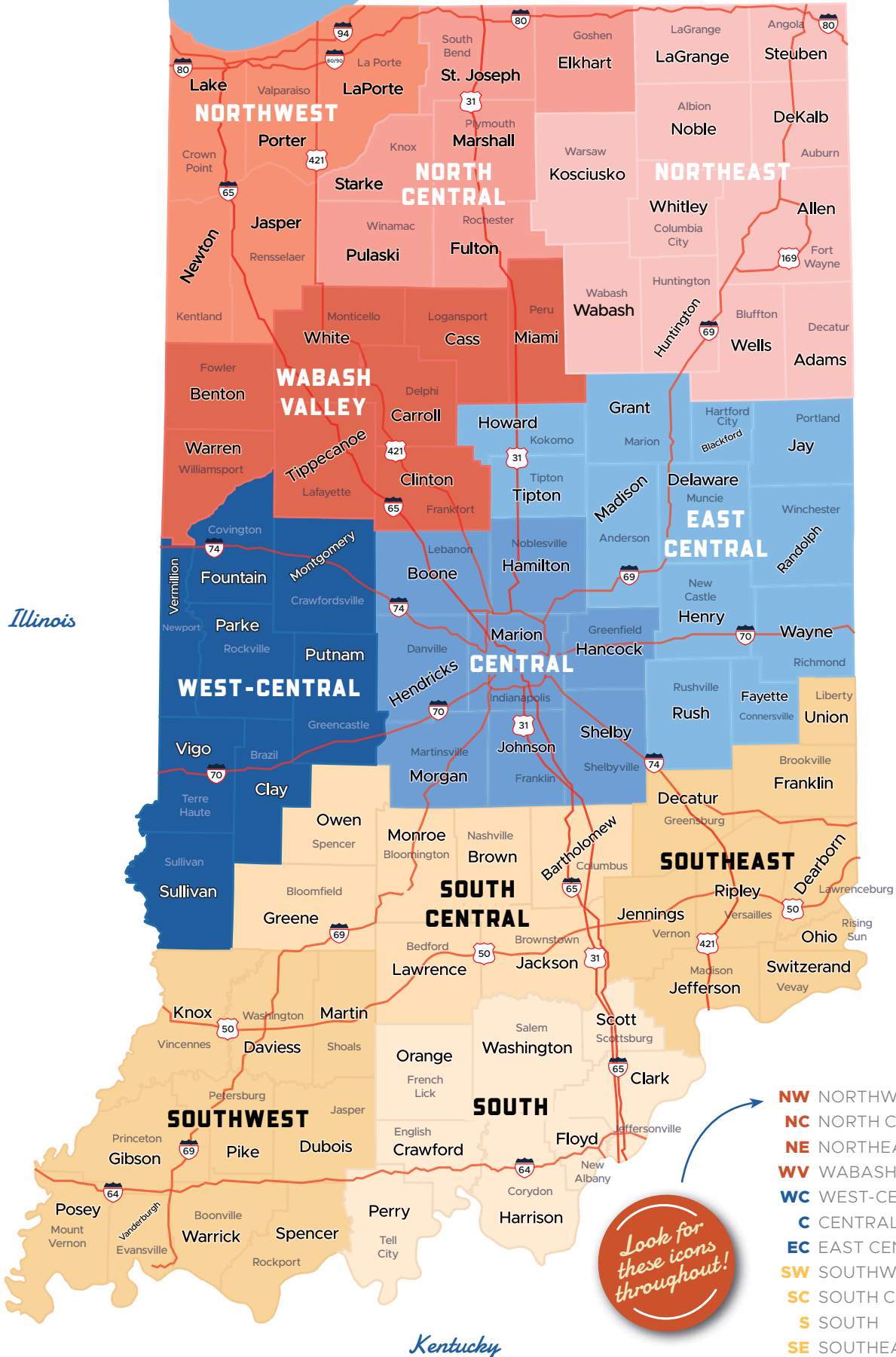


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STATE MAP

Lake Michigan

Michigan



Illinois

Ohio

Kentucky

Look for these icons throughout!

- NW** NORTHWEST
- NC** NORTH CENTRAL
- NE** NORTHEAST
- WV** WABASH VALLEY
- WC** WEST-CENTRAL
- C** CENTRAL
- EC** EAST CENTRAL
- SW** SOUTHWEST
- SC** SOUTH CENTRAL
- S** SOUTH
- SE** SOUTHEAST



New Harmony Maze



Monster Truck Hall of Fame



On the Cover

A scuba diver has a close encounter with freshwater fish at Logansport's France Park. Divers can also visit Lake Michigan. Photo by Jenny Baumert.

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THE HOOSIER STATE IN PHOTOS



A tiny fisherman minds his reel at **Blue Ridge (C)** in Shelby County. *Photo by @jeffkuhn01*



The **Welcome to Cicero Mural (C)** is perfect for photo ops with friends. *Photo by @_l_p_james*



Relaxing at **Spring Mill State Park (SC)** in Mitchell. *Photo by @anamitraachakraborty*



Marquette Park (NW) in Gary. *Photo by @alongthesouthshore*



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Travelers pause for a photo op in nature at McCormick's Creek State Park.



In Focus

Looking for inspiration and adventure?

You've come to the right place. Because no matter where you travel in Indiana, you'll encounter one-of-a-kind experiences sure to surprise and delight. Let these pages guide the way, introducing you to waterways and outdoor attractions, museums and cultural destinations, family-friendly activities and inspired dining. Time to discover something new—IN Indiana.

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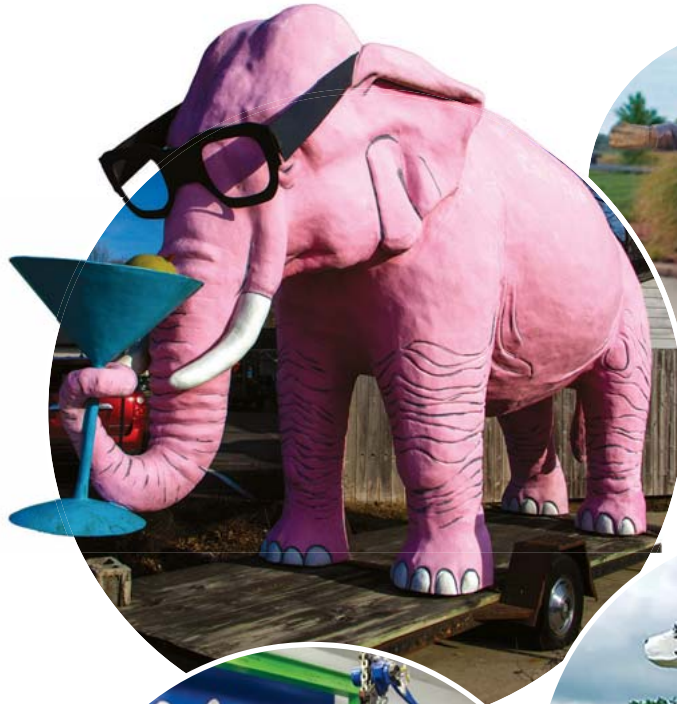
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THESE EYE-CATCHING ROADSIDE NOVELTIES ARE WORTH VEERING OFF COURSE TO STOP AND TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, AS WELL AS A FEW PHOTOS. *by Andrea Ratcliff*

FLICK STATUE

Remember the scene in the movie *A Christmas Story* when Ralphie's schoolmate Flick gets his tongue stuck on a frozen light pole? The Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond commissioned a bronze sculpture to immortalize the unfortunate incident. 7770 Corinne Dr., Hammond (NW)



DAN PATCH MEMORIAL

Champion racehorse Dan Patch is remembered in his hometown of Oxford with an inscription on a barn roof commemorating his record speed of 1:55/mile set in 1906. A historical marker pays tribute to the legendary standardbred colt. Intersection of state roads 352 and 55, Oxford (WV)



WORLD'S LARGEST BALL OF PAINT

Starting as a baseball dipped in house paint, this gargantuan paint ball displayed in Alexandria has accumulated nearly 30,000 layers of paint and weighs around 11,000 pounds. Admission is free, but visitors should call ahead before stopping. 10696 N. 200 W, Alexandria, 765-724-4088 (EC)



PINK ELEPHANT

A 12-foot-tall pink pachyderm sporting a pair of black Wayfarer-style specs sips a martini from his perch alongside Fortville's Elite Beverages store. 308 W. Broadway St., Fortville (C)



GIANT ROCKING CHAIR

Known as Big John, this Guinness-recognized 32-foot-tall wooden rocking chair in front of Long's Furniture World in Franklin was custom built in 2004. 4108 U.S. 31 S, Franklin (C)



LIMESTONE BRAIN SCULPTURE

The world's largest anatomically accurate brain sculpture stands 7 feet tall by the entrance to Indiana University Bloomington's Psychological & Brain Sciences building. 1101 E. 10th St., Bloomington (SC)

THE BIG PEACH

Welcoming visitors to The Big Peach farm market in Bruceville, this supersized stone fruit sits next to a yellow obelisk resembling the Washington Monument. 7738 N. Pierce Rd., Bruceville (SW)

Great Dane trailer facility in Brazil. Rest assured he won't bite. 2664 E. U.S. 40, Brazil (WC)

CHAMP THE GREAT DANE

Dog lovers can't get enough of this 24-foot-tall canine named Champ, who guards the

WORLD'S LARGEST EGG

Despite Washington State's claims, we declare the 10-foot, 3,000-pound concrete egg in front of Raber's Kountry Store in Mentone to be the world's largest. 105 S. Morgan St., Mentone (NE)

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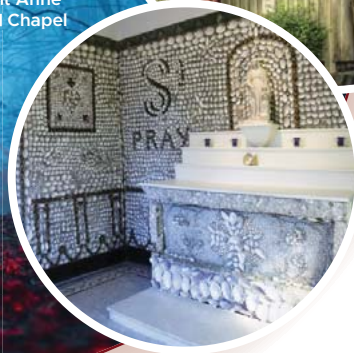
Story Inn



Rose Island at Charlestown State Park



Albany Shoe Tree



Saint Anne Shell Chapel

Unusual Suspects

THE FICTIONAL TOWN OF HAWKINS, INDIANA, IS THE SETTING OF SOME ODD OCCURRENCES—BOTH SUPERNATURAL AND SECRETIVE—IN THE EMMY-WINNING NETFLIX SERIES *STRANGER THINGS*. HERE ARE A FEW REAL-LIFE SITES WITH MYSTICAL VIBES AND EERIE BACKSTORIES. *by Andrea Ratcliff*

» Want an invitation to sit in Joyce Byers' living room? A reservation at the **Graduate by Hilton Bloomington** hotel is the next best thing. The two-room *Stranger Things* suite is an eerily accurate replica of the show's set, complete with holiday lights, monster drawings, period furniture, and costumes. 210 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, hilton.com (SC)

» If you're driving on county roads northeast of Muncie, you may find an unusual sight: a small row of trees with shoes hanging from the branches. Mysterious in its origins, the **Albany Shoe Tree** has grown over the years, spreading from a single tree to now four that bear foot coverings as their fruit. Approximately 12249 N. County Rd. 750 E, Albany (EC)

» A geological wonder, **Jug Rock** is the largest tea table rock formation east of the Mississippi. Composed of sandstone, the jug-shaped formation is 42 feet tall with a "stopper" appearing to balance precariously on top. The site is so revered, Shoals High School made Jug Rock its mascot and team name (Jug Rox). 722 Albright Ln., Shoals (SW)

» When the Ohio River flooded in 1937, it all but wiped out the **Rose Island Amusement Park**, leaving behind stone pillars, metal archways, a fountain, and the swimming pool as ghostly reminders of a bygone time. Charlestown State Park maintains the site, which includes a nature trail. 3000 State Park Dr., Charlestown, on.in.gov/charlestownsp (S)

» Indiana isn't the first place you'd expect to find a religious shrine ensconced in shells. But **Saint Anne Shell Chapel** on the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College campus is filled with iridescent shells from the Wabash River, as conceived by Sister Mary Joseph Le Fer de la Motte. 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, spsmw.org (WC)

» When Nancy Kerlin Barnett passed away in 1831, she was buried in a spot overlooking Sugar Creek in Franklin, now known as **Barnett Cemetery**. Nancy's family would not allow her body to be moved for later road construction, so her grave—which she shares with a few unidentified decedents—divides County Road 400 South. 6844 E. 400 S, Franklin (C)

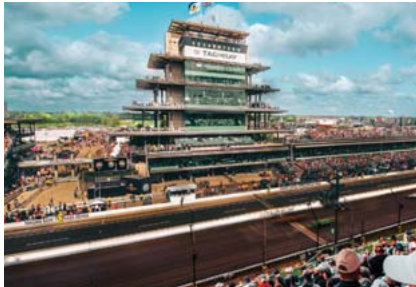
» On the campus of the former Central State Hospital in Indianapolis, the **Indiana Medical History Museum**—which includes the oldest pathology facility in the U.S.—houses all manner of preserved medical devices, lab equipment and compounds, slides, skeletons, and specimens ... including brain samples. 3270 Kirkbride Way, Indianapolis, imhm.org (C)

» Opened in 1882, the **Rotary Jail Museum** in Crawfordsville was the first of 18 rotary jails built in the U.S. and is the only one left standing with a still-operable turning mechanism. The jail site is rumored to be haunted and capitalizes on its spook factor by hosting night tours and ghost hunts. 225 N. Washington St., Crawfordsville, rotaryjailmuseum.org (WC)

» Boasting "one inconvenient location since 1851," Nashville's **Story Inn** offers historic charm in its dining room and guest suites. In particular, the Blue Lady Room is an enchanting spot to spend a night connecting to the great beyond. Guests have reported seeing a blue-eyed ghost there. 6404 State Rd. 135, Nashville, storyinn.com (SC) 

CHART A COURSE

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THESE FAMOUS INDIANA NATIVES FOR AN ASTROLOGICAL ADVENTURE ACROSS THE STATE. *by Amy Lynch*



♈ ARIES
(March 21–April 19)

YOUR SIGN MATE: DAVID LETTERMAN
Travel horoscope: Explore the shops and restaurants of **Broad Ripple Village** (broadrippleindy.org), where Dave attended high school and worked at a neighborhood supermarket. You might catch a glimpse of the talk show host/IndyCar team owner himself at the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway** (indianapolismotorspeedway.com) in May. **(C)**

♉ TAURUS
(April 20–May 20)

YOUR SIGN MATE: TONY STEWART
Travel horoscope: Columbus native Tony Stewart is well known among fans of midget cars, NASCAR, and IndyCar. Experience the thrill of go-kart racing at his namesake speedway within the **Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds** (bartholomewcountyfair.com). Or roll along the trails at **Mill Race Park** (columbus.in.us/mill-race-park) on a bicycle or skates. **(SC)**

♊ GEMINI
(May 21–June 21)

YOUR SIGN MATE: GREG KINNEAR
Travel horoscope: During an interview with Oprah, the acclaimed actor fondly recalled riding the **Cass County Dentzel Carousel** in Riverside Park (logansportparks.com/riverside-park) during his childhood while growing up in Logansport. Celebrate his chosen profession by catching a show or concert at the historic **State Theatre** (statetheatrelive.com). **(WV)**

♋ CANCER
(June 22–July 22)

YOUR SIGN MATE: JIM GAFFIGAN
Travel horoscope: Born and raised in “The Region,” this affable comedian grew up in the shadow of the **Indiana Dunes National Park** (nps.gov/indu) on the shores of Lake Michigan. Fuel up for beach jaunts at the seasonal Saturday morning **Chesterton European Market** (dunelandchamber.org/european-market). **(NW)**

♌ LEO
(July 23–August 22)

YOUR SIGN MATE: VIVICA A. FOX
Travel horoscope: Although she opted for Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California, over the golden dome of Notre Dame, the award-winning actress still considers Indiana her home. The **South Bend River Lights** (sbvpa.org/places/river-lights) roll out a red-carpet welcome before shows at the **Morris Performing Arts Center** (morriscenter.org). **(NC)**

♍ VIRGO
(August 23–September 22)

YOUR SIGN MATE: MICHAEL JACKSON
Travel horoscope: The humble house in Gary where the King of Pop lived as a boy still stands. Snap a photo, then head to the **Northern Indiana Hard Rock Casino** (casino.hardrock.com/northern-indiana) to ooh and ahh over some of MJ’s most notable wardrobe items and Jackson family artifacts on display. **(NW)**

♎ LIBRA
(September 23–October 22)

YOUR SIGN MATE: JOHN MELLENCAMP
Travel horoscope: Peaceful small-town vibes rule Johnny Cougar’s stomping grounds—check out the Mellencamp mural on the side of Seymour’s **This Old Guitar Music Store** (thisoldguitarmusicstore.net). Indiana University Bloomington recently unveiled a sculpture honoring the musician at the **Fine Arts Plaza** (iuauditorium.com/fine-arts-plaza) on campus. **(SC)**

♏ SCORPIO
(October 23–November 21)

YOUR SIGN MATE: MIKE EPPS
Travel horoscope: This sharp comic still makes Indy his home and often steps out for appearances, events, and fundraisers, bringing his We Them Ones tour to **Gainbridge Fieldhouse** (gainbridgefieldhouse.com). In 2024, he dined with NFL Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe at **Kountry Kitchen Soul Food** (kountrykitchenindy.com). **(C)**

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(November 22–December 21)

YOUR SIGN MATE: LARRY BIRD
Travel horoscope: In a state known for basketball, this hooper from French Lick holds top-of-the-list bragging rights. Admire his team jerseys and other memorabilia and learn more about “Larry Legend” at the **Larry Bird Museum** in Terre Haute (larrybirdmuseum.com). **(WC)**

♑ CAPRICORN
(December 22–January 19)

YOUR SIGN MATE: MADAM C.J. WALKER
Travel horoscope: A National Historic Landmark, the recently renovated **Madam Walker Legacy Center** (madamwalkerlegacycenter.com) in Indy honors the first self-made female millionaire in America. Art installations at the **Indianapolis International Airport** (ind.com) and **The Alexander** hotel (thealexander.com) pay additional tributes. **(C)**

♒ AQUARIUS
(January 20–February 18)

YOUR SIGN MATE: JAMES DEAN
Travel horoscope: The dreamy Hollywood star’s legacy remains alive and well in Fairmount thanks to the **James Dean Gallery** (jamesdeangallery.com), **The James Dean Museum** (thejamesdeanmuseum.com), and the annual **James Dean Festival**. Wistful fans still leave flowers and lipstick kisses at his grave in Park Cemetery. **(EC)**

♓ PISCES
(February 19–March 20)

YOUR SIGN MATE: JENNA FISCHER
Travel horoscope: Best known for her Emmy-nominated role as Pam in *The Office*, this Indiana native by birth lived briefly in Fort Wayne before moving to St. Louis. Both headquartered in the Northeast Indiana town, bag and accessory maker **Vera Bradley** (verabradley.com), which hosts an annual outlet sale in May, and music superstore **Sweetwater** (sweetwater.com) each inspire their own unique brand loyalty. **(NE)**





←
There's plenty of pie to share at the Nappanee Apple Festival.

ROCK THE RIND

July 31–August 2 • Watermelon season in Brownstown hits its peak the first weekend in August with a festive concert featuring a full lineup of talented musicians. Grab a refreshing watermelon shake-up and participate in the watermelon steal, seed spitting contest, and 5K. rocktherind.com (SC)

SWISS WINE FESTIVAL

August 21–24 • Featuring pours from 10 Indiana wineries, Vevay's annual wine festival starts with polka dancing and wrestling and ends with a songwriters showcase and grape stomp. Throughout the multiday event, guests can enjoy live music, cornhole games, and a firefighter waterball tourney. swisswinefestival.org (SE)

MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

August 28–September 1 • Indiana's largest five-day festival draws visitors to Plymouth's Centennial Park every Labor Day weekend for activities like an antique car show, 5K and 15K runs, bicycle cruise, hot air balloon launches, and a parade. Visit food vendors to partake of blueberry pie, ice cream, doughnuts, and cheesecake. blueberryfestival.org (NC)

TIPTON COUNTY PORK FESTIVAL

September 4–6 • You'll go hog wild for Tipton's tribute to fine swine-ing, from the kickoff parade through the final concert. In between, visit the Famous Pork Chop Tent, take a spin on carnival rides, grab breakfast at the Elks Tent, and watch pageant queens take their crowns. tiptoncountyporkfestival.com (EC)

NAPPANEE APPLE FESTIVAL

September 18–21 • As American as its signature 7-foot, 600-pound apple pie, Nappanee's annual September showcase features activities such as apple peeling, baking, and pie eating contests. Take home tasty treats like apple fritters, dumplings, turnovers, bread, applesauce, cider, fry pies, and apple butter. nappaneeapplefestival.org (NC)

MITCHELL PERSIMMON FESTIVAL

September 20–27 • Dating back to 1947, this weeklong street fair hosted by the community of Mitchell elevates the status of this sweet fall and winter season fruit. Visitors can sample persimmon pudding, ice cream, and novelty dishes while taking in exhibits, yard sales, tours, and concerts. persimmonfestival.org (SC)

TASTE MAKERS

HUNGRY FOR INDIANA-MADE CUISINE AND HOMEGROWN PRODUCE? FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS ROUNDUP OF FOODIE FESTIVALS THAT RUNS THE GAMUT OF FLAVORS—FROM PICKLES, TO PIEROGIS, TO PERSIMMONS. *by Andrea Ratcliff*

MANSFIELD VILLAGE MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

April 19–20 • It is a more imperative in the community of Mansfield to celebrate the mighty mushroom the third weekend in April. Activities include a mushroom auction and contest, live music, a car show, and tours of the nearby Historic Mansfield Roller Mill. coveredbridges.com/events-calendar (WC)

INDIANAPOLIS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 12 • Every second Thursday of June, Monument Circle in Indianapolis fills with tents and tables offering generous servings of shortcake, juicy strawberries, ice cream, and whipped topping. Stop by for breakfast, lunchtime dessert, or an afternoon snack. Proceeds fund grants to approximately 30 charities. indystrawberryfestival.org (C)

SHOALS CATFISH FESTIVAL

July 4–6 • Fourth of July weekend means more than fireworks for the Southern Indiana town of Shoals. In addition to munching on catfish sandwiches, festival attendees can watch sports tournaments, cooking and fishing contests, a catfish weigh-in, and a battle of the bands. visitmartincounty.org/catfish (SW)

FAMOUS PICKLE FESTIVAL

July 17–19 • St. Joe, Indiana, is a big dill during this three-day tribute to pickled veggies that includes pickle-eating and juice-drinking contests, tours of Sechler's Pickle Factory, live music, a spoon race, pickle derby, bingo, face painting, bake sales, and more. stjoelndiana.org/pickle-festival (NE)

HOT DOG FESTIVAL

July 25–26 • Frankfort goes to the dogs during this weekend celebration of frankfurters, wiener dogs, and summer fun, with special events like a hot dog eating contest, Doxie Dash, talent show, street vault, mini circus, BMX stunt show, Dock Dogs pool jumps, and K9 demonstrations. frankfortmainstreet.org (WV)

PIEROGI FEST

July 25–27 • Downtown Whiting teems with literally hundreds of thousands of visitors reveling in Polish heritage. Centered around the namesake filled dumplings, Pierogi Fest features buscias, beer gardens, polka bands, folk dancing, magic and cooking shows, and pierogi toss and eating contests. pierogifest.net (NW)



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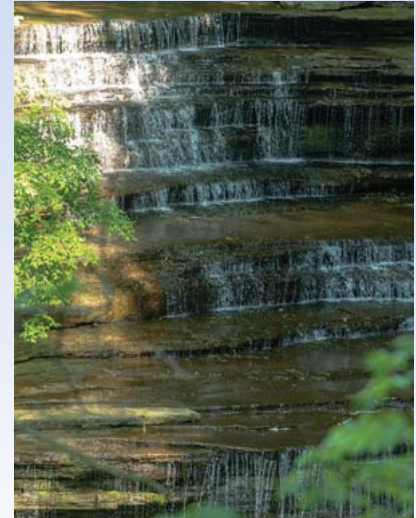
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LOOKING FOR A FUN AND SCENIC DIY TOUR OF INDIANA'S WATERWAYS? HERE'S WHERE TO CHASE SOME OF THE PRETTIEST WATERFALLS IN THE STATE. *by Amy Lynch*



Cataract Falls



Clifty Falls

Near Huntington, **Salamonie River State Forest's (NE)** Three Falls trail accesses several small waterfalls in close proximity to each other. A walk on the paved Whitewater Gorge Trail in Richmond leads to the landmark **Thistlethwaite Falls (EC)**. Keep an eye out for fossils along the bank; the whole area sits on what was beneath an ocean in ancient times.

