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**THERE IS MORE TO DISCOVER IN INDIANA** with the 2024 edition of the Indiana Travel Guide. This guide is your compass, leading you from the vibrant shores of the Ohio River to the breathtaking landscapes of Indiana Dunes National Park. Each page is a roadmap to exhilarating experiences.

The Hoosier State offers a diverse array of adventures. Explore scenic trails that unveil nature's beauty and venture to cascading waterfalls where you can immerse yourself in the outdoors (see pgs. 18, 46, 66, and 94). Join in on Indiana's lively festivals and events throughout the entire year—discover some of the best on pg. 10. Don't miss indulging in our signature dishes, such as the iconic breaded-pork tenderloin sandwich and renowned sugar cream pie, all waiting to be savored on pgs. 35 and 112.

There is a perfect travel opportunity for every itinerary, whether you are visiting Indiana for the first time or are a longtime resident. *Find more inspiration at [VisitIndiana.com](http://VisitIndiana.com).*

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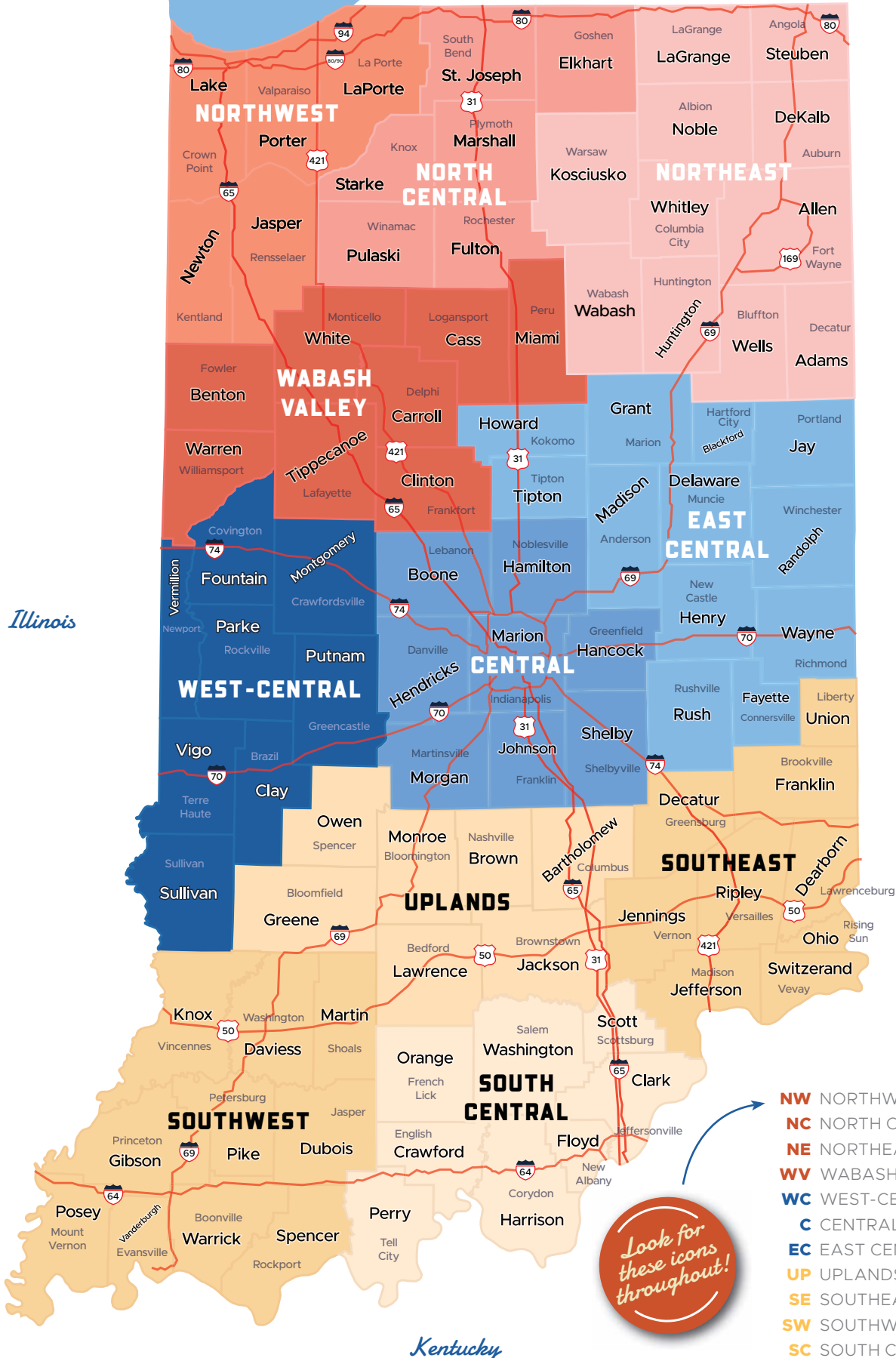
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# STATE MAP