Nine miles east of Columbus in a 44-acre nature preserve, **Anderson Falls (SC)** wows with a wide breadth of water cascading over a limestone ledge, especially scenic when framed by fall foliage.

Head west to experience the spectacular **Williamsport Falls (WV)** fed by the Fall Branch of the Wabash River; at

a drop of 90 feet, it's the tallest waterfall in Indiana. A little further south, waterfalls punctuate several of the **Turkey Run State Park (WC)** hiking trails through deep valleys surrounded by sandstone cliffs. (The Punch Bowl is particularly picturesque.)

The largest waterfall in the state by volume, **Cataract Falls (SC)** on Mill Creek in the Lieber State Recreation Area encompasses upper and lower falls a mile apart from each other. Hikers can find a much gentler bucolic flow skirting the trails of **McCormick's Creek State Park (SC)** near Spencer.

The rolling topography of Southern Indiana lends itself nicely to waterfall formations worth admiring, particularly within **Cave River Valley Natural**

Area (S) near Campbellsburg, as well as **Yellow Birch Ravine Nature Preserve (S)** and **Hemlock Cliffs (S)**, both within the Hoosier National Forest.

On the Ohio River banks, **Falls of the Ohio State Park (S)** is prime stomping ground to explore one of the largest exposed Devonian-era fossil beds in the world with views of the Louisville skyline in the background. The breathtaking **Chain Mill Falls (SE)** near Hanover make a fantastic prelude to Madison's **Clifty Falls (SE)**, a magnificent collection of waterfalls within the state park of the same name. A hidden gem, the **Rock Rest Falls (SE)** at Calli Nature Preserve just outside North Vernon fly a little more under the radar. ■



McCormick's Creek



Williamsport Falls



Thistlethwaite Falls

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FROM BURGER JOINTS TO ELEGANT STEAKHOUSES, SOME OF THE OLDEST RESTAURANTS IN INDIANA OFFER MEMORABLE MEALS SERVED WITH A HEAPING SIDE OF HISTORY. *By Andrea Rateliff*

If you're in search of a time-tested treat while exploring Indiana sights and attractions, the state is dotted with eateries dating back a century or two. Take this menu on the road with you to find the most legendary dining establishments around.

OFT TOUTED as the oldest restaurant in the state, Haubstadt's **The Log Inn (SW)** celebrates its 200th birthday this year. Built in 1825 as a stagecoach stop and trading post, the site was visited by Abraham Lincoln in 1844. Today, it serves hearty, family-style dinners of roast beef, ham, and fried shrimp with sides like German potato salad and red cabbage.

Another former stagecoach stop, Evansville restaurant and bar **Hilltop Inn (SW)** was built in 1839 and has remained in the lineage of the same family for most of its lifespan. The

Hilltop serves down-home dishes you might not find elsewhere, such as fried pork brain, German bologna, and chicken livers.

A little further west, the aptly named **Yellow Tavern (SW)** was originally built in 1815, but it had to be rebuilt after a 1908 fire. Its cheery, brightly hued facade is hard to miss along New Harmony's Church Street. Order up pizza, steak, seafood, or sandwiches, but make sure to save room for dessert. The fresh-baked pies and cakes are too good to turn down.

While winding through the southern part of the state, Brown County is certainly worth a stop not only for its nature scenes, but also its history. **The Nashville House (SC)** originally served as a

guest house in 1859. The original structure burned in 1943, but it was rebuilt and continues serving home-cooked classics like fried chicken, ribs, and turkey and dumplings.

Just two blocks from the Indiana University Bloomington Sample Gates, **Nick's English Hut (SC)** opened in 1927 as a candy store and sandwich shop. A favorite among students, alumni, parents, and visitors to the area, Nick's serves burgers, sandwiches, pizza, and wings, with a few special game day offerings.

While its decor is more reminiscent of a 1950s diner, Salem's **The Dinner Bell Restaurant (S)** has been in the food service business since 1908, with multiple owners and at least one name change in its history. The breakfast and lunch spot cooks up omelets, biscuits and gravy, burgers, and breaded tenderloins.

In Indianapolis, the **Slippery Noodle Inn (C)** originally opened in 1850 as the Tremont House. It is the oldest bar in Indiana continually operated in its original building. While it may be better known for live music, the

Noodle serves pub fare like burgers, wings, and nachos.

Other longstanding Indy dining institutions include **The Rathskeller (C)**, which dates back to 1894 and proffers traditional German dishes like sauerbraten, roulade, and a variety of wursts and schnitzels. The outdoor biergarten is a great summer spot to catch a polka band and a beer. **St. Elmo Steak House (C)**, legendary for its prime cuts of beef, shrimp cocktail, and top-notch service, has been in business since 1902.

In the northern part of Indiana, **Nine Mile Restaurant (NE)** in Fort Wayne—whose name comes from its proximity to the Allen County Courthouse—operates on the site of an 1837 farmhouse tavern. The menu includes sandwiches and subs, steak and seafood platters, and weekly Mexican dinners on Wednesdays.

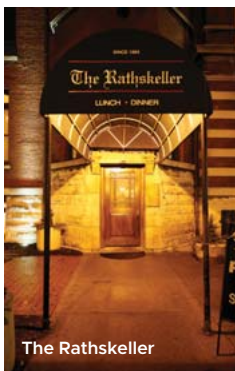
In nearby Decatur, the **West End Restaurant (NE)** was originally established in 1886. Weekly specials include grilled salmon, cabbage rolls, baby back ribs, and

pot roast.

Previously serving as a hotel built in 1878, the **St. James Restaurant (NE)** in Avilla launched in 1948 and has remained in the same family for the last 77 years. Dinners at the eatery include a variety of steaks, seafood, chicken, and pork, with daily specials for both lunch and dinner.

Downtown Huntington's **Nick's Kitchen (NE)** opened in 1908, when original owner Nick Freienstein upgraded from selling burgers from a pushcart on the courthouse square. Although the restaurant has changed hands, the current owners still use Freienstein's recipe for breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches.

And the "youngest" member on this list, Sullivan's **Kat a Korner Diner (WC)** first opened in 1933. The original building was destroyed in a fire in 2018, but the restaurant rebuilt and reopened in 2020. Kat a Korner focuses mainly on breakfast and lunch but stays open for dinner two nights a week, including fish-fry Fridays. ■



The Rathskeller

PHOTO BY TONY VALAINIS



COOLEST THING MADE IN INDIANA.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INDIANA CHAMBER COMPETITION TO PROMOTE PRODUCTS MADE IN THE STATE.

Did you know that a self-defense pen worthy of James Bond is made in Indiana? And pedal-less bicycles that help kids learn how to balance? It's hard to pick the most innovative products, but the Indiana Chamber of Commerce asks Hoosiers to vote for the **Coolest Thing Made IN Indiana!** In this single-elimination bracket competition, any business that is headquartered or manufactures a product in Indiana can vie for the award. This year, voters decided between 90 companies and for the first time, two businesses tied for first place: **Harpisicle Harps** and **Hard Truth Whiskey Co.**

MEET THE CHAMPIONS

IN THE FALL, leaf peepers flock to Nashville, Indiana, to take in the vibrant colors of the autumn trees. In 2015, Hard Truth Distillery decided this was the perfect place for their grain-to-glass distillery. Now they're hoping to have their bottles in all 50 states, especially their Sweet Mash Whiskey. "It's an innovative way to make whiskey," says Bryan Smith, master distiller. "[Sweet Mash Whiskey] is a little bit softer on the palate. More complex. We grow such great grains here in Indiana."

For the owners of Hard Truth, it doesn't stop there: Their 325-acre property gives visitors more than just a tasting experience. With hiking trails, ATV tours, a 300-person outdoor concert venue, and a tiki-hut pontoon boat, you don't have to be a fan of drinking whiskey to have a good time.

HARD TRUTH DISTILLING CO.

NASHVILLE, IN



HARPSICLE HARPS

RISING SUN, IN

WHEN MUSICIANS from around the world are in search of high-quality harps, they turn to William and Pamela Rees, owners of Harpisicle Harps. After moving their business from California to a 7,000-square-foot building in downtown Rising Sun, they now ship out over 200 harps a month across the globe. "Indiana understands manufacturing in a way so many states do not. And more importantly, Indiana understands small business," says Pamela.

For the Rees family, it's not just about the numbers; it's about making the harp accessible to anyone who's interested.

"We build smaller, lighter weight, affordable instruments like our Harpisicle Harp line ... to allow more people to actually enjoy harps," says general manager Garen Rees.

To get a behind-the-scenes look at the top eight finalists, head to visitindiana.com/coolestthingmade.





*Why do train buffs flock to
this bridge in Bloomfield?*
Find out on page 27!



BEST KEPT *Secrets*

The Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, Holiday World, and many of our state parks are well known locally, but Indiana is also home to some fascinating hidden gems that may not be quite so familiar to the average traveler. Set a course this year to explore a few under-the-radar attractions, and you might just discover a new favorite spot hiding in plain sight.

BY AMY LYNCH

The Shrine of Christ's Passion

Take a quick detour off I-65 to the town of St. John near the Illinois state line in Northwest Indiana, and you'll find one of the most spiritually moving sites in the state. **The Shrine of Christ's Passion (NW)** depicts the journey of Jesus in his final days through a series of 40 lifelike bronze sculptures created by Texas artist Mickey Wells. Curated gardens and green spaces, music, and listening stations with narration by well-known Chicago broadcaster Bill Kurtis complete the scene as visitors wind their way along an interactive walking path that stretches for half a mile. Construction on the shrine began back in 2001, and the 30-acre property recently added a chapel, plaza, and gift shop dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The accessible prayer trail stays open all year long (weather permitting) and there's no fee to visit, but donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

10630 WICKER AVE., ST. JOHN,
SHRINEOFCHRISTSPASSION.ORG

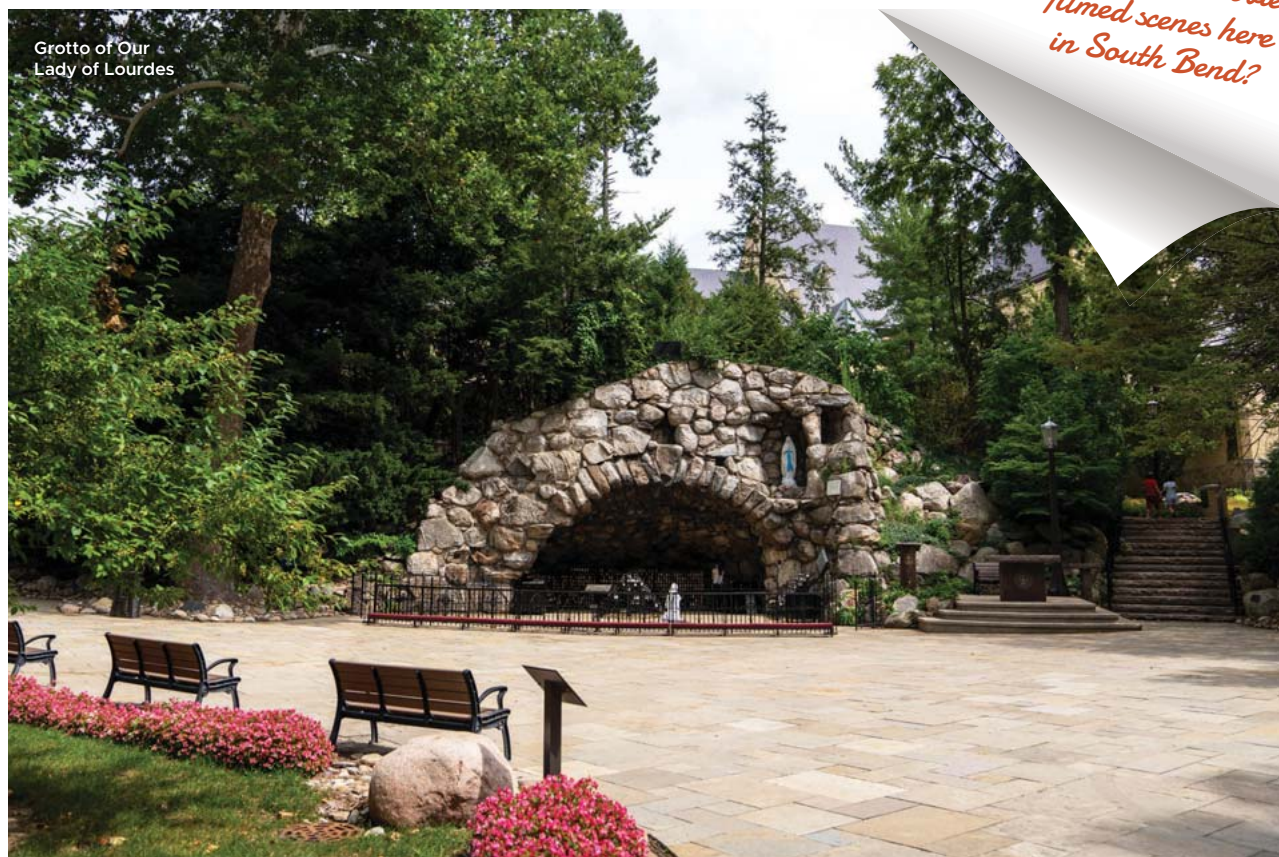
Huntington Sunken Gardens

Gardeners and green thumbs alike appreciate the intricate and unusual design of **Huntington Sunken Gardens (NE)**, part of Huntington's vibrant Memorial Park. As a working quarry in its previous life, rough limestone walls provided a natural foundation for an ambitious construction plan overseen by the Chicago Landscape Company back in 1923. When the project wrapped in 1929, the verdant oasis thrived with fountains, stone stairways, plantings, fieldstone footbridges, a charming gazebo, and a spring-fed pond shaped like a horseshoe. Eventually falling into a state of neglect, it received new life through a dedicated revitalization effort in the late 1960s. These days, the 1.5-acre site attracts scores of visitors each year who admire its distinctive footprint and remains a spot used for picnics, weddings, photo shoots, and a dazzling display of holiday lights.

1125 W. PARK DR., HUNTINGTON,
HUNTINGTON.IN.US/CITY

Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

Keep the pilgrimage going by heading east across the I-80/I-90 tollway toward South Bend to see the **Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** on the storied University of Notre Dame campus (NC). Movie buffs might recognize this sacred space from its brief appearance in the 1993 feature movie *Rudy*. For students, the artificial cave is often busy before final exams week and football games as visitors pray for the Virgin Mary's intercession. (It's also a popular spot for wedding proposals.) A passion project of Notre Dame founder Father Edward Sorin, who patterned the shrine after its larger French namesake using locally sourced boulders for its construction, the grotto was made possible in 1896 thanks to a gift from former theology student Rev. Thomas Carroll. More than 100 years later, the landmark still shines brightly day and night with the flickering light from hundreds of candles. Feel free to bring your own rosary for daily prayers conducted at 6:45 p.m. rain or



*Which 1993 movie
filmed scenes here
in South Bend?*



Who North America

shine. Outdoor masses are celebrated here on a regular basis as well.

NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ST. MARY'S RD. AND HOLY CROSS DR., NOTRE DAME, TOUR.ND.EDU

Who North America

The doctor is always in at **Who North America (C)**. Part museum, part retailer, this 5,000-square-foot Camby facility is the only Dr. Who–dedicated property of its kind in the United States. Catering to loyal devotees of the British sci-fi television series that launched in 1963, the facility holds a surprisingly vast collection of free-to-view merchandise, collectible items, and artifacts. Superfans Keith and Jany Bradbury founded the project in 1998 as a way to celebrate and share their love of the show with other “Whovians.” Highlights in the museum section include a replica Lady Cassandra and the largest Dalek cookie jar in the world. Sitting just inside the main entrance, the full-size TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimension in Space) phone booth is a must-snap photo op. The space also hosts cosplay events, game nights, and a well-attended Doctoberfest event each fall. Don't forget to take a spin on the Dr. Who–themed pinball machine in the back room while you're there.

8901 S. STATE RD. 67, CAMBY, WHONA.COM

Enchanted Fairy Trail

For little adventurers, taking a trip down the **Enchanted Fairy Trail (SC)** that runs across Owen County is nothing short of magical. This free, seasonal, family-friendly experience leads followers through a collection of participating shops, parks, restaurants, gardens, and galleries on a hunt to find QR codes that reveal whimsical Heartland Fairy greeting videos.

The Heartland Hollows Lavender Farm headquarters maintains a fairy walking path that traverses a 5-acre wooded wonderland, along with lots of sweet treats and take-home souvenirs to browse in an on-site gift shop. Mark your calendar now to attend the Indiana Enchanted Fairy Festival occurring May 17–18. Can't get enough? You'll find additional fairy trails in Richmond and Wayne County that include local gardens, museums, shops, eateries, historic sites, and outdoor destinations. Some even provide mailboxes for visitors to send letters to the fairies themselves.

HEARTLAND HOLLOWES LAVENDER FARM, 9993 NEWPORT RD., BOWLING GREEN, CENTRALINFAIRY.ORG

The Ruins at Holliday Park

The Ruins at Holliday Park (C) bring a little taste of Manhattan to Central Indiana's outdoor landscape. When the St. Paul Building on Broadway in New York City was torn down in the 1950s, its owners, the new Western Electric Company, held a competition to determine where to allocate the set of three limestone sculptures that once adorned the building, artist Karl Bitter's The Races of Man. Indianapolis won the bid, installing the statues in what was then an arboretum on the former country estate of John and Evaline Holliday. After spending several decades blocked off by a chain-link fence for protection, a \$3.2 million capital campaign completed in 2016 finally took down the barriers and made the space more accessible, adding new garden features, a water table, bench seating, a graceful allée of trees, and a fountain to the property. The Rock the Ruins summer concert series kicked off in 2021, providing even more incentive to come admire the landmark while enjoying live music from a diverse lineup of performers. An ice-skating rink pops up on the other end of the open lawn during the winter months.

6363 SPRING MILL RD., INDIANAPOLIS, HOLLIDAYPARK.ORG

RH Indianapolis

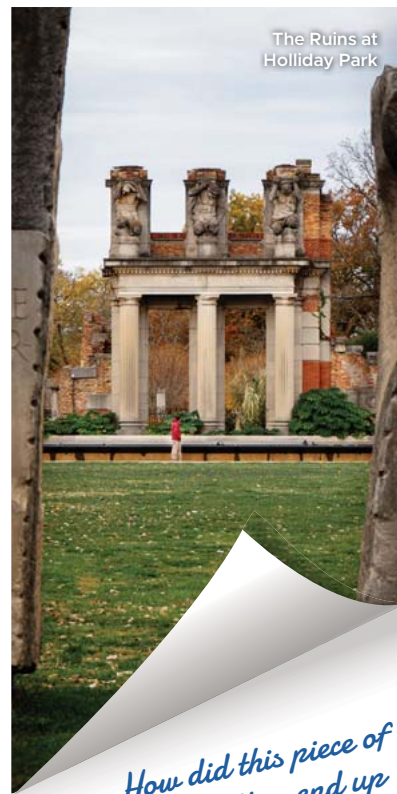
Tucked behind an expansive wall and gated entrance on Michigan Road across from Newfields, **RH Indianapolis (C)** has reimaged one of the most storied estates in the city as a showplace for the luxury brand's highly coveted furnishings, art, and accessories. The former home of late philanthropist Christel DeHaan, the stunning 151-acre Palladian-style

property previously operated as a Catholic Benedictine monastery/seminary in the 1960s. Large-scale sculptures greet visitors as they wind their way up the long curving drive. Give yourself plenty of time to leisurely wander through the more than 60 rooms of precisely curated gallery displays. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the opulent Dining Room restaurant offer breathtaking glimpses of the terrace and 35-acre private lake outside while guests enjoy lunch, brunch, and dinner under an art installation of pendant lights. Feel free to linger a little longer over coffee or a glass of vino in the adjacent Wine Bar.

4501 N. MICHIGAN RD., INDIANAPOLIS, RH.COM/US/EN/INDIANAPOLIS

Tulip Trestle

Train buffs beeline to the Greene County **Tulip Trestle (SC)** in Bloomfield, the largest railroad structure of its kind in Indiana, about a 40-minute rural drive southwest of Bloomington. Simply called “the viaduct” by locals, the solid steel trestle was erected in 1906 and spans



The Ruins at Holliday Park

How did this piece of Manhattan end up in Indianapolis?



Tibetan
Mongolian
Buddhist
Cultural Center

2,300 feet across the Richland Creek Valley. Still in use today by the Indiana Rail Road, the viaduct remains one of the longest active train trestles in the world. The nonprofit Tulip Trestle Community Restoration group supports the ongoing conservation and maintenance of the landmark through projects like the creation of an observation deck that boasts picnic tables, a free little library, and panoramic views of passing trains and the scenic landscape. Hungry? Take a pit stop at the charming Yoho General Store in nearby Solsberry for penny candy, souvenirs, and tasty old-fashioned fare like biscuits and gravy, hearty breaded tenderloins, onion rings, and slices of homemade pie.

3615 N. VIADUCT RD., BLOOMFIELD,
TULIPTRESTLE.ORG

Providence Home Geode Grotto

Completed in the early 1970s by Father Phillip Ottavi with help from the Jasper community and the residents of a former home for developmentally disabled men, the **Providence Home Geode Grotto (SW)** behind Cathedral Health Care Center wows viewers with its beauty and precision. Using thousands of geodes sourced from a nearby Heltonville creek, bits of marble, concrete, shells, and other found objects, the intricately detailed endeavor was constructed by hand one rock at a time and has elements spanning four city blocks. Most amazingly, there was no formal blueprint for the project—which was inspired by the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes—just a lot of creativity, hard work, and motivation. Marble statues imported from Italy, flower planters, Mother of God and St. Joseph shrines, and fountains complement the geode structures and add to the overall sense of serenity.

520 W. 9TH ST., JASPER (ACCESSIBLE
FROM BARTLEY STREET)

Speak No Evil

Rooted in the 1920s Prohibition era, speakeasies served as clandestine hangouts where folks could secretly gather for a beverage or two. Although imbibing is once again legal, modern speakeasies still offer a fun throwback vibe and tasty drinks.

With old-fashioned tin ceilings, a 90-year-old antique horseshoe-shaped bar relocated from a Chicago tavern, live piano music nightly, and a nostalgic Seeburg jukebox to brag about, the Indiana Dunes–based **Speakeasy at the Spa (NW)** mixes up classic cocktails in a loungey retro atmosphere. 333 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porte

In South Bend, **The Hideaway at the LaSalle (NC)** on the first floor of the LaSalle Apartments next to the Morris Performing Arts Center proposes an under-the-radar spot in a landmark building to enjoy bourbon, rye, and other whiskey-based sippers, often with an Irish bent. Not surprisingly, the place is hopping on St. Patrick's Day. 237 N. Michigan St., South Bend

Slip into the **Oak & Alley Public House** in Warsaw (NE) to wash down an outstanding selection of burgers (we like The Republic with bacon, cheese, barbecue sauce, caramelized onions, and avocado on a pretzel bun) and orders of spicy cheese curds with a frosty pint of craft beer or a smooth and smoky old fashioned. 2308 E. Center St., Warsaw

Sitting pretty on the banks of the Wabash River at the local trailhead, the bar portion of **950 Speakeasy Bistro** in Lagro (NE) commands the lower level of the waterfront building it calls home with a rustic ambiance and signature cocktails. Wind your way down the stairs for a nightcap after a pizza at the family-friendly restaurant up top. 950 Washington St., Lagro

Operating in conjunction with Scout's Pizzeria and popular with the Indiana State University crowd, **The Verve** in Terre Haute (WC) hosts live music, DJs, karaoke, and billiard games while shaking up a selection of classic, seasonal, and specialty cocktails with whimsical names like Off the Hook and Honey I'm Home. 677 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute

Rumor has it some pretty famous gangsters used to hang out at **The Vault Indy (C)** in the historic Bates-Hendricks neighborhood back in the day. You'll need a passcode to get in the door (check @thevault.indy on Instagram for clues). Once inside, the space opens into a series of intimate seating areas and a back deck for cigar smoking. 1542 S. East St., Indianapolis

Underneath the well-known Farm Bloomington restaurant in the town square, the **Root Cellar Lounge (SC)** shows off chef-owner Daniel Orr's personal collection of beer cans and family wine bottles, along with a wall mural designed by artist Gretchen Sigmund. A dazzling disco ball spins to the DJ's dance tunes on weekends. 108 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington

Proudly women-owned, **Hush on Main** in Evansville (SW) brings the Roaring '20s back to life with an intimate ambiance, exposed brick walls, live music, a baby grand piano, and a drink menu of hand-crafted vintage cocktails (heavy on the bourbon) complemented by small plates and desserts. 323 Main St., Evansville



Sculpture Trails
Outdoor Museum

*What are these sculptures
doing in the woods of
Greene County?*

Jerry Slocum Mechanical Puzzle Collection

The only known publicly accessible treasury of its kind on the globe, the **Jerry Slocum Mechanical Puzzle Collection (SC)** on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington presents plenty of material to ponder. Unlike jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, and sudoku, mechanical puzzles must be manipulated by hand using analytical logic to be solved. Housed within the prestigious Lilly Library next to Showalter Fountain and the IU Auditorium, this impressive assemblage of tangrams, Rubik's Cubes, puzzle locks, sliding blocks, optical illusions, and books on the subject represents a lifetime of collecting and work by Slocum, a devoted researcher, author, and historian. The 400 or so items on display in the Slocum Puzzle Room at any given time barely scratch the surface of the 34,000 pieces in the overall holdings. The library makes some of the hands-on puzzles available to visitors who'd like to test their own skills, smarts, and mettle.

1200 E. SEVENTH ST., BLOOMINGTON,
LIBRARIES.INDIANA.EDU/LILLY-LIBRARY/
MECHANICAL-PUZZLES

Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum

Nestled in the rolling hills of rural Southern Indiana, the **Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum (SC)**, founded in 2002 by Gerry Masse, marries fresh air, education, art, and recreation for a unique alfresco experience. On the outskirts of Solsberry in Greene County not far from the Tulip Trestle viaduct, 3 miles of hiking trails showcase dozens of intriguing large-scale sculptures created by an international roster of artists. Self-guided tours are free; guests also have the option to arrange narrated golf cart tours for a small fee. If you find yourself feeling creatively inspired, the organization hosts public carving sessions on Wednesdays in addition to annual cast iron workshops, aluminum pouring, and other hands-on events. The Traveling Foundry and a popular internship program draw participants from across the country and around the world to support the ongoing passion for this art.


6764 N. TREE FARM RD., SOLSBERRY,
SCULPTURETRAILS.COM

Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center

The **Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center (SC)** on the southeast side of Bloomington welcomes guests of all faiths to take an immersive dive into the principles and tenets of the Eastern religion. The Dalai Lama's late older brother Thubten Jigme Norbu, a Tibetan studies professor at Indiana University, established the facility in 1979 to acquaint the community with the history and culture of his home country. Anchored by the Kumbum Chamtse Ling Monastery, the 108-acre property invites curious visitors to participate in workshops, teaching seminars, prayer ceremonies, and volunteer activities. Spend the night in on-site cottages and retreat rooms, or simply make use of the meditative walking trails. Make sure to check out the dome-shaped stupa monuments, Buddha statues, spinning Tibetan prayer wheels, permanent sand mandala, and beautiful shrine room in the basement of the main temple building.

3655 S. SNODDY RD., BLOOMINGTON,
TMBCC.ORG

Year-Round FUN



FIND ENJOYABLE
AND ENGAGING THINGS TO DO
AND SEE ALL YEAR LONG
WITH THIS SEASON-BY-SEASON
GUIDE TO DESTINATIONS
AND ATTRACTIONS
THROUGHOUT INDIANA.

BY MICHELLE MASTRO

Splashin' Safari at
Holiday World



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Wildlife Park

Spring

Ready to venture outside to take in budding nature and mild, pleasant days? The spring season is one of the best times to visit Indiana because the weather is at its most enjoyable, making it the perfect setting for outdoor activities like visiting Indiana's many animal attractions and historic monuments or experiencing the famous Indianapolis 500, dubbed the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

THE LARGEST SINGLE-DAY sporting event in the world, the **Indianapolis 500 (C)** draws in more than 300,000 fans every May. From the stands, racing devotees enjoy cheering on the elite open-wheel drivers of the NTT IndyCar Series, while those who prefer a party vibe watch from the infield and the infamous Snake Pit. Aside from the race itself, the Indy 500 offers a monthlong roster of parades, marathons, and other festive traditions like the crowning of the Indy 500 queens. On the grounds of the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway (C)**, the newly renovated IMS Museum, slated to reopen in April, is a year-round attraction worth a visit for those who'd like to explore the race's long history.

The end of May, coinciding with Memorial Day weekend, is also a great time to visit Indiana's impressive military

monuments. This includes the towering **Soldiers and Sailors Monument**, the **American Legion Mall**, and the **Indiana War Memorial Museum (C)** in Indianapolis, built to recognize the state's war veterans. History buffs can also pay tribute to military veterans at sites such as the **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (SW)** in Vincennes, honoring an American Revolution military leader. The **Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum (NE)** in Fort Wayne pays homage to veterans from all branches of service throughout all eras. The **Evansville Wartime Museum (SW)** displays artifacts and exhibits at the Evansville Regional Airport, and the **USS LST-325 Ship Memorial** is a decommissioned U.S. Navy tank landing ship docked in the Ohio River in Evansville. Military aircraft enthusiasts will love **Grissom Air Museum (WV)** in Peru



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USS LST-325 Ship Memorial

and **Freeman Army Airfield Museum (SC)** in Seymour. For a lovely stroll outdoors, **Kokomo's Howard County Veterans Memorial (EC)** includes a Walk of Honor showcasing sculptures and plaques in a garden setting. The **Veterans Memorial Museum of Terre Haute (WC)** started as a small personal collection of military memorabilia that has grown over the last 20 years. And, one of only two Civil War sites in the northern U.S., the **Battle of Corydon Memorial Park (S)** is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For a full list of military monuments and museums throughout the state, go to visitindiana.com/military.

Spring is also a peak season to visit animal attractions such as wildlife preserves, ranches, and farms. **Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve (NE)** in Fremont takes guests on guided tours, while **Kankakee Sands (NW)** in Morocco keeps its buffalo roaming free on prairie land; visitors can see the animals from a viewing area off U.S. Highway 41. **Broken Wagon Bison (NW)** ranch in Hobart and **Cooks Bison Ranch (NE)** in Wolcottville are other great options for travelers who wish to see bison. Meanwhile, Battle Ground's **Wolf Park (WV)** has a bison herd as well, but the primary focus of the organization is rescuing, studying, and conserving wolf species. Guests can take guided tours to see rescued wolves, red foxes, and gray foxes or attend events like the popular Howl Nights, when

the animals are more active in the evening and attendees can howl with the wolves. **Wilstem Wildlife Park (SW)** in Paoli is likewise focused on animal conservation and introduces guests to its inhabitants with a drive-thru safari. For fewer exotic animals and more farm fare, **Fair Oaks Farms (NW)** near Rensselaer offers not only petting zoo experiences but educational introductions to the world of agriculture, along with u-pick orchards.

Indiana also boasts a plethora of traditional zoos throughout the state, from Evansville's **Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden (SW)** to the **Indianapolis Zoo** and **White River Gardens (C)**, which includes a jaw-dropping butterfly conservatory showcasing live butterflies guests can walk among. The **Fort Wayne Zoo (NE)** is consistently ranked as one of the best children's zoos in the world, with rides and informational placards created especially for small adventurers. Rounding out the mix of animal habitats are **Potawatomi Zoo (NC)** in South Bend, **Washington Park Zoo (NW)** in Michigan City, and **Columbian Park Zoo (WV)** in Lafayette, all with their own majestic menageries.



Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve



Summer

Indiana summers usher in warmer temperatures and sunny skies—a great reason to take to the water by visiting Indiana beaches, water sports venues, parks, and attractions. But a great summer vacation can also be spent strolling through the state's numerous gardens, green spaces, and arboretums. In fact, there's plenty to do and see for those ready to beat the heat or soak up the rays this season in Indiana.

Indiana Beach
Amusement &
Water Park



INDIANA DUNES National Park (NW) in Northwest Indiana gained its status as an NPS property in 2019. Despite being in the Midwest, both the national park and the nearby **Indiana Dunes State Park** offer a beachy experience that's unexpected in a landlocked state, and visitors are pleasantly surprised by the significant size of the water's waves and sand dunes—massive formations blown from the shoreline that sometimes reach three stories high.

For those ready for a break from the beach, Indiana offers numerous water parks and

opportunities for water sports as well. Overlooking Lake Shafer in Monticello, **Indiana Beach Amusement & Water Park (WV)** is home to a water slide tower, splash pad, and beach pier pool, while **Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (SW)** in Santa Claus boasts the Guinness World Records-certified Mammoth Water Coaster. Both sites combine amusement park rides and attractions appropriate for all ages. Conversely, **Big Splash Adventure (S)** in French Lick is a great option for younger water park goers and their families, as it's an indoor facility with lazy rivers and less

intense water slides. **Deep River Waterpark (NW)** in Crown Point is an outdoor play zone with sprawling slides, a wave pool, and a lazy river. Thrill-seekers, on the other hand, can check out **East Race Waterway (NC)**, which takes rafters on a gripping adventure through the heart of South Bend. Lastly, Logansport's **France Park (WV)** is a state park with scenic trails, a waterfall, and a clear swimming lake great for scuba diving in the summer months.

Skaters and bicyclists can roll through specialty recreation parks throughout the state. **Sunset Skate Park (SW)** along the Ohio riverfront in downtown Evansville is Indiana's largest concrete skate venue. Who says you can't get some air while enjoying pretty river views? Meanwhile, Kokomo's **Northside Pump Track (EC)** welcomes basically anything with wheels, from skateboards and BMX bikes to roller skates and scooters. **Stone Eater Bike Park (C)** in Lebanon is geared toward mountain bike enthusiasts and offers a bit more rugged terrain, featuring twisty loops and trails designed for everyone, from beginners to more advanced riders.

Summer is also a time to embrace your love of flower power and explore Indiana gardens and arboretums. **DePauw Nature Park (WC)** in Greencastle features 520 acres of flora and fauna, along with many hiking trails to explore. **Gabis Arboretum at**



*Azalea Path
Arboretum &
Botanical Gardens*

Purdue Northwest (NW) in Valparaiso spans 300 acres of landscapes and connects visitors to the natural environment through education, research, and conservation. Northern Indiana's **Quilt Gardens (NC)**, made to look like giant quilts via carefully planted flowers and groundcover, highlight the local craft of the area while heralding in nature's bounty. But azalea lovers should look no further than the **Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (SW)** in Hazleton, one of the largest and most beautiful collections of the flower in the Midwest, featuring more than 4,000 blooms. Centerville's **Cope Environmental Center (EC)** is a 130-acre outdoor classroom with hands-on, nature-based programming where visitors can learn all about the importance of sustainability in Indiana's native habitat. **Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory (NE)** in Fort Wayne, meanwhile, is an indoor arboretum showcasing arid, jungle, and temperate environments. Three massive structures separate each environ. Nearby in Elkhart, **Wellfield Botanic Gardens (NC)** has 20 themed garden areas, including a must-see Children's Garden and a traditional Japanese "Island Garden." And the Eero Saarinen-designed **Miller House and Garden (SC)** in Columbus lives up to the city's strong architectural heritage while sharing sweeping vistas and decorative shrubs.



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Brown County
State Park

Fall

Autumn is an incredible time to visit Indiana.

The season is filled with the wonders of watching the leaves change colors, choosing apples or pumpkins from local orchards and farms, and preparing for holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving.

FALL FOLIAGE in Indiana is truly a sight to see. Starting in late September at the northernmost tip of the state and spreading down to the south by the end of October, the phenomenon of fall sweeps across Indiana's forests. A popular spot for leaf-peeping is Brown County. Here, visitors can explore **Brown County State Park (SC)**, one of the oldest state parks in Indiana, to catch sight of the rolling hills and hollers covered in autumn splendor: leaves of mustard yellow, ruby red, and burnt orange, among the various hues of the season.

Apple orchards, pumpkin patches, and corn mazes are also a must. **Lark Ranch (S, SW)** in Lanesville and Loogootee has everything you'd want in a u-pick pumpkin patch, from giant slides to a petting zoo and a massive corn maze with a train ride encircling it.

Waterman's Family Farm (C) in Indianapolis and **Lakeview Orchards (SW)** in Rockport offer both pumpkins and apples, while **County Line Orchard (NW)** in Hobart and **Dougherty Orchards (EC)** in Cambridge City are best known for their apples, with the latter boasting a flower farm and winery. Scottsburg's **Cornucopia Farm (S)** has sunflowers, zinnias, and a farm market in addition to pumpkins. Fall travelers seeking a wide range of fall flavors should check out **Huber's Orchard & Winery (S)** in Borden, which features a winery, a distillery, and plenty of food options, from a year-round farm market to an ice cream shop, cafe, and craft bar. **Harvest Tyme Family Farm (NW)** in Lowell exudes a carnival vibe, complete with rides, games, gem mining for the kids, a corn maze, and more. For peak fall fun with a side of navigational

problem-solving, **Pumpkin Fantasyland (NE)** in Ligonier, **Bledsoe Farms (S)** in French Lick, and **Exploration Acres (WV)** in Lafayette top the list for their massive mazes filling up entire cornfields.

What's better than fall color? Autumnal scenes with the elements of a romantic backdrop, of course—think covered bridges, hot air balloons, and historical reenactments. The **Parke County Covered Bridge Festival (WV)** is a huge 10-day celebration in October with several participating communities—including Rockville, Billie Creek Village, Bridgeton, and more—and festivities like makers markets and tours of the bridges. **Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art (SE)** is a juried arts and crafts festival featuring approximately 175 art exhibitors every September. The **Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest (SC)** in Bloomington, meanwhile, showcases at least a dozen hot air balloons, with more added every year. History devotees can check out **Conner Prairie (C)** in Fishers, especially the Headless Horseman Festival, which takes guests back in time to the early frontier days and showcases the Washington Irving classic tale of terror. **Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum (SW)** in Rockport, which hosts an annual Fall Heritage Day, is another great reenactment center helping visitors relive history in real time.



Pokagon State Park
Toboggan Run



Exploration Acres





Paoli Peaks

Winter

For cold weather enthusiasts, the best time of year is the chilly season, which calls for playing in the snow or warming up indoors. Indiana has plenty of activities to suit both interests, such as skiing down snow-covered slopes, exploring miniature train displays, or riding life-size versions.

INDIANA PROVIDES impressive outdoor snow activities. For skiing and sledding, opt for **Paoli Peaks (S)** in Paoli and **Perfect North Slopes (SE)** in Lawrenceburg. Both offer ski and snowboard rentals, along with inner tubing and sledding. Looking for huge tubing hills? **Koteewi Run (C)** in Noblesville's **Strawtown Koteewi Park** has guests sliding down 700 feet of groomed lanes in their custom tubes; a towline transports weary travelers back to the top for another run. Then

there's **Pokagon State Park Toboggan Run (NE)** in Angola, which sends thrill-seekers hurtling down a 90-foot drop at top recorded speeds of 42 mph.

The Crossroads of America, Indiana offers cozy train rides and exhibits for locomotive and model train fans. **Nickel Plate Express Winter Train Rides (C)** start in Noblesville and **Indiana Rail Experience Christmas Train (NE)** in Pleasant Lake. Meanwhile, Connorsville's **Whitewater Valley Railroad Polar Express (EC)**

and the **French Lick Scenic Railway Polar Express (S)** recreate the classic children's story, with dancing chefs bringing passengers treats and gifts during the ride. (*PRO TIP: This sells out fast!*) Model train enthusiasts can check out Jingle Rails at Indy's **Eiteljorg Museum (C)**. The display showcases toy trains cruising through miniature replicas of American landmarks, from the Hoover Dam to Las Vegas and the Golden Gate Bridge. Railroad fans wanting an in-depth look at the history of locomotives can also visit the **Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum Santa Train (NC)** in North Judson for both the trains and visits with the big man in red.

If gliding across the ice sends a good chill down your spine, you can skate across the state at a variety of indoor and outdoor rinks. **NIBCO Water and Ice Park (NC)** in Elkhart, **Howard Park (NC)** ice trail and pond in South Bend, **Central Park Plaza Ice Rink (NW)** in

Valparaiso, **Holiday Park (C)** in Indianapolis, and **Riverside Skating Center (WV)** in West Lafayette are all located within public parks. **Elevance Health Rink (C)** in downtown Indianapolis' Bicentennial Unity Plaza offers ice skating, ice bocce, and other winter sports. **Winter Wonderland Ice Rink (SE)** in Lawrenceburg is another premier indoor ice rink.

Anyone seeking festive, European-themed Christmas activities should explore the state's **Christkindlmarkt** events. Carmel and Indy's **Athenaeum (C)** showcase authentic traditional wares made by local crafters, with Carmel's focusing mostly on items that come directly from Germany. But both markets have plenty of German food and beer. Live entertainment varies, from music to renditions of *The Nutcracker*. Further south, the **Ferdinand Christkindlmarkt (SW)** emphasizes handmade goods made by fine craftsmen.

Other wondrous winter events include several must-see experiences. Explore **Dull's Tree Farm (C)** in Thorntown for towering evergreens to take home or cute Charlie Brown-size versions. **Newfields (C)** in Indianapolis decks its gardens and manicured grounds for Winterlights, featuring thousands of twinkling lights and a beer garden full of Christmas flavors. Visitors to Indy can also make a stop at **Veal's Ice Tree (C)**, a longtime tradition started by a local family using scrap wood, tree limbs, and pond water to create a colorful frozen display. Meanwhile, deer devotees and anyone for whom Rudolph is the reason for the season can expect to see a litany of deer at Whitetail Acres Nursery & Landscaping's **Reindeer Encounter (SE)** in Brookville. For the complete Father Christmas experience, take in all the festivities of **Santa Claus, Indiana (SW)**, where guests can visit with Santa and mail their cards to the North Pole. 📧



INDIANA SPORTS ZONE

Indiana is steeped in sports tradition. It's woven into the fabric of this state's society and practically embedded in its DNA. Our love of the game goes above and beyond basketball's "Hoosier hysteria," extending to football, baseball, auto racing, soccer, hockey, golf, pickleball, roller derby, volleyball, and more. Our museums and halls of fame celebrate the achievements of athletes, teams, and sports culture that have left an indelible mark on the state. And our roster of new and improved arenas and venues continues to grow, ushering in more teams and more opportunities for fans to participate in the action. Let's play! *by Andrea Ratcliff*

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**A TRAVELER'S
FAN GUIDE TO
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AND SHRINES
THROUGHOUT
THE STATE**



Milan '54 Hoosiers
Basketball Museum

exhibit showcases the synergy between art and athletics with paintings, sculptures, and photographs depicting iconic moments and figures in sports history. From scenes of athletes in motion to reflective portraits of legendary figures, the museum captures the emotional and cultural impact of sports. Visitors to NAMOS can create illustrations to take home and make their own player cards with personalized stats.

Basketball will always hold a special place in Indiana's heart, and the **Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (EC)** in New Castle is a testament to our hoops obsession. The museum showcases high school, collegiate, and professional basketball in Indiana, with a focus on legendary players and coaches who have shaped the game, such as Larry Bird, John Wooden, Bobby Knight, Oscar Robertson, and Tamika Catchings. Exhibits include vintage jerseys, trophies, photos, and a vast archive of historic game footage. Learn about memorable moments like Milan High School's 1954 state championship, the inspiration for the



NCAA Hall of Champions

**VALUABLE
TROPHY CASES**

» Situated in the heart of Indianapolis' White River State Park, the **NCAA Hall of Champions (C)** is a staple for college sports enthusiasts. The interactive museum celebrates the spirit and achievements of student athletes across 24 NCAA sports. Explore two floors filled with memorabilia, trivia games, simulators, and videos. A fan

favorite exhibit is the 1930s retro gym with a half-size basketball court—stop and take your best shot. Don't forget to swing by the gift shop to pick up branded tees, hoodies, license plates, and mugs.

The **National Art Museum of Sport (C)** is part of the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, located inside the *Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience*. The permanent

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SC SOUTH CENTRAL



The Larry Bird Museum

movie *Hoosiers* (read on to find more sites that celebrate the movie and the real-life team).

If you loved the 1986 Gene Hackman film *Hoosiers*, a visit to the **Hoosier Gym (EC)** in Knightstown is a necessity. This historic gymnasium, featured prominently in the movie, has been preserved as a living museum. You can step onto the same court where the fictional Hickory Huskers played, surrounded by the original bleachers and period-appropriate signage. The gym continues to host regular events, including basketball games and community gatherings.

Want to see Bobby Plump's (aka Jimmy Chitwood's) true stomping grounds? The **Milan '54 Hoosiers Basketball Museum (SE)** honors the small-town team that achieved one of the

greatest upsets in Indiana high school basketball history. The site tells the story of the Milan High School team's journey to the 1954 state championship. View tournament memorabilia, including uniforms, photos, and the original trophy.

If you still can't get enough of Hoosier hysteria, head west to the **Larry Bird Museum (WC)**. It's located in the Terre Haute Convention Center near the campus of Indiana State University, whose Sycamores were runners up the 1979 NCAA championship game led by Bird. The museum details his illustrious career with exhibits that include game-worn jerseys, awards, and personal items from Bird's time in college and the NBA. Fans can also relive highlights from his career with the Boston Celtics.

While you're in Terre Haute, pay a visit to the **Indiana Track & Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame Museum (WC)**. The facility highlights Indiana athletes and coaches at all levels who have excelled in track and cross country. View displays, medals, records, jerseys, historical photos, and biographies of inductees. The museum's

mission is to inspire future generations of runners and track athletes to pursue excellence.

Cover all your bases at the **Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame (SW)** in Jasper, which highlights the careers of Indiana-born players, coaches, umpires, and contributors to the game. Check out memorabilia from Major League Baseball stars like Don Mattingly and Gil Hodges, as well as stories about the athletes and baseball programs.

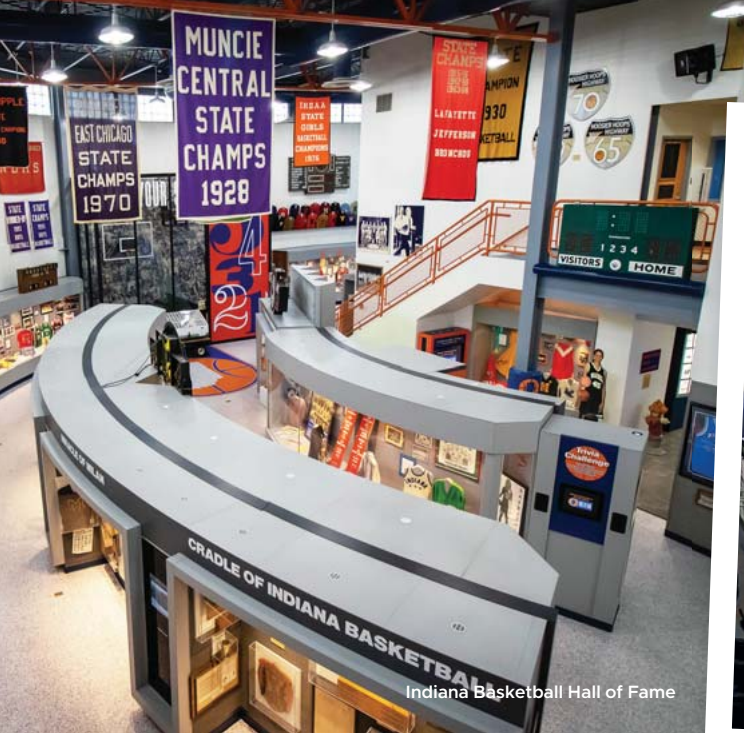
If you feel a rush for vehicles that crush it (literally), motor north to the **International Monster Truck Museum & Hall of Fame (NE)** in Butler to pick up the history and culture of monster truck rallying, with its high-flying stunts and massive vehicles. See vintage monster trucks, learn about the pioneers of the sport, and view exhibits on the engineering and innovation behind these mechanical giants.