Lake Michigan

Michigan



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

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*On the Cover*  
 Sasquatch sculpture at French Lick Cabins at Patoka Lake. 25 feet tall, built by Bear Hollow Wood Carvers. Photo courtesy of Nate Riggs/Indiana Destination Development Corporation

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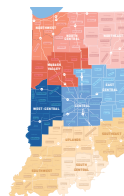
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Turning of the leaves at the **Monon High Bridge (WC)** in Delphi. Photo by [@alisonnn07](#)



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**The Indiana Peony Festival (C)** in full swing in Noblesville. Photo by [@indianapeonyfestival](#)



Snow-kissed **Turkey Run State Park (WC)**. Photo by [@aaronibey](#)



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*Come See What We See*

# IN INDIANA



## *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.

The Indiana Caverns Bat Chaser ride is a zip coaster that soars above cave country.

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**MOROCCO (NW)**

**Established:** 1851  
**Population:** 1,058

**Claim to fame:** This Newton County locale is famous for being the birthplace of Major League Baseball pitcher and outfielder Edgar "Sam" Rice, who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1963.

**Visit:** Historic Blann Cabin, Newton County's oldest structure

**BRAZIL (WC)**

**Established:** 1866  
**Population:** 8,154

**Claim to fame:** The Chafariz dos Contos (Fountain of Tales)—a replica of a fountain by the same name in Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, Brazil—was a gift from the South American country in 1954.

**Visit:** The Philip Fensel and William Payne/Frost log cabins built in the 1800s and dedicated to the Clay County Historical Society

**HOLLAND (SW)**

**Established:** 1859  
**Population:** 609

**Claim to fame:** Gene "Bumper" Tormohlen, the most famous son of the area settled by German and Dutch immigrants, played professional basketball for the St. Louis Hawks and was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987.

**Visit:** The replica Dutch windmill at Lakeside Park and Windmill Chill, a seasonal ice cream parlor across the street

**PERU (WV)**

**Established:** 1834  
**Population:** 11,186

**Claim to fame:** Dubbed the "Circus Capital of the World," Peru has an amateur youth circus and hosts the yearly Circus City Festival in July. The Circus City Museum details the community's history of big top performances.

**Visit:** The Miami County Museum, which not only pays tribute to local circus history, but also displays memorabilia from Indiana-born composer Cole Porter

**LEBANON (C)**

**Established:** 1830 **Population:** 17,247

**Claim to fame:** The 1911 courthouse is architecturally significant, with the second-largest stained-glass dome in the state and possibly the largest monolithic limestone columns in the world.

**Visit:** The Boone County Jail building, named after Daniel Boone, which has been revived as an artisanal distillery

**NEW PARIS (NC)**

**Established:** 1839  
**Population:** 1,434

**Claim to fame:** Located due south of Goshen, the town is home to New Paris Speedway, known as the "Hottest Quarter Mile in the Midwest."

**Visit:** DeFries Gardens in River Preserve County Park, a four-season calendar garden with circular paths and blooms arranged in a clockwise pattern

**GENEVA (NE)**

**Established:** 1874  
**Population:** 1,273

**Claim to fame:** Oil was discovered in Geneva, and production through the Buckeye Pipe Line Company resulted in a population boom and business growth in the 1890s.

**Visit:** Limberlost State Historic Site, which inspired famed Hoosier author Gene Stratton-Porter to write six novels and seven nature books

**DUBLIN (EC)**

**Established:** 1830  
**Population:** 674

**Claim to fame:** The first Indiana Woman's Rights Convention was held in Dublin in 1851 to promote the women's suffrage movement.

**Visit:** The Historic National Road, with a stop at Cambridge City's Lakeview Restaurant on the way past Hi-Way Springs and the Huddleston Farmhouse

**MILAN (SE)**

**Established:** 1854  
**Population:** 1,818

**Claim to fame:** Winning the Indiana state basketball championship in 1954, the Milan High School team inspired the 1986 film *Hoosiers* starring Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, and Dennis Hopper.


**Visit:** Nearby Versailles State Park—Indiana's second largest—which features rolling hills, a 230-acre lake, boat rentals, campgrounds, and trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking

# Where in the World?

DO YOU DREAM OF TRAVELS TO MOROCCO, MILAN, OR BRAZIL? YOU WON'T HAVE TO DRIVE FAR TO TOUCH DOWN IN INDIANA TOWNS WITH INTERNATIONAL NAMES.

*by Andrea Ratcliff*



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# STREET CRED

CREATIVITY TAKES TO THE STREETS WITH THESE 10 ALLEYWAYS ACROSS INDIANA THAT HAVE BEEN BEAUTIFIED AND BRIGHTENED WITH THE ADDITION OF THEMED DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK. *by Bailey Briscoe*

## RENSELAER ART WALK (NW)

International artists adorned the Rensselaer Art Walk with vibrant murals of wildlife, incredibly realistic portraits and encouraging messages of affirmation, including *I'm OK, You are Loved*, and *Hope*. Most of the 25 murals are in the alleys behind the buildings on the north side of Washington Street, but a few more are tucked away on the south side and at Potawatomi Park. *Start at 230 W. Washington St., Rensselaer*

## ELKHART ART ALLEY (NC)

Three separate murals by featured artists Christian Smith, Valerie Seegers and Diana Blacut Katasonov draw viewers to this pathway off Elkhart's main street. A central sketch of a face is flanked on either side by two colorful pieces, one featuring graffiti and the other more abstract. Tables and chairs make it a nice spot to sit and admire the art. *215 S. Main St., Elkhart*

## ART GALLERY ALLEY (WV)

A bulldog, a larger-than-life walking raccoon and a group of selfie-takers are the stars of the Alleypalooza Murals in Lafayette. The piece is the combined work and vision of nine different area artists, completed in conjunction with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, who played music while the painters brought the wall to life. *519 Main St., Lafayette*

## 7TH STREET ART ALLEY (WC)

In Terre Haute, the area between the Swope Art Museum and Federal Coffee + Fine Foods is a growing, open-air art space. Among the works displayed so far is a mural nodding to the days of speakeasies, one painted by an art teacher, and another created by a former Disneyland pictorial artist. A barista at the coffee shop even added his own touch to the establishment's back door. *25 S. 7th St., Terre Haute*



TOP TO BOTTOM: KUJI ALLEY IN FRANKLIN, PIANO ALLEY IN JASPER AND RENSELAER ART WALK



### **COURTHOUSE ALLEY (EC)**

Since 2001, Kokomo has transformed several alleyways around downtown into public gathering spaces. The most recent—and most robust—project is Courthouse Alley. Students built pallet benches and wall art from recycled material. Others added mini-gardens inside plastic tubs and twinkling string lights, which illuminate the space at night. *115 W. Sycamore St., Kokomo*