ELEVATED PLAYING FIELDS

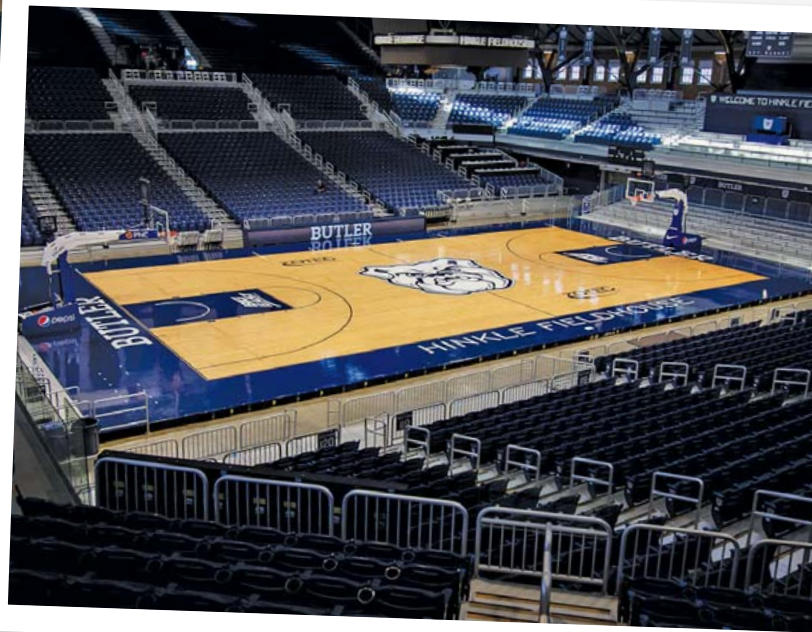
While Indiana certainly respects its historic arenas, like **Hinkle Fieldhouse (C)** in Indianapolis and Evansville's **Bosse Field (SW)**, newly built, state-of-the-art venues—for both professional and recreational sports—are going up all over the state. And a few existing sites have been (or will be) overhauled to be more accommodating, comfortable, and versatile for all users. These facilities open the door to more and more teams and activities and boost the game day experience for athletes and spectators alike.



International Monster Truck Museum & Hall of Fame



Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame



The Fishers Event Center (C) promises to be a literal game-changer for sports and entertainment in Central Indiana. It is the home court for the brand-new Indy Ignite women's pro volleyball team, which tipped off its inaugural season in January. The all-purpose venue also hosts an range of events, including Indy Fuel hockey matches, Fishers Freight indoor football games, concerts, comedy and spoken word acts, and private events.

About 15 minutes north of Fishers, the Indy suburbs anticipate a summer opening for **The Arena at Innovation Mile (C)** in Noblesville. The 120,000-square-foot facility joins neighbors in business and technology sectors. The venue will be home to the Indiana Pacers' G League basketball team, the Indiana Mad Ants, formerly of Fort Wayne. It will also host concerts, trade shows, and other sporting events.

Housing eight basketball courts, 12 pickleball courts, one turf field, and pitching and hitting tunnels, **The Farmers Bank Fieldhouse (C)** in Lebanon is a 200,000-square-foot sports supercenter for athletes and fans of all ages. The site has capabilities to accommodate basketball, volleyball, pickle-

ball, football, soccer, baseball, and softball, and it also has state-of-the-art golf simulators.

While it isn't a new structure, the **Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion (C)** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds got a major upgrade in recent years. The former Swine Barn was transformed into a modern, open-air, multiuse facility designed for both sports and agricultural events. It can host basketball games, volleyball tournaments, and indoor track and field events, as well as international animal exhibits.

Kuntz Memorial Soccer Stadium (C) on the west side of Indianapolis is also getting a facelift, which could be completed by 2027. Riverside Sports Properties has committed \$45 million to revitalize the site—host of the 1987 Pan American Games soccer tournament—in an effort to attract higher level rugby competition and add lacrosse, field hockey, football, and hurling to its roster of sports. The plans include adding 8,000 seats, a public plaza, improved lighting, a new entry, and field improvements.

The **Mishawaka Fieldhouse (NW)** is a premier facility for basketball, soccer, baseball and softball, flag football, pickleball, and other indoor sports. At

220,000 square feet, it has the capacity to host huge events and competitions. The early 2025 schedule has included Northern Indiana Volleyball Association Power League games, Cheersport Cheerleading Championship events, Mishawaka Madness and 5Star Frenzy basketball tournaments, the MFH Presidents' Day 3v3 Soccer Tournament, and the American Cornhole Mishawaka Major.

NexusPark (SC) in Columbus is a transformative project that reimaged a former shopping mall and turned it into a sprawling sports and recreation complex. Promoting health and wellness, the campus includes a wing of medical offices, Recreation and Parks Department administrative and programming space, a Dunham's Sports store, and the Circle K Fieldhouse with multiple indoor courts for sports and fitness activities. The fieldhouse has regularly scheduled basketball, cheer and dance, gymnastics, pickleball, soccer, baseball and softball, and volleyball practices, games, and tournaments.

Taking the fun outdoors, **Origin Park (S)** in Clarksville maximizes its 430 acres of Ohio River frontage with a recreation site focused on ecological

The historic Hinkle Fieldhouse

restoration and sustainability that includes trails for hiking and biking, open spaces for team sports, and facilities for water-based activities such as kayaking and paddleboarding. Although the outdoor areas are open and accessible, an on-site event center is slated to open in 2026.

The **Wesselman Tennis and Pickleball Complex (SW)** in Evansville is a newly upgraded facility adjacent to the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve that caters to racket sports enthusiasts. With 12 tennis courts and 16 pickleball courts made of reinforced, post-tensioned concrete, all lit for night play, the facility accommodates players of all skill levels. The complex is designed to host local leagues, tournaments, and recreational play and includes six spectator patios, a grandstand, and an events lawn.

START YOUR ENGINES

With an official state motto like "The Crossroads of America," it stands to reason that Indiana is home to the Racing Capital of the World. From legendary

racetracks and annual events to off-road parks and go-kart tracks, Indiana buzzes and roars with the sound of revving engines.

Opened in 1909, the iconic **Indianapolis Motor Speedway (C)** is known worldwide for hosting the Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400. But you don't need to wait for race day to make a pilgrimage to see the Pagoda. Following an \$89 million renovation, the **IMS Museum** unveils its expanded facility in early April, showcasing its pristine collection of race cars, memorabilia and trophies, and interactive exhibits. Visitors can also enjoy track tours, play a round of golf at Brickyard Crossing, or take a spin around the oval track via **Indy Racing Experience**, which enables fans to ride shotgun in an IndyCar reaching speeds of 180 mph.

On a smaller scale, dirt tracks throughout the state offer gritty, death-defying action. Catch some summer night fun at Indy's **Circle City Raceway (C)**, featuring modified, midget, and stock car races; the **Indianapolis Speedrome (C)**, known

for its Figure 8 racing; **Anderson Speedway (EC)**, home to the Little 500; **Kokomo Speedway (EC)**, recognized for its sprint car races; **Lawrenceburg Speedway (SE)**, showcasing sprint cars, hornets, pure stocks, and modifieds; **Bloomington Speedway (SC)**, touted as having the Midwest's fastest quarter-mile dirt oval; and **Gas City I-69 Speedway (EC)**, where retired NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon once raced.

If high-banked asphalt tracks are more your speed, **Winchester Speedway (EC)** boasts the world's fastest half-mile paved track, and **Salem Speedway (S)** is worth a visit.

In July, **USAC Indiana Sprint Week** revs up with eight racing events over 10 nights, starting at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Other locations include Putnamville, Kokomo, Terre Haute, Lawrenceburg, Bloomington, and Haubstadt. The **2025 USAC Midget National Championship** including Indiana Midget Week involves six straight nights of racing throughout Indiana, starting at the Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis in June.

If spectating from the stands inspires you to get behind the wheel and test out your driving skills, **Michiana Raceway Park (NC)** in North Liberty and New Castle **Motorsports Park (EC)** provide professional-grade karting experiences for racers of all ages. **Putnam Park Road Course (WC)** in Greencastle is a favorite for year-round test days and car clubs, and **Whiteland Raceway Park (C)** is the oldest operating go-kart track in the U.S. If go-karting is in the plans but the weather has other ideas, **Speedway Indoor Karting (C)** provides an indoor racing experience with electric karts and challenging tracks. The site also offers multiple sports simulators—including golf, lacrosse, basketball, zombie dodgeball, and mini bowling.

Motocross and off-road enthusiasts can find their bliss at **Ironman Raceway (WC)** in Crawfordsville, host site of the 2025 Monster Energy Motocross of Nations in October. And **Badlands Off Road Park (WC)** in Attica has a rugged adventure course for ATVs, dirt bikes, Jeeps, side-by-sides, and



Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park



Lawrenceburg Speedway



Kokomo Speedway



The Pete Dye Course at French Lick

Complex, the **Ackerman-Allen Course (WV)** in West Lafayette was redesigned by Dye in 2016. It features wide fairways, undulating greens, and white sand. The course is welcoming to all skill levels but still demands strategic shot-making.

Ackerman-Allen's neighbor in the Birck Complex, the **Kampen-Cosler Course (C)** is known for its native grasses and wetlands. The course employs a water reclamation system as a sustainable, eco-friendly design feature.

Just 5 minutes away from Indiana Beach, **Tippecanoe Country Club (WV)** in Monticello is a hidden gem and another early Pete Dye project. Renovated in the 1960s, Dye added the back 9 and designed the landscaping of the full course to take advantage of its waterfront setting on Lake Shafer.

Arguably one of the most gorgeous golf courses in the state, **The Pete Dye Course at French Lick (SC)** is a bucket list destination for golfers. Perched atop the rolling hills of Southern Indiana, this course offers panoramic views, dramatic elevation changes, and "volcano" bunkers. *Golf Digest* ranks the French Lick property as one of the Best Golf Courses in Indiana.

For more information about the Pete Dye Golf Trail, visit petedyegolftrail.com. 📌

more with trails and terrain geared toward many skill levels.

To find out more about thrilling tracks and racing opportunities in the state, check out the **Motorsports Circuit** at visitindiana.com/motorsports.

HIT THE TRAIL

Legendary golf course architect Pete Dye was an Ohio native, but he left his mark in the Midwest with a set of challenging and beautifully landscaped courses throughout Indiana. The **Pete Dye Golf Trail** is a collection of seven Indiana properties boasting the visionary work of one of golf's most celebrated designers.

Nestled alongside the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, **Brickyard Crossing (C)** is the perfect spot for golfers who also happen to be auto racing fans.

The 18-hole course includes four holes inside the track, but no need to race to the finish—players can go at their own pace and enjoy the views of the IMS.

Once a military base, **The Fort Golf Resort (C)** greets visitors on the way into Fort Harrison State Park. The 238-acre course takes full advantage of its rolling terrain, tree-lined fairways, and scenic vistas.

Pete Dye's first-ever 18-hole course, **Maple Creek Golf & Country Club (C)** in Indianapolis was designed with the help of his wife Alice. Opened in 1961, the course is slightly less intimidating than some of Dye's later designs but still offers demanding tees, steep slopes, and narrow fairways that require precision.

Part of Purdue University's Birck Boilermaker Golf

Purdue University's Kampen-Cosler Course has been awarded 4.5 stars by Golf Digest.





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REGION

Explore vibrant downtowns in cities such as Fort Wayne, South Bend and Lafayette, each just a short drive away from the quiet simplicity of Amish and farming communities. Head out on Lake Michigan or the region's other popular lakes. Enjoy the grandeur of a historical home, or view a museum's contemporary art collection. Urban, rural. Water, land. Past, present. And numerous trip options no matter your preference. They all await in the Northern regions IN Indiana.



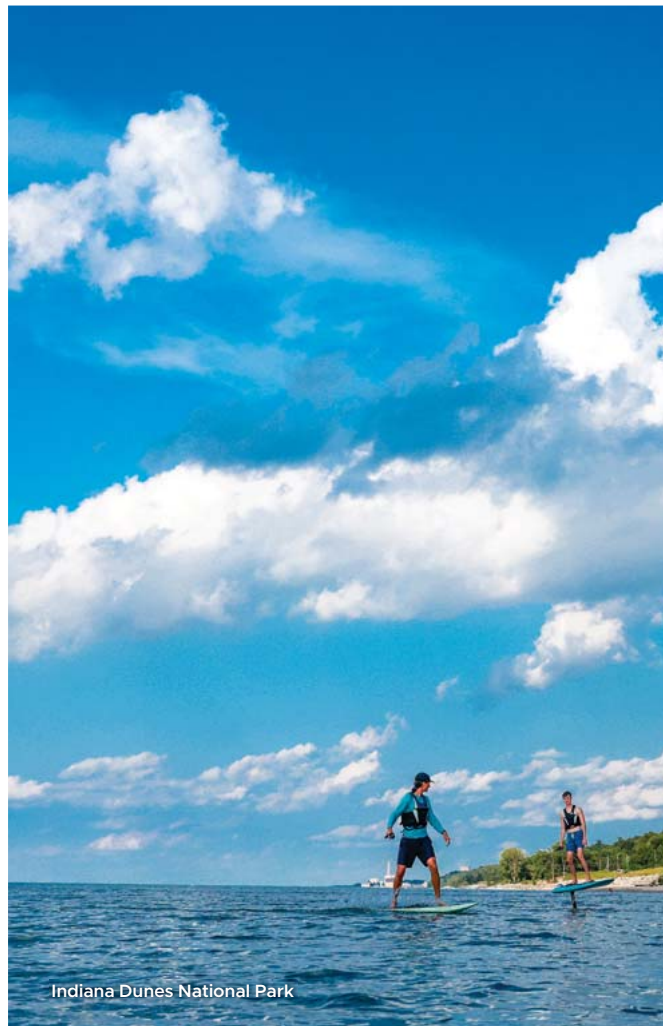
Blue Gate
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Wabash & Erie Canal Park

Regional Highlights

EXPLORE EVERYTHING FROM SCENIC LANDSCAPES, TO GLASS ART, TO HISTORIC MANSIONS IN THE NORTH REGION. VISITORS CAN DELVE INTO INDIANA'S AUTOMOTIVE, MILITARY, AND CIRCUS HERITAGE.



Indiana Dunes National Park

NATURAL ENRICHMENT

Stretching along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, the **Indiana Dunes National Park** and **Indiana Dunes State Park (NW)** boast towering sand dunes, diverse ecosystems, and miles of pristine beaches. They are ideal destinations for hiking, bird-watching, swimming, and even scuba diving. A historic landmark in the national park, the **Century of Progress Homes** were originally built for the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair. Designed to showcase innovative building

materials and architectural styles, these homes serve as a unique window into mid-20th century design trends.

History and nature meet at **Wabash & Erie Canal Park (WV)** in Delphi. This preserved stretch of waterway features a working replica of a canal boat and offers walking tours that tell the story of the 19th-century canal system. Visitors can learn about the crucial role the canal played in Indiana's development during the 1800s while exploring the grounds.

Tucked away in the wetlands of the north-

east corner of the state, the **Gene Stratton-Porter and Limberlost state historic sites (NE)** honor the life and legacy of the Indiana naturalist and author. Visitors can explore the beautiful surroundings that inspired Stratton-Porter's work, while the museum provides insight into her life and contributions to literature and conservation efforts.

ART APPRECIATION

The **Fort Wayne Museum of Art (NE)** added a Glass Wing in 2022 that features the largest collection of

contemporary and traditional glass art in the Midwest. The museum's displays include works by renowned artists and offer glimpses into the artistry and craftsmanship behind glassblowing. Top off your trip to Fort Wayne with a visit to **DeBrand Fine Chocolates (NE)**, known for high-quality handmade truffles and decadent sweet treats crafted into edible works of art. Visitors can tour the factory and sample gourmet chocolates.

Fine art aficionados flock to the **Haan Museum (WV)** in Lafayette to explore the state's



- NW** NORTHWEST
- NC** NORTH CENTRAL
- WV** WABASH VALLEY
- NE** NORTHEAST

Good to Know

Private and group tours are available at [Haan Museum](#).



artistic heritage. The museum's collection includes more than 300 pieces of Indiana art, focusing on works from the 19th and early 20th centuries, along with rotating exhibitions.

TIME-HONORED TREASURES

Take a prehistoric turn to the **Indiana Dinosaur Museum (NC)** in South Bend, home to an impressive collection of fossil exhibits, including dinosaur bones, footprints, and replicas of ancient creatures. It's an exciting stop for families and aspiring paleontologists.

The **International Circus Hall of Fame (WC)** in Peru celebrates the community of circus acts and performers with exhibits featuring memorabilia, costumes, artifacts, and documents. Visitors can also explore vintage circus wagons and attend the Circus City Festival. Nearby, **Grissom Air Museum (WV)** is dedicated to military aviation history and the legacy of Indiana astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom, one of the original seven astronauts in NASA's Project Mercury. The museum houses more than 30 military



Gene Stratton-Porter and Limberlost state historic sites



Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum

Gene Stratton-Porter's Cabin at Wildflower Woods sits pretty on the shore of Sylvan Lake.

aircraft and space exploration artifacts.

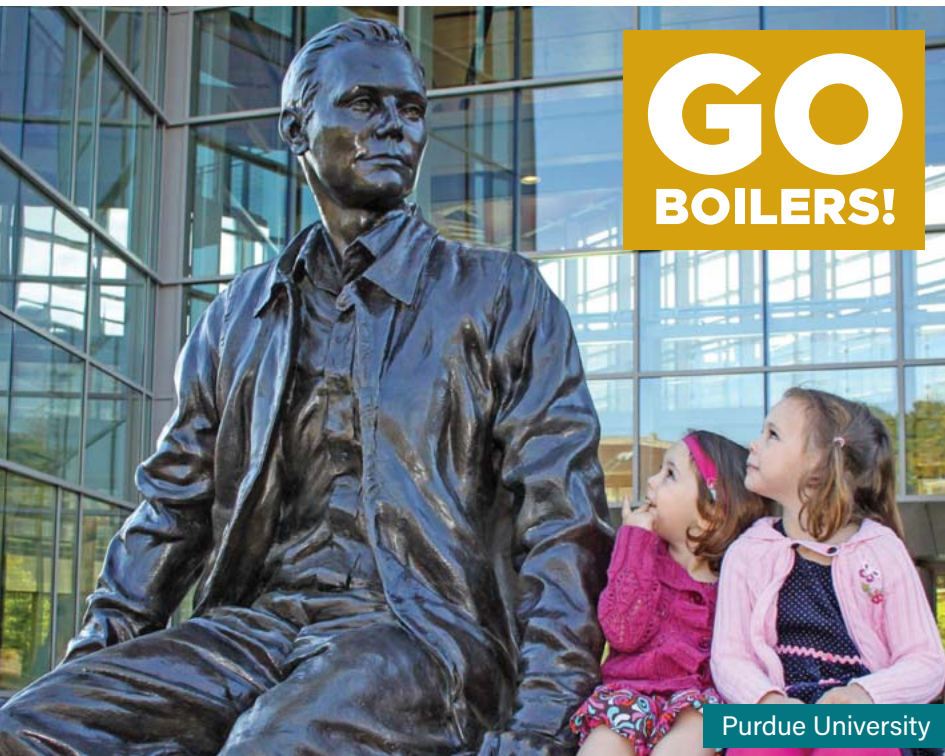
Located in Elkhart, **Ruthmere (NC)** is an elegant mansion built in the early 20th century that was originally owned by Dr. Havilah Beardsley. The home's architecture and furnishings offer a glimpse into the early 1900s. Visitors can take guided tours to learn about the home's history, the influential families who lived there, and its preservation. **The Barker Mansion (NW)** in Michigan City is another example of early 20th-century architecture. Built by industrialist John Barker, the site showcases the wealth and status of Indiana's elite during the Gilded Age. Tours highlight the mansion's historic design, art collection, and

connection to the city's industrial past. South Bend's **Oliver Mansion (NC)**, named after its original inhabitants, offers visitors a chance to step back in time to the late 1800s. Next door, the **Studebaker National Museum** celebrates the legacy of the Studebaker family and their automobile company with a variety of classic, presidential, and military vehicles.

AUTOMOTIVE LEGACY

Elkhart is known as the RV Capital of the World, and the **RV/MH Hall of Fame (NC)** celebrates this distinction. The museum showcases the history of recreational vehicles and mobile homes, with a collection of vintage RVs and historical displays.

The **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum (NE)** in Auburn is a must-see for auto enthusiasts. This museum houses an incredible collection of classic cars, focusing on the Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg luxury lines. Also in Auburn, the **Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum** is dedicated to preserving the history of Ford Motor Company's V-8 engine, which revolutionized the industry. The museum features a wide range of Ford vehicles, from early models to later classics. And the **National Auto & Truck Museum** displays an extensive collection of cars and trucks, including a 1903 Ford Model A, 1969 Plymouth Barracuda, and a restored GM Futurliner bus.



**GO
BOILERS!**

Purdue University



Wolf Park

ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS...

PURDUE UNIVERSITY: Visit Purdue's beautiful campus with spectator sports, arts, entertainment, diversity, science, industry and all the hoopla that entails. For the art lover, visit the Degas Collection at Purdue, comprised of 74 sculptures by French impressionist Edgar Degas.

DOWNTOWN: The heart of our community where history meets modern: boutiques, gift shops, galleries, public art, museums, coffee houses, local flavor restaurants and pubs, entertainment and a riverfront park, featuring an outdoor seasonal skating rink and scenic trails.

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK and THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN: Hike and bike trails through open prairie land. Visit the nature center, the re-created Native American village, the Circle of Stones and The Farm at Prophetstown. Seasonal aquatic center, fishing lake, campground and more.

MICROBREWERIES & A WINERY: Take in a tour or tasting at our local winery and at our five local microbreweries.

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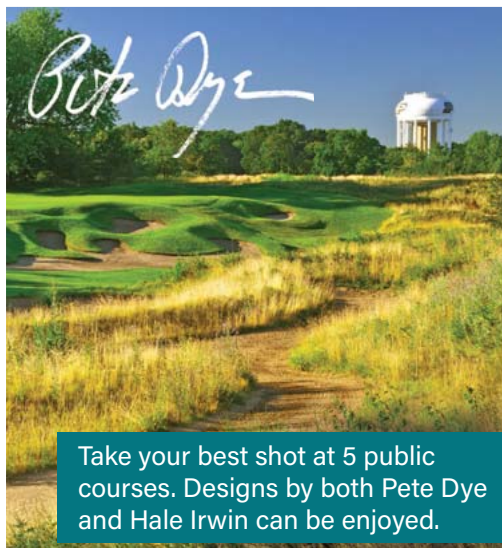
It's all about the vibe! Historical architecture, quaint boutiques, local flavor dining and year-round events make downtown a must visit. Explore three distinct districts, that include attractions, public art, galleries and museums. You will love it!



A favorite for all ages, Columbian Park Zoo is home to over 200 animals!



Shop till you drop!



Take your best shot at 5 public courses. Designs by both Pete Dye and Hale Irwin can be enjoyed.

Meet farm animals, tour a 1920s replica Sears home, barn and farmstead at The Farm at Prophetstown.



A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY!



Be wowed! A collection of 74 bronze sculptures by Edgar Degas are on display at Purdue.

WOLF PARK: "Howl with the Wolves" at this one of a kind wolf research park where wolves, foxes and bison live in semi-natural enclosures.

TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD & MUSEUM: Historic 1811 battlefield, where William Henry Harrison's troops fought Tecumseh's warriors.

ARCHITECTURE, ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS and PUBLIC ART: Visit Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 15 local art galleries and over 125+ pieces of public. SAMARA House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is also a must-see!

Visit homeofpurdue.com for more attractions!



Splash around at Prophetstown State Park Aquatic Center, or slip and slide at Tropicanoe Cove Aquatic Center.

COLUMBIAN PARK and ZOO: Home to: Loeb Stadium (where the Lafayette Aviators Baseball team plays), Tropicanoe Cove Aquatic Center, Columbian Park Zoo, paddle boats, ride-on train, walking trails, amphitheater, and a wonderful new ADA accessible playground. Some activities seasonal.