### **6TH STREET ARTS ALLEY (UP)**

The colorful mural in this Columbus alley serves as a backdrop to community events and cultural programming. Color blocks of blue, yellow, gray, black and white form intersecting geometric shapes across the ground that sweep up the walls of the bordering buildings. The happy yellow and blue design wraps around to one of the buildings' facades, beckoning to sidewalk dwellers and passersby. *412 6th St., Columbus*

ABOVE: SELF.E ALLEY IN EVANSVILLE  
LEFT: 6TH STREET ARTS ALLEY IN COLUMBUS

### **SELF.E ALLEY (SW)**

More than a clever name, this alley project has a lot to offer visitors. Send a digital postcard of yourself posing in front of the *Greetings From Evansville* mural, or celebrate your Midwestern roots with the sunburst-filled state outline paired with a cornfield background in *Opes & Dreams*. There's a backdrop to fit almost any personality and to fit the theme that Evansville is for everyone. *318 Main St., Evansville*

### **KUJI ALLEY (C)**

Colorful koi fish murals, a 12-foot-tall metal cherry tree, hanging lanterns and a walkable footbridge are highlights of the Kuji Alley art installation. It's all a tribute to Franklin's sister city in Japan and brings Japanese culture to the Hoosier state. As designed, it's a perfect Instagrammable spot for visitors. *49 E. Court St., Franklin*

### **THE ALLEY, FORTVILLE (C)**

An alley along Fortville's quaint Main Street was revamped into a "pocket park." Resurfaced with epoxy, The Alley now sports benches, tables, potted flowers and plants and cheery string lighting overhead. Savor a sweet treat from Libby's Ice Cream & Gifts and snap a selfie against the rich-red brick background. *Intersection of Main and Mill streets, Fortville*

### **PIANO ALLEY (SW)**

An ode to Jasper's glory days as the hub of piano manufacturing, the revitalized alleyway features a two-story abstract mural in a rainbow of hues capped off with the adage, "Where words fail, music speaks." Colorful stripes alternating with black keys extend across the walkway, and more public art treasures await. *Southeast corner of Downtown Square, Jasper*



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# SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATE EVERY SEASON WITH THIS CALENDAR OF ANNUAL FESTIVALS THROUGHOUT THE HOOSIER STATE. *by Andrea Ratcliff*

## January

### MELTDOWN WINTER ICE FESTIVAL

Ice sculptures abound in Richmond when carvers come together to demonstrate their craft with live demos and a competition at the end. The 2024 gathering included a chili cookoff, costume contest, Ice Age activity stations, food trucks and an ice cream eating contest. [richmondmelt.com](http://richmondmelt.com) (EC)

## February

### FOR THE LOVE OF ART FAIR

Fifty artists from all over the Midwest descend on South Bend for a weekend showcasing pottery, woodworking, handmade jewelry, glass sculpture, painting and more. Enjoy live music, fine wine and snacks while perusing the vendors' wares. [fortheartfair.com](http://fortheartfair.com) (NC)

## March

### JAY COUNTY FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

Learn about traditional rug hooking, loom weaving, twining and blending from master crafters at the Jay Community Center in Portland. More than 30 vendors participate, bringing yarn, materials, tools and equipment for producing fiber art. [fiberarts.visitjaycounty.com](http://fiberarts.visitjaycounty.com) (EC)



## April

### ORLEANS DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

Visit the small town of Orleans, dubbed "Indiana's Dogwood Capital," to celebrate the flowering ornamental trees with a week of activities, including a town-wide yard sale, car show, carnival, parade, pageants, euchre tournament, art show and photo contest. [orleansdogwoodfestival.com](http://orleansdogwoodfestival.com) (UP)