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Year-round festivals, events and Big Ten sports! Events include: Feast of the Hunters' Moon, 'Round the Fountain Art Fair and TASTE of Tippecanoe.



Joyful Journeys

OBSERVE SPECIAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THESE INDIANA HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. *by Christina Vercelletto*



Shipshewana's Lights of Joy

NIGHTTIME ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE | MARCH 17

Starting at dusk, downtown Crown Point comes alive with an Irish-themed parade led by drummers and bagpipers. Enjoy a drive-thru corned beef and cabbage dinner, too. crownpoint.in.gov (NW)

POTATO CREEK STATE PARK EASTER EGG HUNT | APRIL 19

Gather the kids and head to Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty. Arrive early to meet the big bunny himself, then scour the beach for the candy-filled eggs he's hidden. events.in.gov (NC)

CEDAR LAKE SUMMERFEST | JULY 3-6

The Summerfest is a beloved tradition for families statewide. Take in fireworks, a carnival, a beer garden, a car show, and a cardboard boat race. Don't forget to try your luck in the cornhole contest. cedarlakesummerfest.com (NW)

DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS | OCTOBER 25

Winona Lake is illuminated with magic during this popular fest. Participate in puja, savor authentic Indian foods, play games and raffles, then dance the evening away. Plus, get style inspiration at the fashion show. visitkoscuskoocounty.org (NE)

SPOOKTACULAR | OCTOBER 30

Logansport gets dressed up the Thursday before Halloween with its annual Spooktacular and Elks Halloween parade. Don't miss downtown's decorated Scarecrow Row throughout the month of October. visit-casscounty.com (WV)

VETERANS DAY PARADE & CEREMONY | NOVEMBER 8

An inspiring tribute to our heroes past and present, the annual Veterans Day parade in Fort Wayne ends at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Stay for a moving ceremony to show your gratitude to those who fought for our freedom. visitfortwayne.com (NE)

SHIPSHEWANA'S LIGHTS OF JOY | NOVEMBER 21-DECEMBER 31

Experience a spectacular display of more than 2 million Christmas lights from the comfort of your car with this drive-thru scene set to a radio broadcast. shipshewanalightsofjoy.com (NE)

CHRISTMAS AT THE CANAL | DECEMBER 6

Delphi's Wabash & Erie Canal Park hosts a gift bazaar alongside interactive museum and historic home tours, artisan demonstrations, and photo ops with Santa. wabashanderiecanal.org (WV)

PIEROGI DROP | DECEMBER 31

Whiting rings in the New Year by dropping its own illuminated ball ... in the form of the city's signature, celebrated dumpling. Enjoy live entertainment and fireworks, too. pierogidrop.com (NW)



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**Inn/Lodge location*





Valparaiso University



Purdue University

Slice of Life

A SNAPSHOT OF WORKING, STUDYING AND LIVING IN INDIANA'S NORTHERN REGIONS.

FROM ITS manufacturing hubs to recreational hot spots and thriving communities, Northern Indiana offers plenty of resources and amenities to residents and visitors alike. Here's a brief look at the area's business, education, and quality of life highlights.

WORK

Elkhart is famously known as the **RV Capital of the World**, home to major recreational vehicle manufacturers that produce more 80 percent of the RVs built

worldwide. Beyond RVs, steel production has long been a cornerstone of the state's economy, with companies like **Cleveland-Cliffs** (formerly Arcelor-Mittal) in East Chicago and **Steel Dynamics** in Fort Wayne producing, fabricating, and recycling metals. **Urschel Laboratories** in Chesterton specializes in precision food-cutting machinery, while **BraunAbility** in Winamac produces mobility aids such as wheelchair accessible

vehicles and lifts. From its Portage headquarters, Fronius delivers advanced welding, solar energy, and battery charging technologies, and **CTB International** in Milford provides agricultural systems that support global food production.

Globally recognized as the **Orthopedic Capital of the World**, **Warsaw** earned its reputation through its robust orthopedic device industry. Key companies like **Zimmer Biomet**, which announced a col-

TOP 5 COLLEGES

Undergraduate and graduate enrollment

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
57,596

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
13,129

TRINE UNIVERSITY
12,891

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND
4,631

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
1,491

laboration with Arnold Schwarzenegger as its chief movement officer in 2024; **Paragon Medical**, now owned by Ametek; **Ortho-Pediatrics**, specializing in medical solutions for children; and **DePuy Synthes**, The Orthopaedics Company of Johnson & Johnson, have their headquarters here. These companies contribute innovations in joint replacement and medical devices and drive the local economy.

Agriculture is another key industry for the

TOP 5 CITIES

By 2023 population

FORT WAYNE
Allen County
POPULATION 269,994
KNOWN FOR Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Embassy Theatre, Promenade Park

LAFAYETTE/ WEST LAFAYETTE
Tippecanoe County
POPULATION 116,045
KNOWN FOR Purdue University, Wabash River, Fort Ouatenon

SOUTH BEND
St. Joseph County
POPULATION 103,395
KNOWN FOR University of Notre Dame, East Race Waterway, St. Joseph River

HAMMOND
Lake County
POPULATION 76,193
KNOWN FOR Industrial history, South Shore Line commuter rail, Hammond Civic Center

GARY
Lake County
POPULATION 67,652
KNOWN FOR Home-town of The Jackson 5, modernist architecture, Miller Beach, U.S. Steel

INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

The North region's major players and workforce wins

- A global leader in jet engine manufacturing, **GE Aerospace** is investing millions in its Lafayette engine facility to increase production and improve quality. The site offers a first-of-its-kind apprenticeship program to train and develop its workforce.

➤ Northern Indiana is home to major players in the poultry industry, such as Logansport's **Tyson Foods** facility and **Miller Poultry** in South Bend, as well as duck producers **Maple Leaf Farms** in Leesburg and **Culver Duck** in Middlebury. Other leading food producers contributing to Indiana's economy include **Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream** in Fort Wayne and **Kraft Heinz** in Kendallville.

➤ The **Ports of Indiana Burns Harbor** has a \$4.63 billion economic impact, generates \$363 million in local and state tax revenue, and supports 28,400 jobs. As of May 2024, the site had more than \$77 million in infrastructure and expansion projects in development.

➤ Employees of **General Motors** in Roanoke build more than 1,300 Chevy and GMC trucks each day. Lafayette's **Subaru of Indiana**
- **Automotive**, which produces four models, was inducted into the Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame in 2023.

➤ **Mammoth North Solar** farm in Monterey became operational in October 2024 and is expected to generate 1.3 GW of energy for around 275,000 households annually.

➤ Fort Wayne transformed a former GE industrial site to create **Electric Works** a 39-acre mixed use development combining retail, residential, artistic, and business spaces.

state of Indiana. **White Oaks Bison Farm** in Rochester applies rotational grazing methods and regenerative farming practices while avoiding pesticides to cultivate an optimal, healthy environment for its grass-fed herd.

On a more creative note, Fort Wayne's **Sweetwater** is a hub for music hobbyists as well as professional performing artists. With the largest on-site inventory of musical instruments and equipment in the U.S., as well as a vast online catalog, Sweetwater's influence stretches far beyond Indiana.

STUDY

Indiana boasts renowned higher education institutions that attract students from around the world.

The **University of Notre Dame** in South Bend is perhaps best

known for its Fighting Irish football tradition, but the private Catholic research university is also renowned for academic excellence, offering undergraduate, professional and graduate programs.

Located in West Lafayette, **Purdue University** is a global leader in engineering, aeronautics and astronautics, technology, and agricultural studies. *U.S. News & World Report* has named Purdue among its top 10 Most Innovative Schools in the U.S. for the last seven years.

On a smaller, more intimate scale, **Goshen College** offers a hands-on liberal arts curriculum with a strong emphasis on service and sustainability. Global citizenship and experiential learning are promoted through its Study-Service Term engagement program.

Known for its engineering and business programs, **Trine University** in Angola fosters practical, career-ready education. More than 99 percent of alumni find employment or enroll in graduate school within six months of graduation.

Valparaiso University combines rigorous academics with a commitment to community service. The private school in Northwest Indiana offers 70 undergraduate programs as well as 23 graduate and certificate options.

LIVE

The North region's cities and towns include large and small communities with important quality of life factors, such as culture, career opportunities, transit, and outdoor recreation. Notable locales include **South Bend**, a dynamic city driven by innovation and education, and **Fort Wayne**, known for its manufacturing base and cultural offerings. **Auburn** celebrates its automotive history with museums, car shows, and auctions. **Wabash, Elkhart, Hammond, and Michigan City** are industrial hubs with arts, history, and tourism attractions. And **Valparaiso** gives college town vibes, while **Shipshewana** is famous for its Amish culture and bustling flea market.

The North region's transit infrastructure is evolving to meet the needs of its growing population. The **West Lake Corridor Project** extends commuter rail service, enhancing connectivity between Northwest Indiana and Chicago. Meanwhile, updates to the **South Shore Line**, including the modernized Miller Beach Station, promise to improve convenience and efficiency for daily commuters.

The true beauty of the northern part of Indiana is showcased in its state parks and lakes. **Pokagon and Trine state parks** in the northeast offer lush landscapes and fun outdoor activities. **Chain O' Lakes** is a great spot for kayakers and hikers, while **Lake Wawasee**, the state's largest natural lake, attracts boaters and anglers. Other gems like **Ouabache, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Mississinewa Lake, and Salamonie State Park** provide opportunities for camping, biking, boating, and bird-watching.



Salamonie State Park

Outdoor Playgrounds

FROM TRANQUIL NATURE ESCAPES TO ADRENALINE-PUMPING ADVENTURES, THE NORTH REGION'S ALFRESCO ATTRACTIONS CATER TO A VARIETY OF INTERESTS. WHETHER YOU ENJOY HIKING, BIKING, PADDLING, OR RACING, THESE DESTINATIONS PROMISE OUTDOORSY ACTIVITIES AMID NATURAL BEAUTY.



Pokagon State Park

LOCATED AT the site where Fort Wayne's three rivers meet, **Promenade Park (NE)** features a treetop canopy trail, interactive fountains, and a pavilion for community events. Visitors can rent kayaks and paddleboards or enjoy a relaxing riverboat cruise. Promenade Park serves as a gateway to area rivers and includes an amphitheater, band shell, kids' canal, gardens, and public art.

Mississinewa Lake (WV) in Peru is a prime spot for water sports and camping enthusiasts. Surrounded by forest, the lake offers boating, fishing, and swimming. With its well-maintained campgrounds and hiking trails, Mississinewa Lake is a great choice for a weekend getaway. During autumn, vibrant foliage makes it a prime pick for leaf-peepers.

Home to diverse ecosystems and an abundance of wildlife, **Tippicanoe River State Park's (NC)** waterway is ideal for canoeing and kayaking, winding through scenic forests and wetlands. The Winamac park also includes hiking trails, picnic areas, and campsites.

Chain O'Lakes State Park (NE) in Albion features nine interconnected lakes, perfect



Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area

for paddlers who enjoy kayaking and canoeing. Hikers can explore over 20 miles of trails, while anglers will appreciate plentiful fishing opportunities. The park offers cabins and campsites for overnight stays.

The triad of **Lake James, Jimmerson Lake, and Snow Lake (NE)** near Angola forms a picturesque setting for aquatic recreation. These lakes are popular for boating, jet skiing, and fishing. Their clean



POKAGON PHOTO BY ADAM MCCALL



France Park

draw is the thrill of watching high-speed offshore boats race through the open waters of Lake Michigan.

Shiojiri Niwa (NW), a Japanese strolling garden in Mishawaka, celebrates the city's sister city relationship with Shiojiri, Japan, with koi ponds, stone lanterns, and meticulous landscaped flora.

Bob Kern Nature Preserve

(NC) in Rochester has many acres of high-quality marshland and hosts a plethora of plants and animals.

For wildlife enthusiasts, the **Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area (NC)** offers hunting, fishing, foraging, and bird-watching year-round. Each fall, thousands of sandhill cranes stop here during their migration.

A little further south, **Indiana Beach (WV)** on Lake Shafer in Monticello is an amusement park and resort offering fun for all ages. The park features roller coasters, water rides, and a picturesque boardwalk. Visitors can also enjoy boating and fishing on the lake, making it a perfect blend of thrills and relaxing activities.

waters and sandy beaches make them ideal for swimming and sunbathing. Charming lakeside restaurants and shops in the area add to the appeal. **Pokagon State Park** on Lake James is a year-round destination, with swimming at **Potawatomi Inn Beach** or hiking through scenic trails in the warmer months. Winter activities include swishing down the park's famous toboggan run.

Another watery retreat, **France Park** in Logansport **(WV)** is a surprising spot for scuba diving (on the cover). In addition to the park's waterfall, hiking trails, 24-hole disc golf course, and swimming and camping areas, the abandoned quarry hosts scuba excursions through Indy Dive Center. Take the plunge into while enjoying the natural scenery and cliffside views.

From July 28 through August 3, **Washington Park (NW)** in Michigan City hosts the 16th annual XINSURANCE Great Lakes Grand Prix, a free weeklong event featuring a boat parade, golf outing, and live entertainment. But the real

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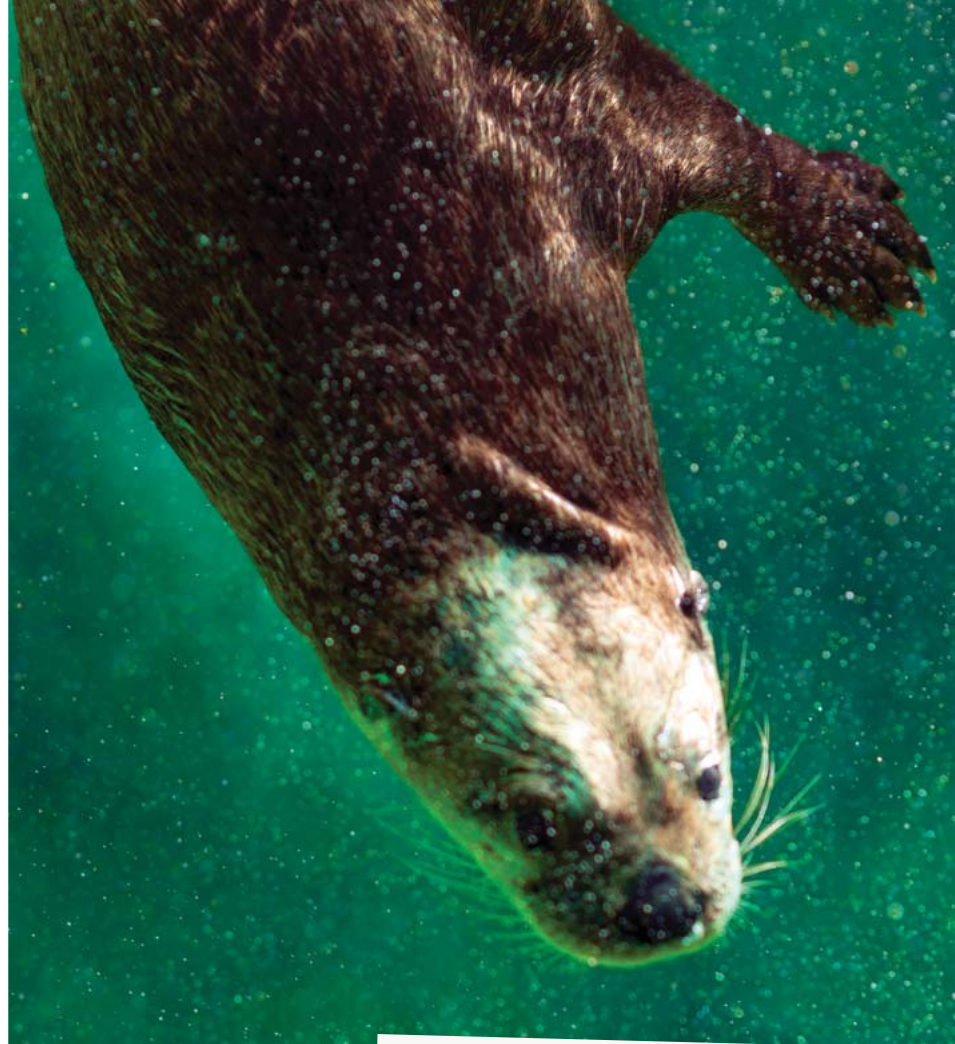
Family Fun

THESE SITES IN THE NORTH REGION PROVIDE ENRICHING ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUNG TRAVELERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Comic book fans and superhero enthusiasts will love Elkhart's **Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum (NC)**. This one-of-a-kind venue showcases an extensive collection of memorabilia, including rare comics, movie props, and life-size statues. Families can immerse themselves in the history of famed characters such as Superman, Captain America, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Hulk, and more. For a more specific obsession, the new **Fiberglass Freaks' Batman Museum (WV)** in Logansport pays targeted tribute to the Caped Crusader. Visitors can marvel at a replica Batmobile, explore a private collection of Batman memorabilia, and encounter villains like Catwoman, Penguin, Riddler, and the Joker.

Science Central (NE) in Fort Wayne sparks imagination with interactive experiences that bring science to life. With more than 200 permanent exhibits, hands-on educational programs, and a high-energy atmosphere, it offers spaces like Kids Central, the Nature Nook, and Demonstration Theater



Potawatomi Zoo

where families can learn and have fun together.

ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

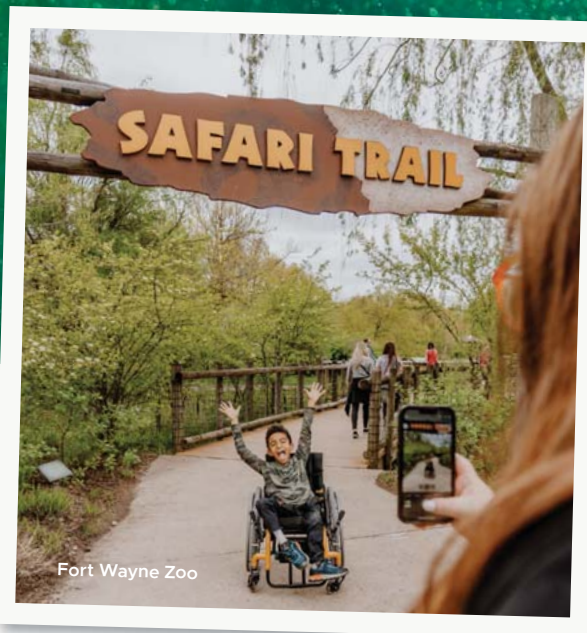
Rated as one of the best children's zoos in the nation, the **Fort Wayne Zoo (NE)** features themed exhibits such as African Journey, Australian Adventure, and Asian Trek. Families can enjoy rides like Sky Safari and the Endangered Species Carousel, then head over to feed goats, chickens, giraffes, and stingrays.

Indiana's oldest zoo, South Bend's **Potawatomi Zoo (NC)**, is

home to over 400 animals. Families can enjoy close encounters with sloths, flamingos, otters, okapis, and rhinos or take part in seasonal events to celebrate special events with furry, feathered, and reptilian friends.

Columbian Park Zoo (WV)

in Lafayette offers a charming, intimate experience ideal for younger children. Exhibits like Penguin Cove, Otter Creek, Prairie Dog Town, and Wallaby Walkout provide plenty of opportunities to connect with animals and nature. Admission



Fort Wayne Zoo



Fiberglass Freaks' Batman Museum

is free, making it a budget-friendly outing.

Albion's **Black Pine Animal Sanctuary (NE)** provides a safe haven for rescued exotic animals. Families can take guided tours to learn about wildlife conservation and meet lions, tigers, bears, and more in this serene environment.

JUST DESSERTS

Experience the thrill of nitrogen-frozen ice cream at **Rocket Science Ice Cream (NC)** in Nappanee. This shop offers a unique twist on classic treats, allowing families to watch their ice cream creations come to life in a cloud of vapor. Overlooking Sylvan Lake, **Sundaes on Sylvan (NE)** in Rome City is a charming spot to enjoy hand-dipped ice cream, sundaes, and shakes. Known for its world-famous gummy bears, **Albanese Confectionery (NW)** in Merrillville is a candy lover's paradise. Families can tour the factory, sample treats, and stock up on sweet souvenirs.

Family-owned **McCord Candies (WV)** in Lafayette has treated its customers to homemade ice cream and confections for generations. The combination of nostalgic charm and delicious offerings has made McCord's a must-visit since 1912. If you find yourself in need of more options in the Steuben County area, follow the **Northern Indiana Lakes Country Ice Cream Trail (NE)** to discover hidden gems serving up a variety of flavors and styles. This self-guided adventure is a perfect way to explore the region and indulge in local specialties. And, blend old and new at **Antiqology (NE)** in Huntington, which claims to offer the largest selection of craft sodas in the Midwest. The shop also serves ice cream sandwiches, pies, and an array of candy.

A young girl with long blonde hair, wearing a black shirt and a safety harness, is smiling and giving a thumbs up. She is standing on a roller coaster track, with the orange and green tracks visible in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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ARAB FEST

MAY/JUNE • Learn about the culture of nations from West Asia to North Africa at Fort Wayne's Arab Fest. You can enjoy sweet and savory dishes, watch dance performances, get a henna tattoo, and maybe even pet a camel. [facebook.com/arabfestfw](https://www.facebook.com/arabfestfw) (NE)

BERNE SWISS DAYS

JULY • Berne observes its namesake Swiss origins with a summer celebration that features carnival rides, live entertainment, Steintoss and Big Wheel competitions, food and craft vendors, and a 5K race. swissdaysberne.com (NE)

LATINO FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER • Plymouth pays tribute to its Latino community and brings cultures together during this one-day event that showcases folk dancing, mariachi bands, and DJs. Food and gift vendors abound. [facebook.com/plymouthlatinfestival](https://www.facebook.com/plymouthlatinfestival) (NC)

ST. BONIFACE GERMANFEST

SEPTEMBER • Enjoy polka music, casino games, and carnival rides, at Lafayette's GermanFest. Don't miss the chocolate-amaretto pies at Fr. Tim's Bavarian Chocolate Haus. stbonifacegermanfest.org (WV)

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER • Embrace the vibrancy of Hispanic heritage at this North Manchester gathering that includes interactive Spanish and bilingual performances and family-friendly activities. singmehome.org (NE)

WORLD CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER • Valparaiso's Central Park Plaza comes alive with global and Native American entertainment, fair trade shopping opportunities, handicrafts, a parade of nations, food, and so much fun. valpovic.org (NW)

CELEBRATING US FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER • One Warsaw champions diversity and inclusion with its Celebrating Us Festival featuring live music and dancing, food vendors, community groups, children's activities, and games. onewarsaw.org (NE)

GLOBAL FEST

SEPTEMBER • Since 1995, West Lafayette has hosted its Global Fest highlighting music, dance, arts and crafts, and food from Africa, the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. [facebook.com/globalfestwl](https://www.facebook.com/globalfestwl) (WV)

TRAIL OF COURAGE LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER • Rochester recreates pioneer and Native American life in the 1800s with hawk throws, muzzleloading contests, and canoe rides. fultoncountyhistory.org (NC)



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TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

1. A scenic spot to enjoy the sunset at **Indiana Dunes National Park (NW)**. // 2. Winter holiday revelers take a lighted buggy ride through **Shipshewana (NE)**. // 3. A pint of beer from Michigan City's **Shoreline Brewery (NW)**.



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Northern Indiana Lakes Country

Northern Indiana Lakes Country offers year-round recreational opportunities and 101 lakes. Pokagon State Park is home to Indiana's only refrigerated toboggan slide, hiking trails, beaches, boat and bike rentals and a nature center.

The Trine State Recreation Area has hiking plus boat rentals and fishing from the pier. Satek Winery, a 400-acre buffalo preserve, The Indiana Rail Experience and Angola Balloons Aloft offer unique experiences.



Great Outdoors

WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU SPOT THE NAMES OF THESE INDIANA PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, LAKES, AND NATURE SITES?

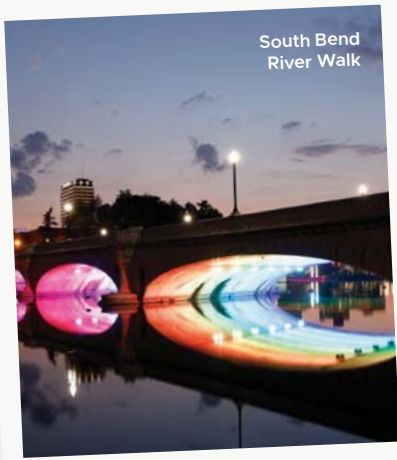
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LOOK FOR THESE WORDS

- CHAIN O' LAKES
- INDIANA DUNES
- MISSISSINEWA LAKE
- OUABACHE
- POKAGON
- POTATO CREEK
- PROPHETSTOWN
- SALAMONIE LAKE
- TIPPECANOE RIVER
- TRINE SRA



Answers on page 112



South Bend River Walk

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QUILT GARDEN TRAIL, SHIPSHAWANA: Explore the heart of Amish country in a unique way—marveling at more than 1 million vibrant flowers painstakingly cultivated in 14 gardens to become living floral quilts.

LINTON'S ENCHANTED GARDENS, ELKHART: This unexpected wonderland—technically a retail landscaping center—has charmed families for years. Kids will love the treehouse play area and the petting zoo and aviary with resident macaws. The lush gardens have inventive themes, including fairies, Japan, and seashores.

EFROYMSON PRAIRIE AT KANKAKEE SANDS: More than 600 species of native plants thrive across 8,400 acres of prairies and wetlands. This breathtaking expanse is home to more than 240 types of birds, including the rare Henslow's sparrow, and 70 species of butterflies, but the highlight is a stop at the bison herd viewing area.

REN ART WLK, RENNELAER: Art aficionados, as well as lovers of amazing photo ops, will relish this memorable downtown stroll as they take in 41 magnificent murals. Expect stunningly realistic portraits, beautiful depictions of wildlife and vivid abstract pieces.

RACLIN MURPHY MUSEUM OF ART AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: More than 20 galleries on three levels house upward of 1,000 world-class works. Among them are European and American paintings dating from the 1700s onward, Indigenous art of the Americas, and International modern art.

THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION, ST. JOHN: Visitors can walk a half-mile path through landscaped gardens, passing life-size scenes that realistically depict key moments in Christ's life. The centerpiece is the powerful Stations of the Cross, a series of bronze sculptures.

SOUTH BEND RIVER LIGHTS: This captivating, interactive display is the only one of its kind in the world. Color-changing LED lights synchronized to music illuminate the riverfront. Motion detectors allow visitors to send a flow of lights across the St. Joseph River.

TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD PARK, BATTLE GROUND: The site commemorating the 1811 clash between Native American forces and U.S. soldiers affords a chance to understand the significance of this pivotal event in the shaping of the American frontier.

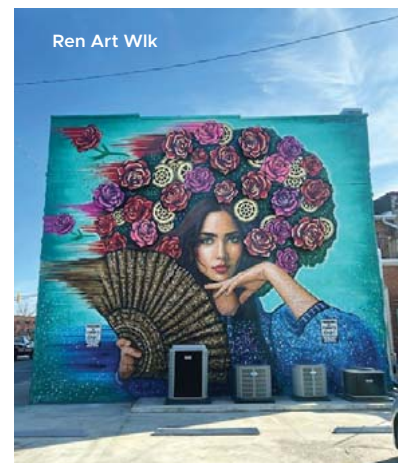
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- Science Central, Fort Wayne
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- Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City
- LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, LaPorte
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Charley Creek Inn



Morris Inn



Union Club Hotel

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whitleychamber.com

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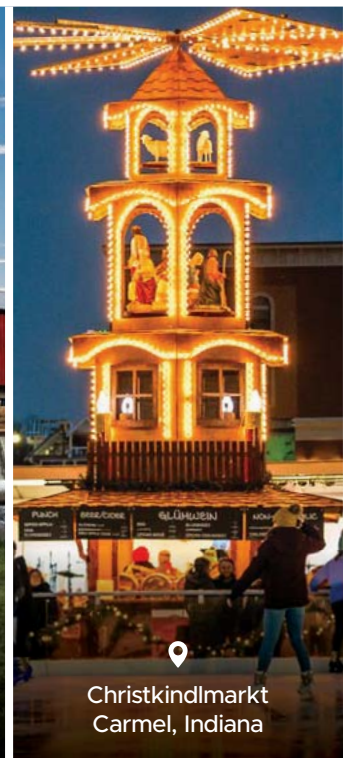
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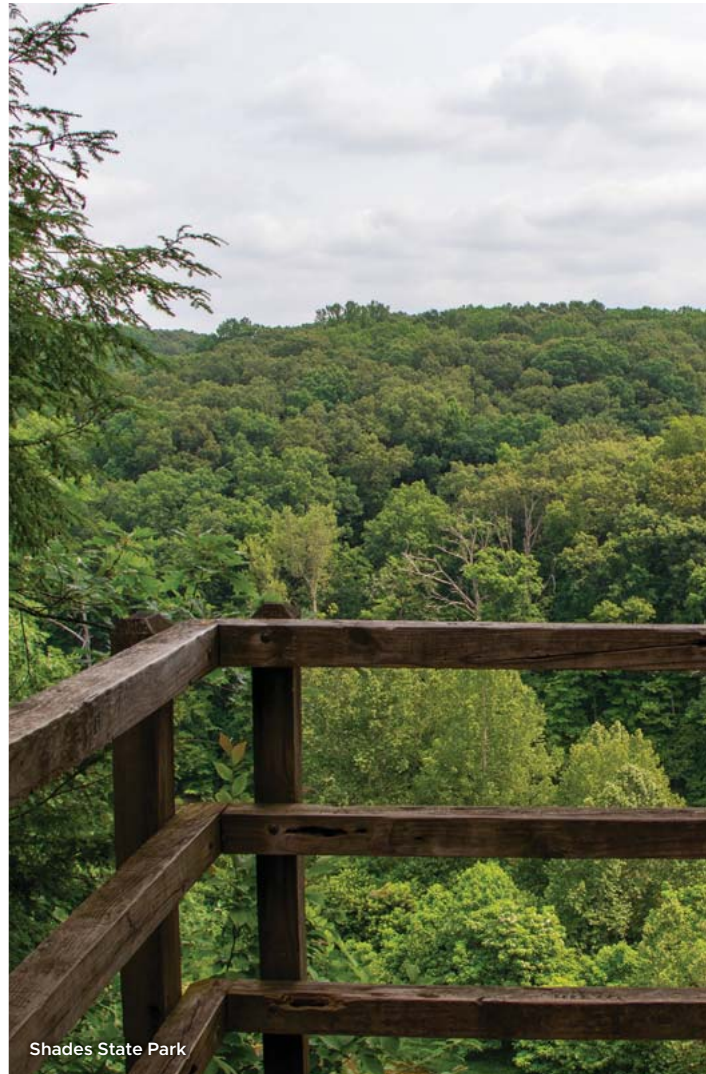
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Eiteljorg Museum



Shades State Park

Regional Highlights

CHECK OUT ROAD TRIP-WORTHY ATTRACTIONS, STATE PARKS, AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL REGION THAT APPEAL TO ART AFICIONADOS, HISTORY BUFFS, AND NATURE LOVERS.

MUSEUMS & FIELD TRIPS

Celebrating its 100th birthday in 2025, **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis (C)** is an Indiana landmark with interactive exhibits highlighting science, history, and culture. Visitors of all ages will enjoy exhibits like the Dinosphere, Playscape, *Treasures of the Earth*, and *All Aboard!*, featuring an 1890s steam engine. The special exhibit *Memories, Wonders, and Dreams: Stories from 100 Years* showcases a selection of objects the museum has collected over the last century.

White River State Park (C), which includes the **Indianapolis Zoo**, **Victory Field**, **Everwise Amphitheater**, and the **NCAA Hall of Champions**, is also home to the **Eiteljorg Museum**. Dedicated to Native American and

Western art, it showcases paintings, sculptures, and artifacts from the diverse cultures of Indigenous peoples and the American West. Right next door, the **Indiana State Museum** explores the state's history. With collections



Kokomo Opalescent Glass



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C CENTRAL
EC EAST CENTRAL

Good to Know

[The Children's Museum hosts family programs for all ages.](#)

Hike through the bottom of ravines or view them from wooden walkways above.

showing everything from prehistoric fossils to modern innovations, it's an educational experience for all ages.

Home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park, **Newfields (C)** showcases an inspiring blend of art, nature, and recreation. Its attractions include expansive gardens, rotating exhibits, film series, and seasonal light shows.



Dating back to 1888, **Kokomo Opalescent Glass (EC)** is one of the leading manufacturers of handmade art glass in the world. Tucked away south of the Howard County courthouse square, the factory offers tours five days a week to give visitors a fascinating inside look at its facilities and time-honored techniques and craftsmanship employed to create its distinctive glass sheets, rondels, pendant lights, suncatchers, and more.

Muncie gem **Minnetrista Museum & Gardens (EC)** is a cultural hub that combines green spaces, museums, and family-friendly programming. The outdoor zones, including the Nature Area and themed gardens, offer walking paths to explore the grounds. Indoors, exhibits often focus on local history and art. Seasonal events like the Farmers Market and Enchanted Luminaria Walk, as well as art workshops and storytelling circles, add to Minnetrista's charm.

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PARKS AND DRIVES

Turkey Run State Park (WC) is a haven for nature lovers with its rugged sandstone gorges, trails, and creeks perfect for hiking, canoeing, and exploring the landscape. Stay in the main lodge or on-site cabins, enjoy the picnic areas, and go on guided tours that delve into the park's geology and history. Less than 15 miles away, **Shades State Park (WC)** offers a quieter alternative and solitude in nature. The park is known for its striking ravines, lush forests, and scenic spots including the Devil's Punchbowl trailhead. Shades is a prime site for hiking, bird-watching, and photography, with trails that lead to gorgeous views of Sugar Creek.

Treasure hunters and vintage shopping enthusiasts can go on a spree along **Antique Alley (EC)**. This region boasts more than 1,200 antique dealers spread over 66 miles in the eastern part of the state. From vintage furniture to rare collectibles, you're bound to find unique items while exploring the small towns along the way.

TIME TRAVEL

Terre Haute's **Candles Holocaust Museum and Education Center (WC)** tells the powerful story of Holocaust survivor Eva Kor and her mission of forgiveness. Through exhibits and survivor testimonies, it educates guests about the Holocaust and the importance of tolerance.

The **Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site (EC)** in Fountain City was once a key stop on the Underground Railroad. The Coffins'

home, often called the Grand Central Station, sheltered hundreds of escaped slaves seeking freedom.

North of downtown Indianapolis, the **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site (C)** preserves the home of the 23rd U.S. president. Guided tours offer a glimpse into Harrison's personal and political life, original furnishings, and artifacts.

Hagerstown's **Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum (EC)** is the restored birthplace of the elder Wright brother and is dedicated to the famed duo's groundbreaking achievements as aviation pioneers.


Two Central region sites pay homage to Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley. The **James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home and Museum (C)** in Greenfield honors his early life and literary contributions. The **James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home (C)** in Indy's historic Lockerbie Square neighborhood showcases Riley's later life and works.

The **General Lew Wallace Study & Museum (WC)** in Crawfordsville is home to the study of General Lew Wallace, author of *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. This National Historic Landmark celebrates Wallace's life as a soldier, author, and diplomat.

The stunning Victorian-style **Seiberling Mansion (EC)** in Kokomo offers a glimpse into the opulent lives of the wealthy in the late 19th century. Now a museum, it highlights the City of Firsts' industrial history and the Seiberling family's local legacy.

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WITH THRIVING businesses, top-tier universities, and vibrant communities, the Central Region offers a lot to love to its residents and visitors.

WORK

Central Indiana has earned a reputation as a leader in life sciences, driven by companies like **Eli Lilly and Company**, **Roche Diagnostics**, and **Beckman Coulter Life Sciences**. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Lilly is one of the world's foremost pharmaceutical companies, contributing significantly to local employment and global medical advances. The Roche site in

Fishers focuses on diagnostics that shape health care worldwide. And **Beckman Coulter**, which specializes in laboratory instruments and reagents, also plays a pivotal role in diagnostic testing.

The tech community in the Central region continues strong growth as well. The **Salesforce** Indianapolis office is integral to the company's cloud-based solutions and business technology. Near downtown Indy, **16Tech Innovation District** brings together advanced manufacturing and life sciences, creating a space to encourage collaboration. The campus

TOP 5 COLLEGES

Undergraduate and graduate enrollment

- IU INDIANAPOLIS**
21,728
- BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**
Muncie
19,382
- INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**
Terre Haute
7,721
- BUTLER UNIVERSITY**
Indianapolis
5,763
- UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**
3,957

TOP 5 CITIES

By 2023 population

INDIANAPOLIS
Marion County
POPULATION 879,293
KNOWN FOR Indiana Motor Speedway, sporting events, Children's Museum of Indianapolis

FISHERS
Hamilton County
POPULATION 104,094
KNOWN FOR Nickel Plate Trail greenway, Nickel Plate District, Conner Prairie, the new Fishers Event Center

CARMEL
Hamilton County
POPULATION 102,296
KNOWN FOR Vibrant Arts & Design District, Center for the Performing Arts, Monon Trail, International Arts Festival

includes office and coworking facilities, labs, a makerspace, collective green space, and the AMP food hall.

In addition to the thriving life sciences and tech communities, a few standout companies in the West-Central region focus on manufacturing. **Thyssen-Krupp Presta** in Terre Haute produces steering systems for the automotive industry, and **International Automotive Components** in Danville supplies powertrain components. **Futurex Industries** in Bloomington is a leading supplier of plastic sheet.

STUDY

The Central Region is home to top-quality educational institutions. Based in Indianapolis, **Indiana University School of Medicine** is the largest medical school in the U.S. It includes five science departments and 20 clinical departments.

Other notable Indianapolis schools include **Marian University**, **Butler University**, and the **University of Indianapolis**, which offer a diverse range of programs, from engineering and business to health care and liberal arts. In 2024, IUPUI separated its **IU Indianapolis** and **Purdue Indianapolis** programs. IU Indy offers more than 375 degrees and certificates, while Purdue is launching a first-of-its-kind Hard Tech Corridor between Indianapolis and West Lafayette.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute was named the #1 school in the nation for undergraduate engineering by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Ball State University in Muncie offers more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs, including a brand-new bachelor's degree in Forensic Science from the College of Sciences and Humanities.

In Greencastle, **DePauw University** collects accolades for its liberal arts programs, Greek life, college radio station, and study abroad offerings from *U.S. News & World Report*, *Niche*, and *Open Doors Report*.

LIVE

Central Indiana has a mix of small and large communities. As the state capital, **Indianapolis** is the economic and cultural epicenter—a thriving urban center with

INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

The Central region's major players and workforce wins

► **Rolls-Royce North America** was awarded a \$695 million contract with the U.S. Department of Defense for engine support in late 2024. In August, the site began F130 engine testing for the U.S. Air Force B-52J Stratofortress.

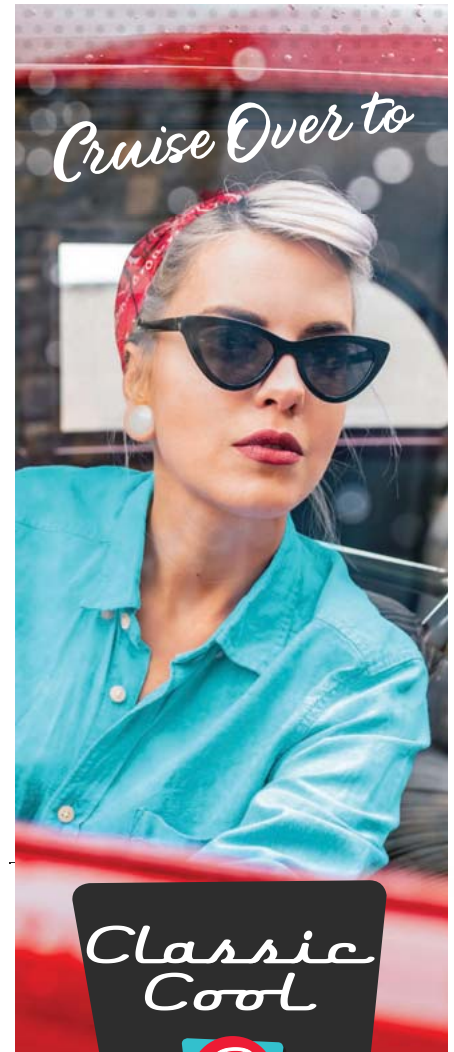
► The **FedEx** national hub at Indianapolis International Airport was one of four locations to earn certification for its air cargo handling of pharmaceutical shipments from the International Air Transport Association. The 3 million-square-foot facility is the second largest FedEx air hub in the world.

► In the pharmaceutical sector, **Eli Lilly and Company** announced last year that it would boost its investment in its Lebanon manufacturing site from \$3.7 million to \$9 million to increase production of its Zepbound and Mounjaro medications. The company also plans to invest \$4.5 billion to create the Lilly Medicine Foundry, a new manufacturing and development facility slated to open in 2027.

► **Roche** received U.S. FDA clearance for a test that differentiates B-cell lymphoma subtypes, following approval of a companion diagnostic test to aid in the assessment and treatment of biliary tract cancer.

new housing developments and historic neighborhoods. The surrounding suburbs include cities like **Carmel, Fishers, Westfield, Noblesville, Greenwood, Zionsville, and Whitestown** that provide a quieter lifestyle with easy city access. These communities are known for excellent schools, family-friendly environments, and shopping and entertainment venues.

Elsewhere in the region, college towns **Muncie, Terre Haute, and Greencastle** support academic institutions and cultural activities. **Danville, Kokomo, and Anderson** offer more relaxed, small-town living and close-knit communities. And **Richmond, New Castle, and Shelbyville** present affordable living options, along with attractions like historical museums, flea markets and antique malls, and parks.



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POPULATION 66,296

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Nature's Call

FROM TRANQUIL NATURE ESCAPES TO ADRENALINE-PUMPING ADVENTURES, THE CENTRAL REGION'S ALFRESCO ATTRACTIONS PROVIDE OUTDOORSY ACTIVITIES AMID NATURAL BEAUTY.



Turkey Run State Park

SITUATED IN northeast Indianapolis, **Fort Harrison State Park (C)** was once a military fort that now offers miles of hiking and biking trails, a golf course, and fishing opportunities in Fall Creek. The park's Museum of 20th Century Warfare and historic buildings provide a glimpse into its military past. On the opposite side of Indy, **Eagle Creek Park (C)** is one of the largest

municipal parks in the U.S. Visitors can hike wooded trails, paddle on the 1,400-acre reservoir, or participate in zip-lining and sailing. The park hosts nature centers, a bird sanctuary, and educational events throughout the year. Located near Anderson, **Mounds State Park (EC)** is named for its ancient earthworks created by the Adena and Hopewell cultures more than 2,000 years ago.

In addition to exploring these archaeological marvels, visitors can hike wooded trails, observe wildlife, and enjoy scenic views of the White River. Known for its rugged beauty, **Turkey Run State Park (WC)** near Marshall offers some of Indiana's best hiking trails. Visitors can explore sandstone gorges, suspension bridges, and picturesque creeks. Canoeing on Sugar

Creek provides another perspective on the park's splendor. Sugar Valley Canoes offers canoe, kayak, and tube rental. Shelbyville's **Blue River Trail (C)** is a 3.5-mile path for walking, hiking, and biking connecting the downtown area with Knauf Greenway and the Sunset Park Loop Trail. **Cecil M. Harden Lake (WC)** is a popular destination for water activities and camp-

ing near Rockville. Visitors can fish, boat, or swim in the expansive reservoir or explore the surrounding trails and picnic areas. If you prefer your adventures on two wheels, **Griffin Bike Park (WC)** in Terre Haute is a paradise for mountain biking enthusiasts. Featuring a variety of trails and terrain, the park caters to riders of all skill levels. The park's jumps, pump tracks, and

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Fort Harrison State Park



Cecil M. Harden Lake

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MUNCIE JUNETEENTH

JUNE • Commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, the Juneteenth celebration in Muncie features live music, an array of vendors and community resources, a talent show, cornhole and chess games, and raffles. juneteenthmuncie.com (EC)

INDIAN MARKET & FESTIVAL

JUNE • Featuring stunning displays of hand-made jewelry, pottery, paintings, beadwork, and artisan crafts, the annual Indian Market & Festival at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis spotlights Native American cultures. eiteljorg.org/indian-market-and-festival (C)

MIAMI NATION OF INDIANA ALL NATIONS GATHERING

JUNE • Indiana's indigenous Native American tribe gathers in Rockville to convey its history and pageantry through arts and performance. miamiindians.org/pow-wowgathering (WC)

LITTLE ITALY FESTIVAL

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER • Say, "Ciao," to Labor Day weekend during Clinton's Little Italy Festival, which features Italian food, a grapevine-roofed wine garden, grape stomping, and an authentic gondola. clintonlittleitaly.org (WC)

ANDERSONTOWN POWWOW AND INDIAN MARKET

SEPTEMBER • Delve into Native American history at this two-day event in Alexandria showcasing intertribal dance, arts, storytelling, and music. andersontownpowwow.org (EC)

CHINESE MOONCAKE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 20 • Carmel's Midtown Plaza embraces Chinese culture with a dragon parade, live music, dance performances, and mooncakes, which symbolize unity and harmony. aaalliance.org/carmelmooncake (C)

AMIGOS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER • Richmond's Amigos Latino Center hosts an evening of music, dancing, arts, and international cuisine to raise cultural awareness. amigoslatinocenter.org (EC)

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

OCTOBER • Take in rugby and sword fighting matches, as well as caber, sheaf, and hammer toss contests at the Scottish Highland Games in Indianapolis. indyscotgamesandfest.com (C)

Uniquely MoCo

Uniquely Splendid

Shades State Park

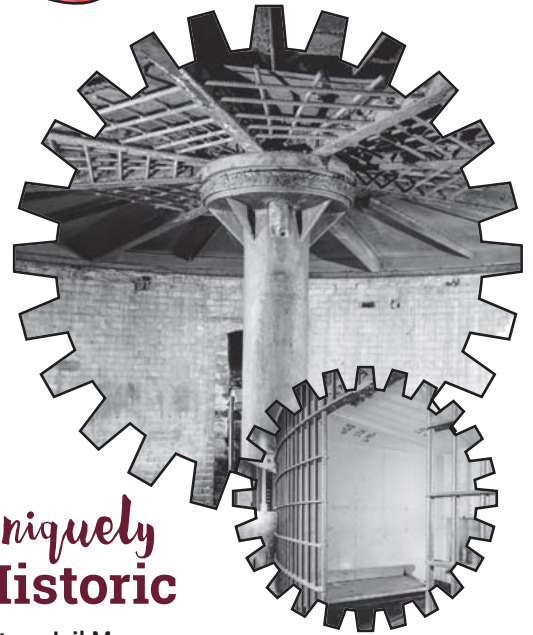
This rocky wonderful park offers scenic hiking trails, stunning sandstone cliffs and the Pine Hills Nature Preserve that features some of the most spectacular views in the state.



Uniquely Festive

Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival

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A few miles away in Carmel, the **Museum of Miniature Houses (C)** showcases intricate scale models of homes and furnishings. It's a delight for kids and adults who appreciate craftsmanship and artistic details. The museum often hosts workshops, special exhibits, and annual events, including an attic

sale in April and a Miniatures by Candlelight holiday celebration in December.

The **Terre Haute Children's Museum (WC)** is designed to inspire curiosity and learning through play. From science experiments to a climbing wall, the museum offers numerous exhibits that encourage exploration. The interactive Water Works space and the farming-themed Ag-Citing play area are perennial favorites for younger visitors.

ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

For animal lovers, the **Indianapolis Zoo (C)**, nestled in downtown Indianapolis' White River State Park, is a must-visit. With diverse exhibits in the Oceans, Deserts, Plains, Forests, and Flights of Fancy biomes, families can explore the natural world and learn about conservation. The



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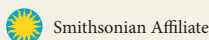
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zoo's International Orangutan Center and Chimpanzee Complex are two of the largest habitats at the zoo. Look for the new Giant Tortoise exhibit opening in May 2025.

For a more rural experience, **Heritage Farm Alpacas & Events (EC)** near Judson is a delightful destination. Families can meet friendly alpacas, learn about fiber production, and shop for unique, handmade items. The farm also offers seasonal events, hands-on activities, alpaca treks, and farm stays.