## May

### 500 FESTIVAL

The month of May in Indianapolis gets off to a running start with the OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, followed by Kids' Day and the Rookie Run, Breakfast at the Brickyard and the 500 Festival Parade, all leading up to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," the Indianapolis 500, at the end of the month. [500festival.com](http://500festival.com) (C)



## June

### THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL

Since 1969, Three Rivers Festival has been Fort Wayne's premier summer celebration, featuring a two-day juried fine art competition, downtown midway, children's fest, bed race, international village, daily concerts, fireworks finale and more. [threeriversfestival.org](http://threeriversfestival.org) (NE)

## July



## August

### INDIANA STATE FAIR

Spanning nearly three weeks, the Indiana State Fair showcases all manner of livestock, arts and crafts, and food and gardening exhibits. Don't miss events like concerts by national recording artists, the tractor pull, harness racing, a demolition derby, championship rodeo and a hot air balloon race. [indianastatefair.com](http://indianastatefair.com) (C)

## September

### MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

When Plymouth gets the late-summer blues, the northern Indiana community turns to blueberry pie, ice cream, shakes, doughnuts and cheesecake for the cure. The festival offers a bicycle cruise, a 1-mile open water swim, 5K and 15K running races, a carnival, a parade and a fireworks display. [blueberryfestival.org](http://blueberryfestival.org) (NC)



### PIEROGI FEST

Downtown Whiting draws more than 300,000 people to honor traditional Eastern European dumplings with Polish folk music and dance ensembles, a parade of women dressed in housecoats and babushkas, and a pierogi toss and pierogi eating contest. [pierogifest.net](http://pierogifest.net) (NW)



## October

### PARKE COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

The largest festival in Indiana, this 10-day event highlights the rustic beauty of 31 covered bridges throughout 10 communities in the county. Meander through the area on your own or take a guided bus tour from the courthouse. [coveredbridges.com](http://coveredbridges.com) (WV)



## November

### FERDINAND CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Named for an Austrian emperor, Ferdinand embraces a German holiday tradition during the third weekend in November. The Christkindlmarkt features shopping stalls, antiques vendors, a free concert, monastery tours, a marionette theater and more. [ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com](http://ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com) (SC)

## December

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The waterfront community of Christmas Lake Village in Santa Claus hosts a 9-mile drive-thru display of holiday lights two Saturdays in December. Admission is free, but cash donations for charity are accepted. Prizes to homeowners include Best Lights, Judges' Favorite, Kids' Favorite and Reason for the Season. [cvillage.com](http://cvillage.com) (SC)

# TRACK STARS

ALL ABOARD! IF TRAINS ARE YOUR PREFERRED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, ROLL UP TO THESE LOCOMOTIVE-ORIENTED ATTRACTIONS IN THE HOOSIER STATE. *by Amy Lynch*



Open May through October, the two-acre **Gabis Arboretum Railway Garden (NW)** at

Purdue Northwest in Valparaiso charms visitors with G-gauge model trains and miniature vignettes. During the holiday season, rail buffs flock to the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis for **Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure (C)**, a magical display of G-scale trains passing by recreated Indianapolis landmarks and Western sites.

Train museums abound all around the state. The **Hesston Steam Museum (NW)** in LaPorte educates visitors on the valuable contributions steam machinery has made in American industry, while the **National New York Central Railroad Museum (NC)** in Elkhart celebrates the glory days of the second largest railroad in the United States. The **Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society (NE)** proudly preserves—and operates—historic Nickel Plate Road steam locomotive No. 765. The