Cat lovers can scamper to the **Exotic Feline Rescue Center (WC)** in Center Point. Home to more than 100 big cats, including leopards, tigers, bobcats, caracals, and cougars, the sanctuary provides a safe haven for abused and neglected felines. Guided tours allow visitors to learn about the center's mission and observe the majestic creatures close-up.

JUST DESSERTS

In the midst of a day spent exploring and playing, a sweet treat could provide a pick-me-up and boost of energy to keep your crew going. A few options in the Central region include **Hunter's Honey Farm (C)** in Martinsville offers honey tastings, beekeeping tours, hands-on activities, and a variety of snacks like honey fudge, fruit roll-ups, baklava, taffy, and snack mix. **Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream (EC)** in Richmond serves up creamy, handcrafted flavors to satisfy every palate, including vegan options. **Milky Way (C)** in Lebanon maintains its nostalgic ice cream shop vibes with shakes, sundaes, floats, sodas, and classic cones on the menu. It sources its root beer from West Lafayette's **Triple XXX Family Restaurant**. **Jimmie's Dairy Bar (EC)** in Pendleton is a local favorite for its rich, old-fashioned ice cream and hearty

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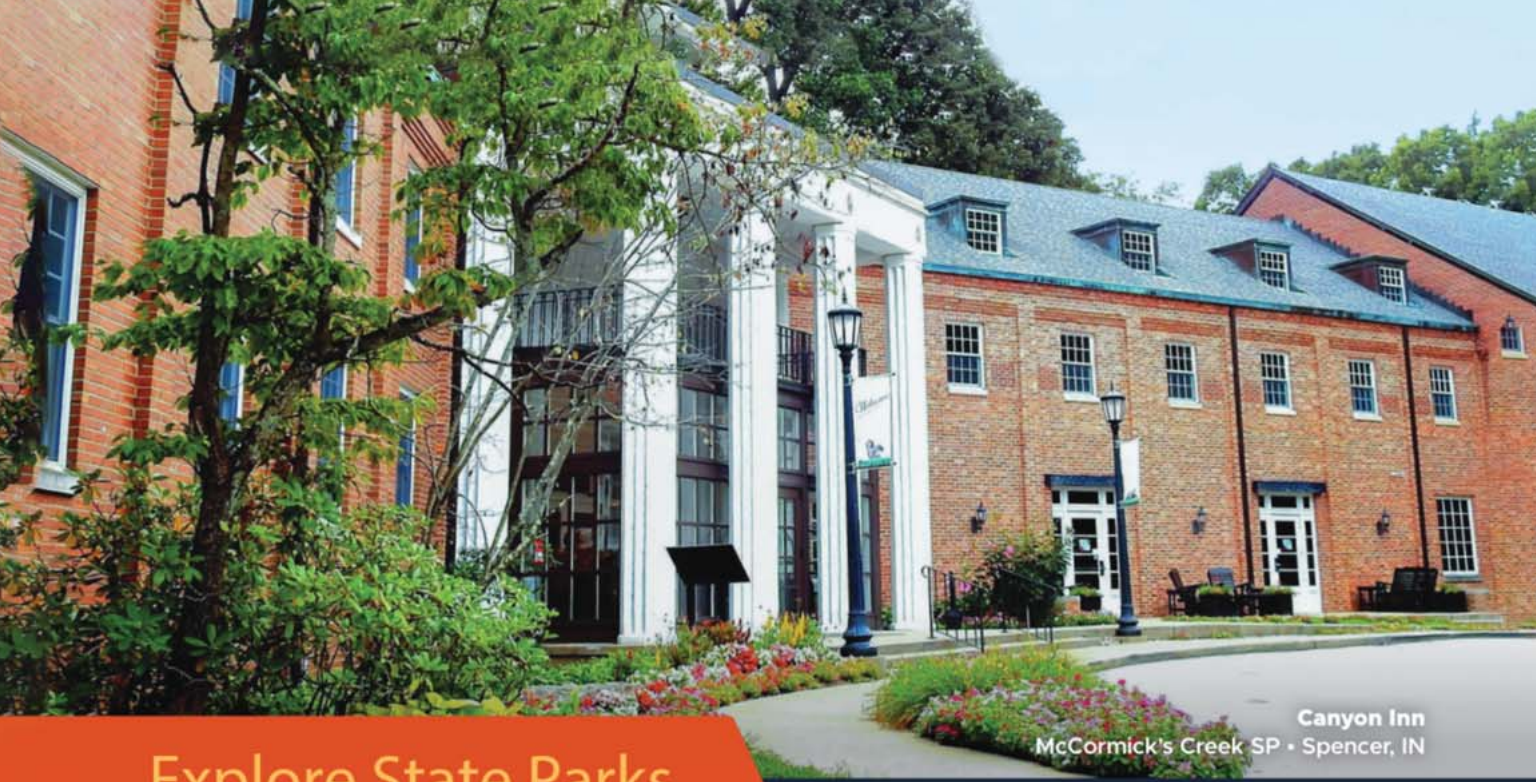
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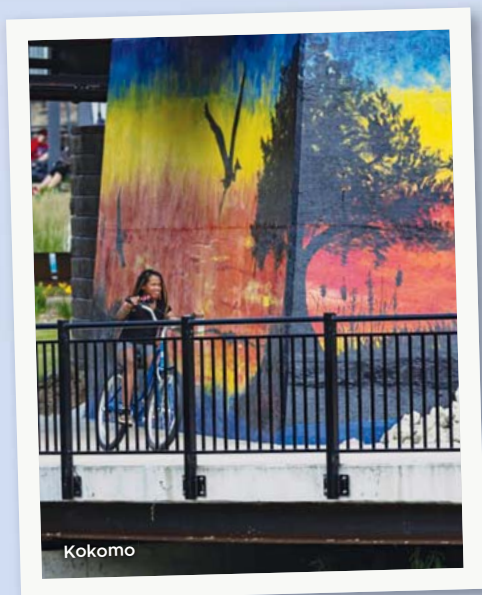
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Parke County is home to 31 historic covered bridges, Turkey Run and Shades state parks, shopping, restaurants, and more. Parke County offers five color-coded touring routes that range from 24 to 33 miles. Highlights include the Bridgeton Covered Bridge, which is adjacent to the still-operational Bridgeton Mill. You can travel by car, bike or motorcycle. Parke County loves to celebrate the changing seasons. Taking the title “Indiana’s Largest Festival,” the 10-day Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, running October 10–19 in 2025, highlights the historic covered bridges and features craft artisans from around the country. Indiana is home to a diverse array of state parks and recreation areas.

In Parke County, outdoor adventures are never-ending. Hike through Turkey Run State Park, a landscape of mossy canyons, waterfalls, and winding streams. The Ladders Trail, also known as Trail 3 at Turkey Run State Park, is a rugged, 1.7-mile trail that offers some unusual hiking opportunities. It follows the cliffs along Sugar Creek and returns to the ridgetop by a series of ladders. Shades State Park also provides numerous shady ravines full of spectacular topography that will amaze even the most seasoned traveler. Visitors can also check out Raccoon Lake State Recreation Area, which comprises 2,005 acres of land and a 2,060-acre lake. Enjoy the outdoors by renting a boat, hiking, horseshoes, archery, camping, fishing, canoeing, and much more.



Turkey Run State Park



Bridgeton Mill, Covered Bridge, and Dam



Downtown Jasper



South REGION

Wander historic towns along the Ohio River or float on a lake surrounded by acres of dense forests. Sample varietals at a winery tucked away off a winding country road or soar across a zipline before heading underground to discover Ice Age-era landscapes. Whether you seek heart-pounding adventures or more leisurely pursuits, activities for couples or the entire family, head to the Southern region IN Indiana.



Patoka Lake



New Harmony
Labyrinth

Regional Highlights

THE SOUTH REGION OFFERS ROLLING LANDSCAPES WITH WATERWAYS AND UNDERGROUND CAVERNS, CREATIVE COMMUNITIES WITH STAND-OUT STYLE, AND HISTORIC SITES THAT EXPLORE THE EARLIEST DAYS OF INDIANA'S STATEHOOD.

WANDERING SPIRIT

Weaving along the southern edge of Indiana, the **Ohio River Scenic Byway** passes through many charming cities and towns on the state's border. Spanning approximately 450 miles through three states, it's one of the best scenic drives in the region. Along the way, make a stop in **Madison (SE)**, which hums with live music and festivals like the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art and Rockin' on the River. In 2024, Madison was established as a port along American Cruise Lines' Ohio River tours

winding through areas such as Newport, Cincinnati, and Louisville on American Heritage paddlewheel boats.

Further west, **Angel Mounds State Historic Site (SW)** provides a glimpse into the lives of the Mississippian people who lived here between 1000 and 1450 A.D. The 600-acre archaeological site features preserved earthen mounds built by the original inhabitants of the land. **Whitewater Canal State Historic Site (SE)** in Metamora details 1800s canal transportation with interactive exhibits and model boats.

Visitors can view the only known wooden aqueduct in the U.S. and take home fresh cornmeal ground at the Metamora Grist Mill.

Explore the hidden underground worlds of Southern Indiana's cave system, including **Marengo Cave (S)**, **Indiana Caverns (S)**, **Squire Boone Caverns (S)**, and **Bluespring Caverns (SC)**. These natural wonders containing formations like stalactites and helictites offer guided tours, boat rides, and spelunking.

Perfect for families, **Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (SW)**

in Santa Claus is filled with exciting rides and water attractions. Thrill-seekers can zoom through the park on the Cheetah Chase water coaster, The Voyage wooden coaster, and the Thunderbird steel coaster. Younger visitors will love Watubee and Otorongo water slides for splashy fun.

Patoka Lake (SW) is a hub for outdoor recreation, with nearby amenities that include the Old Homestead Distillery, Hotel & Saloon between Patoka Lake Winery (which also offers accommodations in converted silos) and



- SW SOUTHWEST
- SC SOUTH CENTRAL
- SE SOUTHEAST
- S SOUTH

Good to Know

[Indiana's Caves are open for tours rain or shine.](#)



Patoka Lake Brewing.

STUNNING SETTINGS

Known for its world-class modern buildings, **Columbus (SC)** has earned its place as one of the nation's top architectural destinations. Notable sites include the Miller House and Garden, First Christian Church, North Christian Church, and the Columbus Visitors Center, where tours to explore the city's innovative structures commence.

Also boasting striking architecture, the **French Lick Resort (S)**—which includes French Lick

Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel—is a crown jewel of Southern Indiana. The luxury resort offers spas, fine dining, casino games, and championship golf courses designed by Pete Dye and Donald Ross.

The **Hillforest Victorian House Museum (SE)** in Aurora was built to resemble the tiered decks of a cruise ship as a tribute to the original owner's fleet of steamboats. Elsewhere in the South Region, the Victorian-era **Reitz Home Museum (SW)** in Evansville includes period furniture, hand-painted ceilings,



Southern Indiana's Caverns

and intricate parquet floors. New Albany's **Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site (SC)** showcases opulent decor and finishes. And **Lanier Mansion State Historic Site (SE)** is a Madison landmark featuring Greek revival design and river views.

Known for its utopian heritage, **New Harmony (SW)** is filled with lush gardens, spiritual sites, and distinctive structures, such as the Roofless Church by Philip Johnson and the Athenium by Richard Meier. Take a meditative stroll through either the Cathedral Labyrinth or Harmonist Labyrinth to clear your mind. Other spiritual landmarks like the **Monastery Immaculate Conception** in Ferdinand and **St. Meinrad Archabbey (SW)** showcase stun-

ning religious structures and serene settings.

The quaint town of **Nashville (SC)** offers its own version of paradise for art and nature lovers. Stroll through galleries and studios showcasing works by local artists. The **T.C. Steele State Historic Site** showcases the home and studio of a painter recognized for his landscapes.

EARLY ORIGINS

As Indiana's oldest city following the arrival of European settlers, Vincennes features historic landmarks like William Henry Harrison's Grouseland mansion and museum and the Saint Francis Xavier Old Cathedral Catholic Church. The **Vincennes State Historic Sites (SW)** provide an in-depth look at the original territorial capitol, the first school

of higher learning in the state, and the Fort Knox II site. Nearby, the **Indiana Military Museum** houses a collection of artifacts from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts, and **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park** honors the Revolutionary War hero and his contributions to securing the Northwest Territory.

The **Corydon Capitol State Historic Site (S)** commemorates the seat of Indiana government in the early 1800s. The site also includes Governor William Hendricks' Headquarters and historic buildings that convey the Hoosier state's formative years.

The **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (SW)** details our 16th president's formative years with the Lincoln Living Historical Farm, Cabin Site Memorial, and Lincoln Spring. Across the road is Lincoln State Park with camping, cabins, trails, a nature center, and Lake Lincoln.

And, military history buffs can explore the **USS LST-325 Ship Memorial (SW)**, the last fully operational World War II landing ship docked in Evansville.



Festivity Alert

OBSERVE SPECIAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THESE INDIANA HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS *by Christina Vercelletto*



Huber's Orchard & Winery

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION | MAR. 14-16

Ireland, Indiana, celebrates its namesake at this salute to the Emerald Isle. After a traditional Irish breakfast, an Irish soda bread bake-off, the potato launching, and mingling with a few mischievous leprechauns, the luck of the Irish is sure to follow you home. stpatsirelandin.com (SW)

PEKIN 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL | JULY 3-4

2025 marks the 195th year of Pekin's patriotic jamboree, making it the oldest consecutively running event of its kind in the country. The Little Miss and Mister Firecracker contest for littles is a fan favorite, as are the watermelon-and-corn on the cob-eating contests. pekinfourthofjuly.com (S)

METAMORA HAUNTED VILLAGE | OCT. 10-NOV. 1

Spirited evening fun awaits! Hayrides, trick-or-treating at quaint shops, a ride on a ghost train listening to chilling tales from beyond the grave, and a spooky guided tour make this historic canal town a Halloween must-see. metamoraindiana.com (SE)

HAUNTED HUNTINGBURG | OCTOBER 11

If you like your boos with a side of boogie woogie, head to Huntingburg. Live blues music sets the tone for an unearthly fall festival. Enjoy craft beer, wine, food trucks aplenty, and ... zombie inflatables. visitduboiscounty.com (SW)

VETERANS DAY PARADE | NOVEMBER 8

A stirring parade including floats takes over downtown historic Corydon. A memorial program follows at Veterans Monument. All veterans, past and present, are encouraged to march. thisisindiana.org (S)

RITZY'S FANTASY OF LIGHTS | NOV. 27, 2025-JAN. 1, 2026

You've heard of the Elf on the Shelf. Get ready for the Elf in the Park: Andy shows up weekly in Evansville's Garvin Park. Spot him as you drive through the light display and win a prize. ritzysfantasyoflights.com (SW)

SILVESTERNACHT NYE CELEBRATION | DECEMBER 31

The ball may get more press, but Tell City boasts a truly unique way to ring in 2026: watching a giant apple drop at midnight. While you wait for the sparkling display to unfurl, enjoy food, giveaways, and a photo booth. discoversouthernindiana.com (S)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION | JANUARY 19, 2026

Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King in a new and meaningful way. Indiana University will host its leadership breakfast, followed by a day full of learning and service opportunities. mlkcelebration.indiana.edu (SC)

CHOCOLATE LOVER'S WEEKEND | FEBRUARY 8, 2026

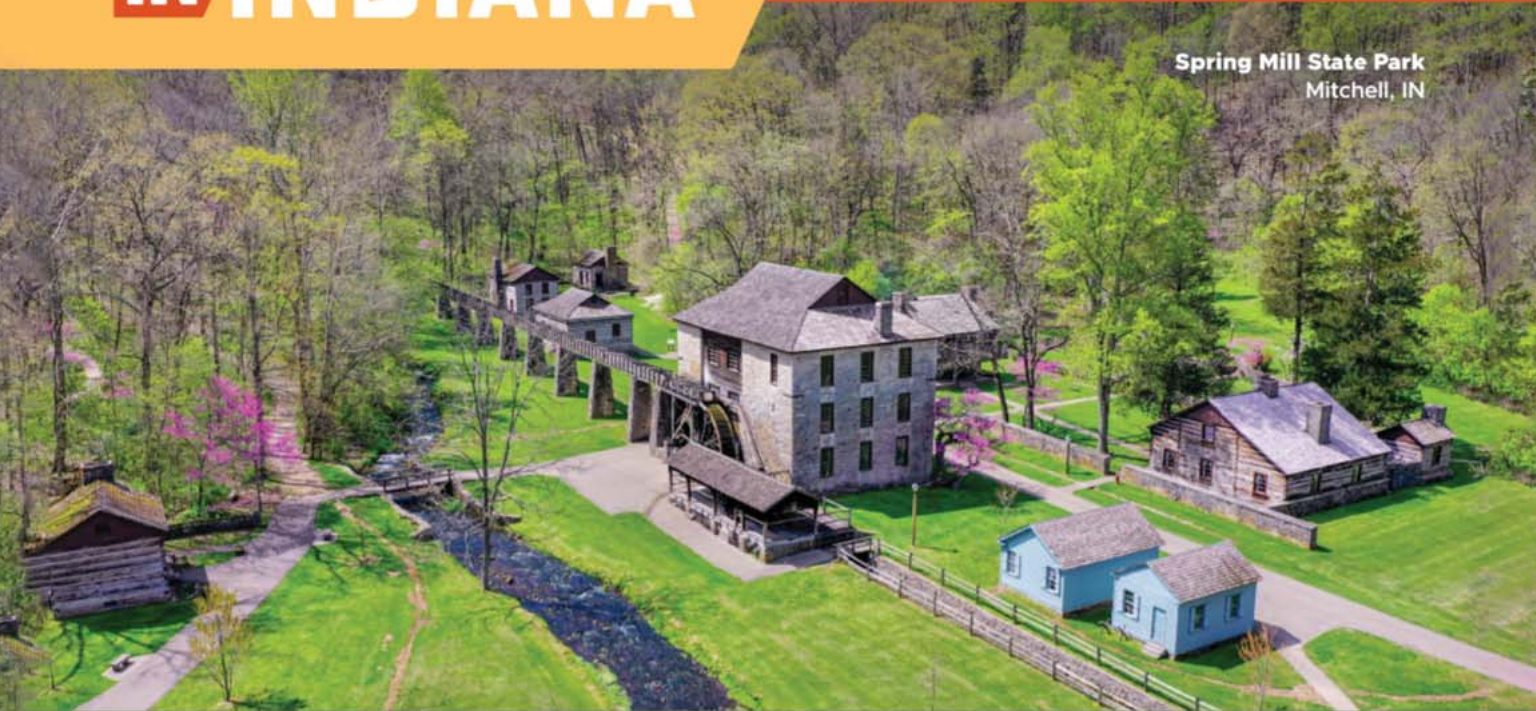
Savoring your choice of vinos, each paired with a complimentary chocolate from Schimpff's Confectionery in the cozy loft at Huber's Orchard & Winery in Borden? It hardly gets more romantic than that. visithubers.com (S)



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| Charlestown | Falls of the Ohio | Interlake | O'Bannon Woods | Shakamak | Versailles |
| Clifty Falls* | Hardy Lake | Lincoln | Patoka Lake | Spring Mill* | <i>*Inn/Lodge location</i> |





Madison, Indiana



Hanover College

SLICE OF LIFE

A SNAPSHOT OF WORKING, STUDYING AND LIVING IN INDIANA'S SOUTHERN REGIONS.

WITH ITS global manufacturing operations, prestigious universities, and gorgeous scenery, Southern Indiana is a great place to live, work, play, and explore.

WORK

The South region is home to auto manufacturers, among them **Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana** in Princeton. TMMI produces more than 360,000 vehicles per year and has an employ-

ee base of 7,500-plus people at its 4.5 million-square-foot facility. In 2023, the plant rolled off the first-ever Lexus TX and Grand Highlander models. **Honda Manufacturing of Indiana** in Greensburg produces two of the maker's leading models, the Civic and CR-V, and will start building all Accord models this year. In early January, the Civic Hybrid was named the 2025 North American Car of the

Year. The Greensburg site was the first plant in the U.S to build the Civic Hatchback.

Founded in 1919 and headquartered in Columbus, **Cummins Inc.** is a global leader in engine manufacturing. The company, which produces diesel and natural gas engines, employs more than 75,000 people and generated \$34.1 billion dollars in revenue for 2023. The Cummins portfolio of products includes (but

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The Hanover College campus sits on 650 wooded acres overlooking the Ohio River.

TOP 5 COLLEGES

Undergraduate and graduate enrollment

INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON
47,986

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Evansville
7,163

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY
3,549

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE
2,109

HANOVER COLLEGE
Hanover
1,258

is not limited to) fuel systems, turbochargers, automated transmissions, axles, brakes, and fuel cell products.

In the medical realm, Bloomington-based **Cook Group** specializes in innovative devices for minimally invasive procedures. In addition to its research, regenerative medicine, advanced technologies, accelerated product development, and animal health divisions, Cook's portfolio also expands

TOP 5 CITIES

By 2023 population

EVANSVILLE
Vanderburgh County
POPULATION 115,332
KNOWN FOR Cultural districts, historic Bosse Field, Ohio River views, West Side Nut Club Fall Festival

BLOOMINGTON
Monroe County
POPULATION 78,840
KNOWN FOR Indiana University, Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, Lake Monroe, Eskenazi Museum of Art

COLUMBUS
Bartholomew County
POPULATION 51,522
KNOWN FOR World-class architecture, public art installations and sculptures, Cummins Inc. headquarters

JEFFERSONVILLE
Clark County
POPULATION 51,235
KNOWN FOR The Big Four Bridge, Howard Steamboat Museum, Jeffersonville RiverStage, Schimpff's Confectionery

into property management, resorts, and airport services. In nearby Spencer, **Cook Medical** maintains a urology site focused on devices like catheters, dilators, and stents. Spencer is also home to one of **Boston Scientific's** 14 principal manufacturing facilities worldwide. The company develops and produces medical devices such as single-use scopes for endoscopy and urology, among its wide-ranging catalog of products.

The Southwest region hosts critical defense and technology operations. The **Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division** is the third-largest military installation in the U.S. by land area. It is a center for advanced technology development, particularly in areas related to military systems and defense. NSWC Crane employs nearly 4,000 civilians with an economic impact of \$3 billion.

STUDY

One of the most well-known schools in the state, **Indiana University Bloomington** offers more than 200 majors at its scenic, limestone-ensconced main campus. IU boasts the first school of informatics in the nation, and its Public Affairs graduate program has been ranked #1 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report. Enhancing its academic programs, the university hosts more than 750 student organizations and special interest clubs.

Evansville is the site of two major institutions. The **University of Southern Indiana** offers more than 130 areas of study through its schools of liberal arts; busi-

NEW ALBANY

Floyd County

POPULATION 37,329

KNOWN FOR Mansion Row, Riverfront Amphitheater, The Floyd County Carnegie Library Cultural Arts Center

INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

The South region's major players and workforce wins

- Established in Evansville, plastic packaging manufacturer **Berry Global** has a global workforce of 40,000-plus employees in more than 240 locations around the world.
- The **Trades District** in downtown Bloomington is a 65-acre Certified Technology Park developed for office, collaborative, and mixed-use spaces. The site features the city's first green roof on The Forge building.
- The **Ports of Indiana** **Jeffersonville** and **Mount**

Vernon have a combined economic impact of \$4.1 billion and generate \$163 million in local and state tax revenue.

➤ **Vincennes University** offers an Amazon Career Choice program, which provides tuition assistance of up to \$5,250 per year for **Amazon** employees with more than 40 online degree options.

➤ The **River Ridge Commerce Center** in Jeffersonville is home to one of the largest Amazon fulfillment centers in the country and counts Collins Aerospace, Kroger, Niagara

Bottling, Bose, and GE Appliances among its tenants.

➤ The **Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane** announced new capabilities for energy prototyping and microelectronics testing in 2024 and broke ground on a new Strategic Systems Engineering Facility. Just beyond the gates of NSWC Crane, **WestGate@Crane Technology Park** is a 75-acre innovation incubator with 50-plus tenants focused on hypersonics, microelectronics, AI, and ecosystem integration.

ness; nursing and health professions; science, engineering, and education; and graduate studies. The **University of Evansville** is a private college known for its liberal arts and study abroad programs. Ashoka USA designated UE as the first Changemaker Campus in Indiana in 2018.