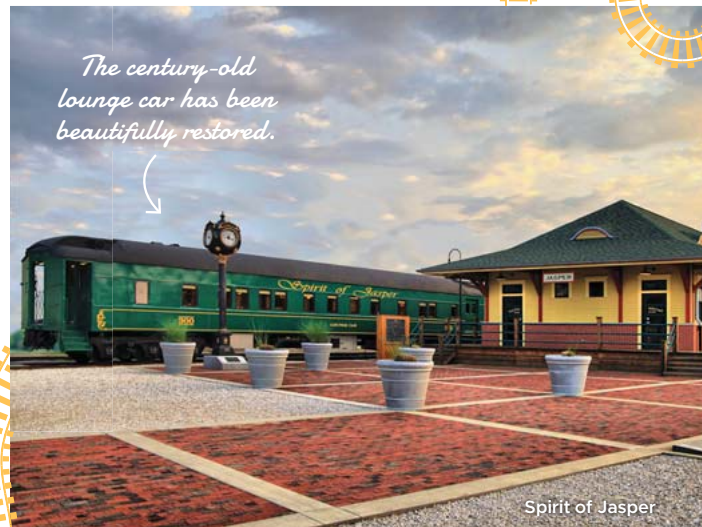
Indiana Rail Experience ro Terre Haute's **Wabash Valley Railroad Museum (WC)** traces the lineage of railroad-ing from past to present with a vintage freight depot, an elevated trainspotting platform and hands-on exhibits. And in Madison, the Jefferson County Historical Society's History Center maintains an **1895 railroad station (SC)**, along with a recreated general store and a riverboat exhibit.

Cruise out to **Tulip Trestle (UP)**—known as “the Viaduct” to locals—in Greene County to take in stunning views of the 2,300-foot-long, 157-foot-high steel girded structure, one of the longest bridges of its kind in the world still in operation.

Looking for a chance to actually ride the rails? **French Lick Scenic Railway (SC)**, the **Spirit of Jasper (SW)**, the **Whitewater Valley Railroad (EC)** in Connersville and Hamilton County's **Nickel Plate Express (C)** all offer themed train adventures. And Steuben County's **Indiana Rail Experience (NE)** rolls out food- and drink-focused rides, as well as a pet-friendly cruise. **J**



Indiana Rail Experience



*The century-old lounge car has been beautifully restored.*

Spirit of Jasper

# Swift Movements

INSPIRED BY HER ERAS TOUR STOP AT LUCAS OIL STADIUM, THIS CROSS-STATE TRIBUTE TAKES ITS MUSICAL CUES FROM SOME OF TAYLOR SWIFT'S BIGGEST HITS. *by Hailey Reynolds and Julia Spalding*

Indiana Swifties have always had “that James Dean daydream look” in their eyes. To prep fans for the singer-songwriter’s stop in Indianapolis November 1-3, we suggest these six Hoosier destinations that prove once and for all: This is Taylor’s world—we just live in it.



## Midnights

THE REGION (NW)

When you experience the charm of northeastern Indiana, you will “just wanna stay in that lavender haze.” In the winter months, you can take a walk at the **Kankakee Sands**, where the frost “can make the whole place shimmer” or head to the shores of **Lake Michigan** to see some “Snow on the Beach.”

## Fearless

SOUTH BEND (NC)

On your drive into South Bend, you can’t help but say, “Look now, the sky is gold,” like the shining dome at the **University of Notre Dame**. Why not “talk and window shop” along the **East Bank Village** or be a little “Fearless” as you navigate the **Rum Village Adventures** aerial park. During your trip to South Bend, you’ll think, “Today Was A Fairytale.”