On a smaller scale, **Vincennes University** provides hands-on learning opportunities and a wide range of technical and vocational training. Last year, the campus broke ground on a \$33.9 million Center for Health Sciences and Active Learning, which is set to open in fall 2025.

Hanover College, a private liberal arts college near Madison, encourages its students to express their individuality, learn and grow, and prepare for the real world with a well-rounded education. The school offers 34 undergraduate majors, as well as two hybrid doctoral degrees in physical and occupational therapy.

LIVE

Southern Indiana is not just a great place to work and study—it's also a fantastic place to live. The region's natural beauty, outdoor opportunities, and thriving

communities make it a desirable landing spot for both residents and visitors.

Nature lovers flock to the **Hoosier National Forest**, which covers more than 200,000 acres and features trails, lakes, and campgrounds. For water enthusiasts, **Monroe Lake** near Bloomington and **Patoka Lake**, which spreads across three counties, provide ample opportunities for boating, fishing, and water sports. The **Ohio River**, which runs along the southern border of the state, also offers boating and fishing opportunities, as well as scenic drives along the riverbanks.

Other outdoor attractions include Borden's **Deam Lake** for fishing and picnicking; **Hardy Lake**, a favorite for kayaking and hiking in Scottsburg; and **Origin Park**, a newly developed urban nature preserve in Clarksville that offers a mix of environmental education and recreation. For those who enjoy exploring rugged terrain, **Redbird and Interlake state recreation areas** provide an adrenaline boost with off-road driving and biking and other adventurous activities.

The cities and towns of the South region create a

welcoming environment for newcomers among the river communities and scenic locales. **Evansville**, the third-largest city in Indiana, boasts a robust economy, cultural institutions, and a vibrant downtown area. **New Albany** and **Jeffersonville**, located just across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky, blend historic sites and arts scenes with easy access to big-city amenities. A little further northeast, **Madison** takes full advantage of its river city charm with a full roster of festivals, concerts, and events.

In the inland portion of Southern Indiana, **Bloomington** is known for its artsy college town atmosphere; **Columbus** has made a name for itself with modern architecture by Eliel and Eero Saarinen, I.M. Pei, Harry Weese, Kevin Roche, and Deborah Berke, among others; and **French Lick's** campus of historic hotels provides an expansive playground for dining, shopping, swimming, bowling, golfing, and more.

For small-town charm, **Seymour** and **Jasper** offer quaint, friendly communities of around 20,000 residents surrounded by picturesque landscapes.



Parks and Recreation

THE SOUTH REGION'S SPECTACULAR FOREST AND WILDERNESS AREAS CATER TO HIKING, BIKING, PADDLING, BIRD-WATCHING, AND MORE.

INDIANA'S FIRST state park, **McCormick's Creek State Park (SC)** is a haven for hikers and nature lovers. Located near Spencer, the park features stunning limestone canyons, waterfalls, and scenic hiking trails. The iconic McCormick's Creek Canyon Falls is a highlight, offering a picturesque spot to relax and enjoy the natural beauty. Visitors can also explore caves, enjoy picnic areas, and stay overnight in the park's campgrounds or historic Canyon Inn.

The **Hoosier National Forest (SC)** spans more than 200,000 acres, making it one of the most expansive natural areas in Indiana.

This vast forest provides opportunities for hiking, camping, horseback riding, and wildlife observation. Popular trails include the Sycamore Trail and the Hemlock Cliffs Trail, each showcasing the forest's diverse ecosystems.

Within the forest, **Hemlock Cliffs (S)** is a secluded and scenic area known for its sandstone rock formations and seasonal waterfalls. The 1.2-mile loop trail to reach it provides an immersive experience, leading visitors through dense hemlock groves and narrow ravines.

Another section of the national forest worth visiting is the **Charles C. Deam Wilderness**

(SC), Indiana's only federally designated wilderness area. Encompassing nearly 13,000 acres, it offers a truly remote experience. Deam includes 36 miles of trails, including the popular Grubb Ridge Trail and Sycamore Loop. It's a perfect spot for backpacking, bird-watching, and camping.

A designated National Natural Landmark, the **Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest (S)** near Paoli is an old-growth forest offering a glimpse into Indiana's ecological past. Visitors can enjoy a peaceful walk along the 1.3-mile interpretive trail, which highlights the forest's towering trees, native plant spe-

cies, and history as a Native American village.

Often referred to as the "Little Smokies" for its hilly terrain and breathtaking vistas, **Brown County State Park (SC)** is Indiana's largest state park. Its extensive trail system caters to hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. The North Lookout Tower Trail offers panoramic views, and the Hesitation Point Trail is great for cyclists. The park is a favorite destination in the fall when its forests are ablaze with color.

Clifty Falls State Park (SE), located near Madison, is renowned for its dramatic waterfalls and rugged land-

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The 1,416-acre park includes 10 hiking trails and four waterfalls on its grounds.

scape. The park's trails range from moderate to challenging, with highlights including Trail 2, which passes near Big Clifty Falls, and Trail 8, which winds through Clifty Creek's gorge.

The **Ferdinand State Forest (SW)** is a hidden gem offering scenic landscapes and plenty of recreational activities. Visitors can hike paths like the Twin Lakes Trail, enjoy fishing in the forest's small lakes, or play a game of horse-shoes. The forest also



Brown County State Park

offers spots for camping and picnicking.

Lincoln State Park (SW) in Lincoln City honors the early life of Abraham Lincoln, who spent part of his upbringing in the area. The park features over 10 miles of trails, a lake for boating and fishing, and the **Lincoln Amphitheatre**, which hosts seasonal live music performances. The 2,200-seat outdoor entertainment venue hosts Steven Adler of Guns N' Roses and the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band among other classic rock and country acts.

A restored pioneer village, complete with a working grist mill, is the centerpiece of **Spring**

Mill State Park (SC) in Mitchell. Trails like the Donaldson Cave Trail offer access to unique karst features, including caves and sinkholes. Travelers can explore the park's nature center, enjoy activities like fishing and canoeing, and pay tribute to a NASA astronaut and Mitchell native at the Gus Grissom Memorial Museum.

Formerly known as Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area, **O'Bannon Woods State Park (S)** in Corydon showcases the Wyandotte Caves, Blue River, and a pioneer farmstead. Its trails range from easy walks to more strenuous hikes, accommodating all skill levels. Stretch-

ing 25 miles through the rugged terrain of Southern Indiana, the **Adventure Hiking Trail (S)** offers a challenging and rewarding experience for avid hikers. Located within O'Bannon Woods State Park, the trail traverses limestone bluffs, dense forests, and creek beds. Backpackers will find designated campsites along the trail, making it great for multiday excursions.

Adjacent to O'Bannon Woods, **Harrison-Crawford State Forest (S)** encompasses 24,000 acres of rolling hills and scenic river views. The forest's trails, such as the Fire Tower Trail, provide access to stunning vistas

and wildlife habitats. Camping, hunting, and horseback riding are also popular here.

The **Knobstone Trail (S)** in Borden is Indiana's longest footpath, stretching over 60 miles through Southern Indiana. Known for its challenging ascents and descents, the trail offers breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. It's a favorite among experienced hikers and serves as a training ground to prepare for hiking the Appalachian Trail.

The **Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge (SW)** in Oakland City is a vital habitat for various species of birds, waterfowl, fish, and

other creatures. Covering more than 10,000 acres, it is a favorite among bird-watchers and anglers. Canoeing and kayaking along the Patoka River offer opportunities to explore the wetlands and get a closer look at wildlife.

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge (SE) in Madison is one of the largest wildlife refuges in Indiana, totaling more than 50,000 acres. Visitors can enjoy hiking, animal observation, and seasonal hunting and take photos of the extensive grasslands and forests.

Located near Seymour, the **Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge (SC)** includes a mix of wetlands, forests, and grasslands. The refuge is known for its bird-watching opportunities, with species such as sandhill cranes, waterfowl, and warblers frequently spotted.

Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (SC) near Bloomington is a peaceful retreat known for its body of water and surrounding woodlands. The preserve offers a variety of trails, including Griffy Creek Trail, which meanders along the water's edge. Swimming is prohibited, but canoeing, kayaking, and fishing are popular activities on the lake.

While Nashville's **Hard Truth Distilling Co. (SC)** is known for its grain-to-glass spirits, including sweet mash bourbon and rye, its expansive campus offers tours and active experiences. The Get Lost ATV Tour takes adventure seekers on a 60-minute ride all over the property with pit stops and tastings along the way.

Popular Culture

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Jasper
Strassenfest

UKRAINIAN SPRING FEST

APRIL Evansville's Grace of Christ Slavic Baptist Church brings the community together to salute Ukrainian traditions, culture, music, and cuisine. There are plenty of activities for attendees of all ages, along with souvenirs and a craft shop. graceofchrist.net (SW)

FRÜHLINGSFEST

MAY • Welcoming spring in fine German fashion, this Seymour jamboree features live music, handmade crafts, a biergarten, a dunk tank, and treats like currywurst, German potatoes, and sticky buns. facebook.com/thekofcdude (SC)

JASPER INDIANA STRASSENFEST

JULY 31–AUGUST • Jasper celebrates its German heritage and roots with a four-day street festival that includes pageants, parades, hot air balloons, a wine and art fair, carnival rides, and no shortage of lederhosen. jasperstrassenfest.org (SW)

FESTIVAL LATINO

SEPTEMBER • Vincennes honors its Latino community with a jubilant mixture of traditional food, mariachi music, salsa dancing and percussion lessons, piñatas, and fireworks. wabashvalleyprogressives.org (SW)

KUNSTFEST

SEPTEMBER • New Harmony's German-inspired Kunstfest showcases vendors of arts and crafts, gifts, and antiques. Grab some schnitzel, kraut balls, or kuchen while perusing the wares. visitposeycounty.com (SW)

HISPANIC CULTURAL AWARENESS DAY

SEPTEMBER • Madison's Hispanic Cultural Awareness Day pays homage to the traditions of Latin American countries. visitmadison.org/organizer/la-casa-amiga (SE)

HINDOSTAN DAYS

SEPTEMBER • Explore the history of Hindostan Falls, an extinct Indiana frontier settlement. View a replica of an early Native American encampment. visitmartincountyindiana.com/events (SW)

LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

OCTOBER • This Bloomington gathering is one of the oldest world music festivals in the U.S. Take in concerts, workshops, exhibits, yoga, and more. lotusfest.org (SC)

ETHNIC EXPO

OCTOBER • Since 1984, Columbus has hosted Ethnic Expo to celebrate an array of world cultures through music and dance performances, arts and crafts, culinary vendors, and children's activities. ethnicexpo.org (SC)

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Child's Play

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EXPLORING

An interactive children's museum, **kidscommons (SC)** in Columbus is packed with engaging exhibits. Highlights include Kids-At-Art, Bubbleology, Early Childhood Garden, and ExploraHouse with its giant toilet slide. The camp kidscommons area brings outdoor adventures inside and offers extended programming during school breaks.

Bloomington's **WonderLab Museum of Science,**

Health, and Technology (SC)

is a hands-on science museum that encourages curiosity and exploration. Exhibits include the SandScapes, Wonder Under the Waves Saltwater Aquarium, Science Sprouts Place & Sprouts Lab for infants and toddlers, and outdoor WonderGarden.

The **Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (SW)** is just ducky with its Quack Factory opening this spring. Check out the ArtMaker Studio, Fantastic Plastic, Kids World,

Live Well, Work Smart, and Speak Loud galleries.

Take a journey into the cosmos by heading to the **Koch Immersive Theater & Planetarium (SW)** in Evansville. Located within the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, this state-of-the-art domed cinema offers awe-inspiring shows about space and astronomy.

ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

Evansville's **Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden (SW)** appeals to animal and nature lovers. With over 200 species of animals and beautifully landscaped gardens, families can explore lively exhibits like the Amazonia rainforest, African Panorama, Children's Enchanted Forest, and Penguins of Patagonia. Enjoy interactive experiences

The Voyage roller coaster at Holiday World has one of the steepest drops of any wooden coaster worldwide!

such as giraffe feedings and tram tours.

Tucked away in Scottsburg, **Goat Milk Stuff (S)** is a family-run farm offering tours where kids can interact with goats and learn about sustainable farming from members of the Jonas clan. Start and end your visit in the gift shop, where you can grab fudge, lotion, soap, lip balm, insect repellent, and more—all made with goat milk.

DIVE IN!

If your family wants a fun spot to cool off while sightseeing,

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (SW)

in Santa Claus is known for its thrilling rides and water attractions. Areas like Safari Sam's SplashLand, Bahari Wave Pool, Kima Bay, Muziki Bay, and The Wave provide summer fun. Free soft drinks, sunscreen, and parking add to the convenience and fun.

Rain or shine, **Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park (S)** in French Lick guarantees a day of aquatic fun. The year-round indoor water park features 40,000 square feet of slides, a lazy river, and a special play area for younger children. Families can also stay overnight at the attached hotel.



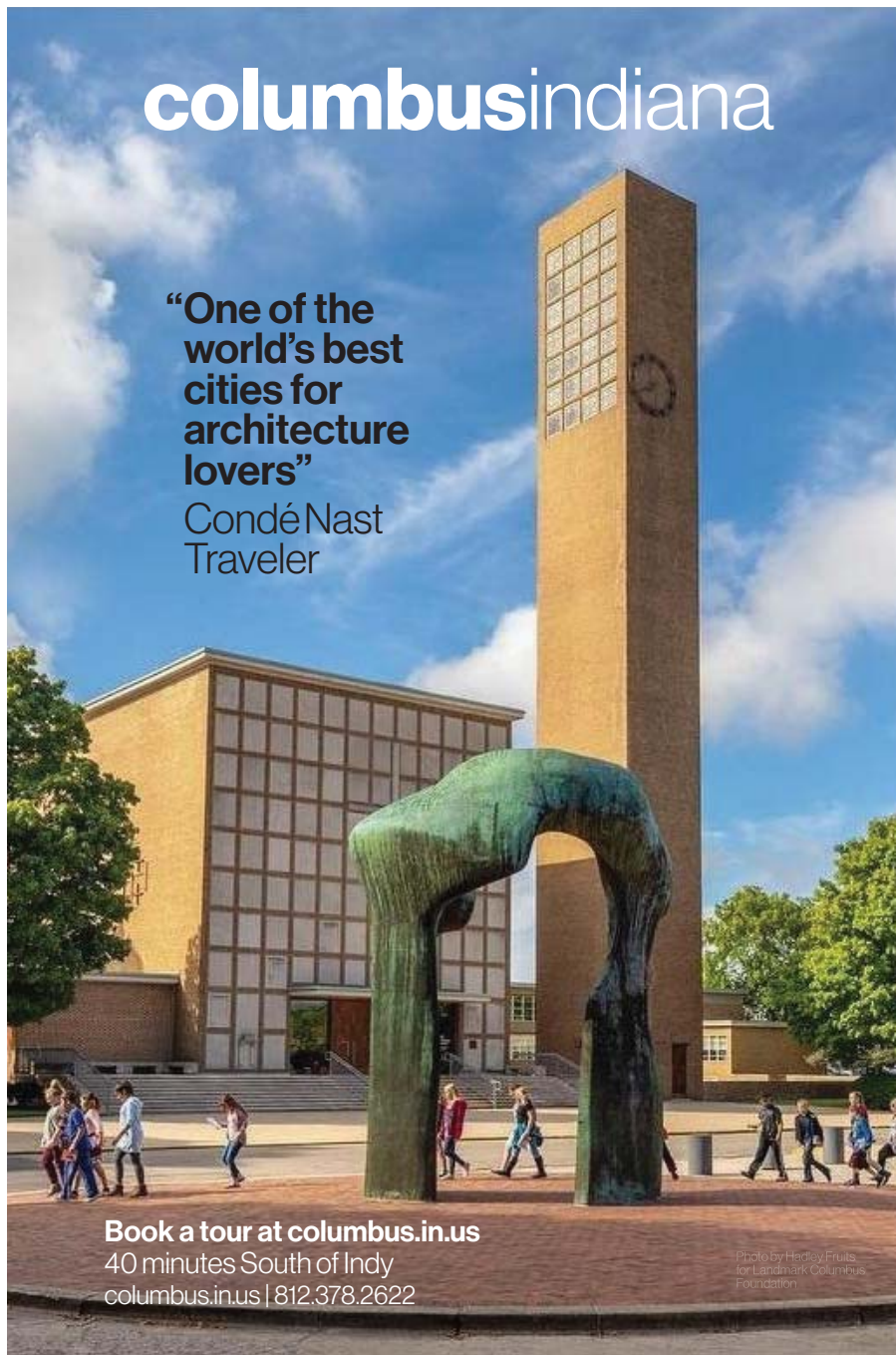
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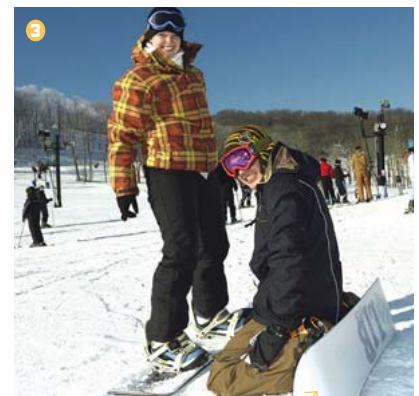
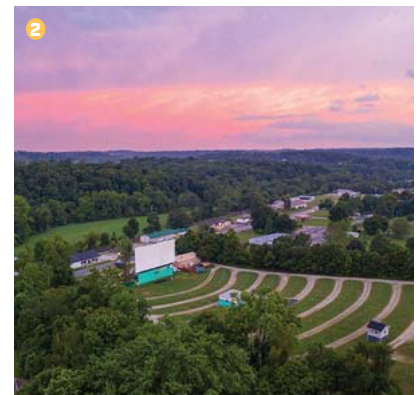
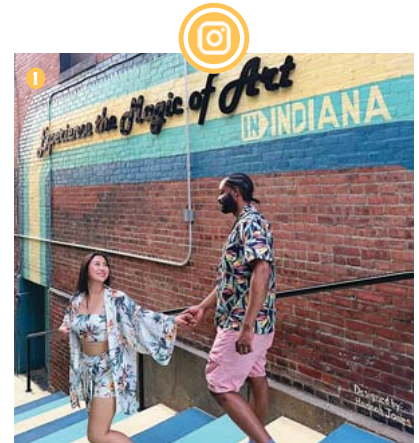


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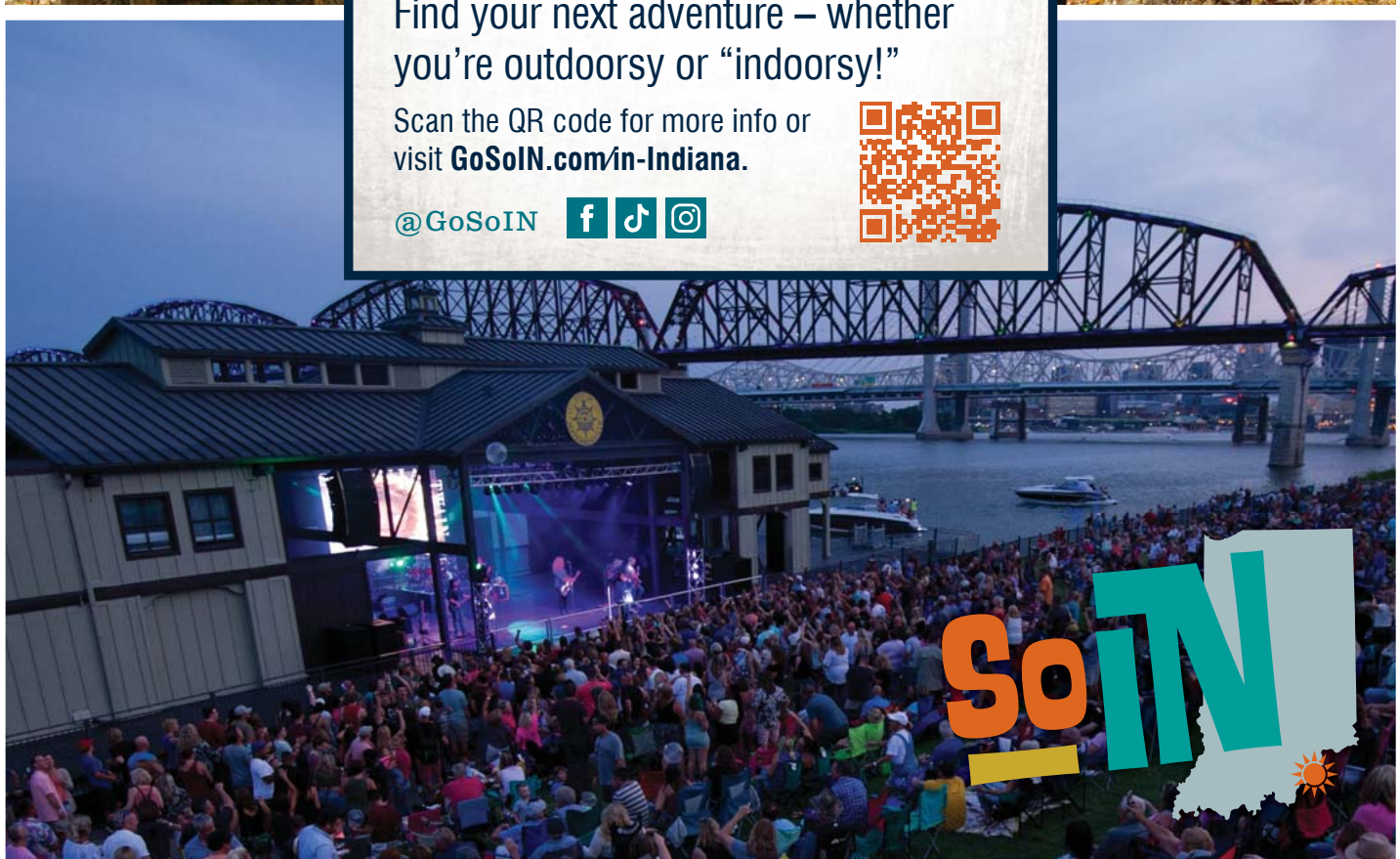
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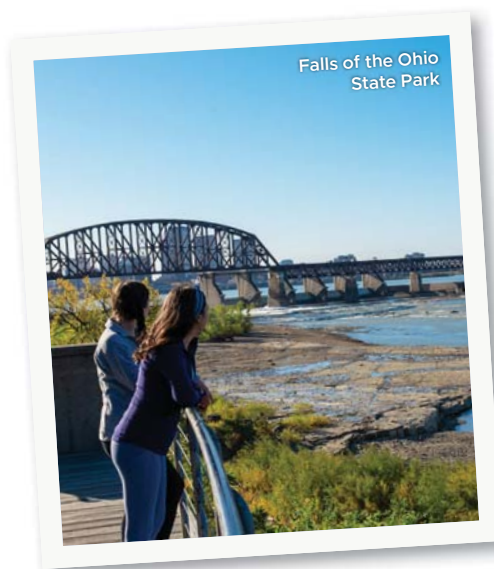
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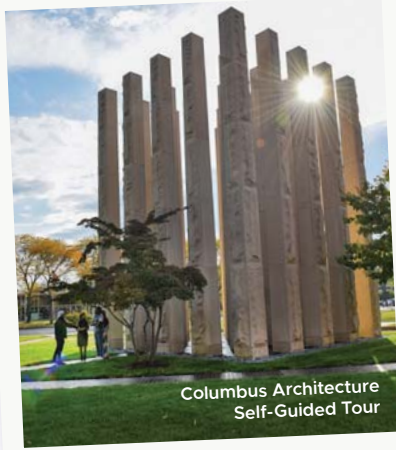
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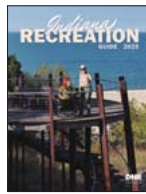
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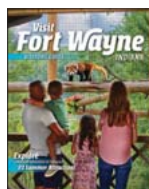
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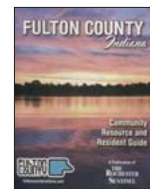
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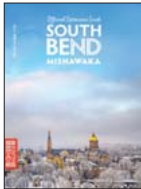


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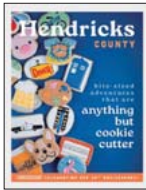


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