## Folklore

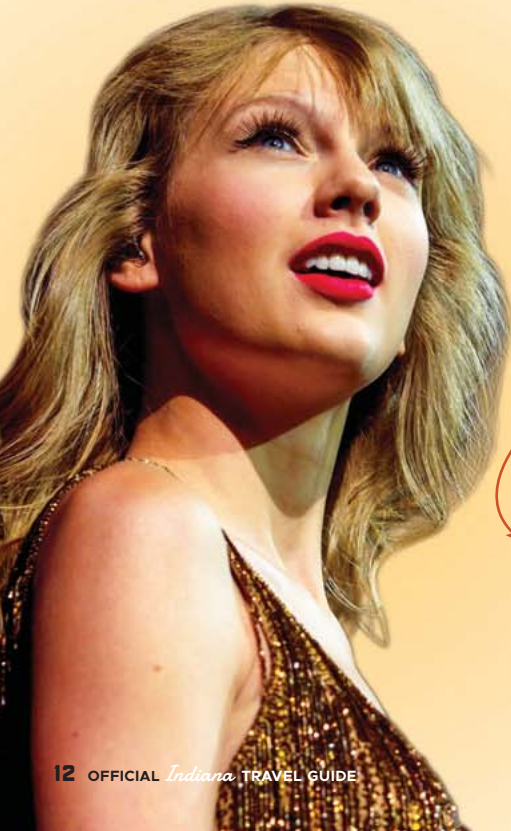
FORT WAYNE (NE)

A visit to Fort Wayne will inevitably “lead [you] to the garden” at **Lakeside Park and Rose Garden**. Hit a Sunday matinee at the **Embassy Theatre**, let “August [be] sipped away like a bottle of wine” from **Two EE’s Winery**, or “be flushed when you return” from a bike ride along **Curly’s Suspension Bridge** or a winter’s pass through **Blue Jacket’s Fantasy of Lights**.

## Lover

LAFAYETTE (WV)

There’s so much to experience in Greater Lafayette. See the “waving homecoming queens” and “marching band[s] playing” at a **Purdue University** football game. If “You Need to Calm Down,” enjoy a wine tasting at **Wildcat Creek Winery**. Heading this way for the holiday season? **The Holiday Farmers Market** “leave[s] the Christmas lights up ‘til January.”



Check here for more stops inspired by Taylor’s next album.



## Red

BLOOMINGTON/  
BROWN COUNTY (UP)

Welcome to Monroe County, where “Red” is everyone’s favorite color. Whether you’re sporting a crimson lip to cheer for **Indiana University** or coordinating with fall leaves in **Brown County**, everything about Bloomington will make you want to “Stay Stay Stay.” You can visit the “Holy Ground” of the two largest **Buddhist Centers** in the Midwest or “just keep dancing like we’re 22” at **The Bluebird**.



## Speak Now

EVANSVILLE (SW)

“Drop everything now” because we’re heading to Evansville. Taylor’s third studio album starts to blend her love of country music with urban influences. You’ll be “Enchanted” as you explore Evansville’s entertainment districts, like **Haynie’s Corner Arts District** and **Downtown Evansville**. Bonus point: On April 23, 2009, Swift kicked off her **Speak Now Tour** in Evansville and was awarded the key to the city.

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# GALAXY QUEST

YOU'LL BE OVER THE MOON FOR THESE INDIANA SITES COMMEMORATING HOOSIER ASTRONAUTS AND THE STATE'S RICH HISTORY OF SPACE EXPLORATION. *by Rebecca Berfanger*

Several Hoosiers have been inspired to step foot into the reach of space, including Frank Borman of Gary, Kevin A. Ford of Montpelier, Donald E. Williams of Green Hill, Jerry L. Ross of Crown Point, Joseph P. Allen of Crawfordsville, Mark N. Brown of Valparaiso and Charles D. Walker of Bedford. Here are details about some of Indiana's notable interplanetary explorers, along with a selection of celestial-inspired sites to visit.

Mitchell native Virgil Ivan "Gus" Grissom was a decorated U.S. Air Force veteran and Purdue University graduate. As one of NASA's original seven Mercury astronauts, he was the third person to go to space and the first to go twice. Unfortunately, Grissom did not make a third journey, instead perishing in a fatal "plugs-out"

test aboard Apollo 1 on the launchpad at Cape Kennedy, on January 27, 1967, along with astronauts Ed White and Roger B. Chaffee. His crew's story was documented in the book *The Right Stuff* and dramatized in the film of the same name. Grissom was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor in 1978, and moon landmark Marina Grissom and asteroid 2161 Grissom were both named for him. Visitors to Peru's **Grissom Air Reserve Base (WV)** can see 24 military aircraft dating from World War II to the present at the on-site museum ([grissomairmuseum.com/info](http://grissomairmuseum.com/info)). A hometown memorial in Mitchell's **Spring Mill State Park (UP)** pays tribute to Grissom's legacy, with his space suit, the Gemini 3 "Molly Brown" spacecraft, and other personal and

professional items on display ([on.IN.gov/springmills](http://on.IN.gov/springmills)).

David Wolf of Indianapolis is also a U.S. Air Force veteran and Purdue University graduate, earning his M.D. from Indiana University in 1982. Wolf, who grew up flying in a family-owned plane, became known for his studies in medical ultrasonic technology. As a winner of the NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal and NASA Inventor of the Year award, his innovations were used to study the effects of space travel on the human body. Between 1993 and 2009, Wolf completed seven spacewalks, logging 168 days, 12 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds in space over four separate missions. **Astronaut David Wolf Bridge (C)** ([discover.whiteriver.com](http://discover.whiteriver.com)), an iconic Indy landmark located just over a

mile from Wolf's alma mater, North Central High School, crosses White River at 82nd Street.

South Bend's Janice E. Voss dedicated her education and career to space travel early on, participating in NASA's work-study co-op program at Johnson Space Center in Houston from 1973 to 1975 while studying engineering science at Purdue University. She went on to work as a NASA crew trainer, earn her M.S. in electrical engineering and her Ph.D. in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT, and work on mission integration and flight operations at Orbital Sciences Corporation. After applying several times beginning in the 1970s, she was finally selected as an astronaut candidate and joined the program in 1991. Over five missions spanning from 1993 to 2000, Voss logged over 49 days in space, traveling 18.8 million miles while circling the Earth 779 times. Voss, who sadly passed away in 2012, is buried in South Bend. She donated her papers to Purdue University in 2009, and they are available to view in the **Purdue University Archives and Special Collections (WV)** ([lib.purdue.edu/spcol](http://lib.purdue.edu/spcol)).



Grissom Air Reserve Base



Kirkwood Observatory



Grissom Memorial at Spring Mill State Park



## See For Yourself

### STAR\*QUEST OBSERVATORY (NE)

Since 1963, the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society has welcomed the public to observe the stars with guidance from trained, dedicated volunteers. Every clear Saturday night from April through November, for two hours beginning an hour after sunset, members of the public may view the sky through provided telescopes, or you can feel free to bring your own and ask questions. Check the website's clear sky chart to let you know the best times for viewing. [fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com/starquest](http://fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com/starquest)



### MCKIM OBSERVATORY (WC)

DePauw University's McKim Observatory dates back to 1884. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is home to instruments from the late 19th century, including the original Clark Refractor telescope built in 1885, available for viewing during open house events; two original clocks, both Howard #74 Astronomical Regulators, known for their precise timekeeping; a meridian transit telescope, used for observing the passage of objects in space; and a gravity driven chronograph, used for recording the exact time of observations. Newer instruments include four Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes; a 17-inch Dobsonian reflector telescope; and an SBIG St-6 CCD camera equipped with filters to take images at varying wavelengths of light to isolate different aspects of celestial bodies. Visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather. Note that the observatory is not open when there is extreme cloud cover or extreme wind. [depauw.edu](http://depauw.edu)

### HOLCOMB OBSERVATORY & PLANETARIUM (C)

One of the largest observatories in the world open to the public, Butler University's Holcomb Observatory underwent major upgrades from 2015 to 2019, and the planetarium's projector was upgraded in 2022. The observatory includes a 38-inch Cassegrain reflector telescope, one of the 10 largest telescopes east of the Mississippi River. Public tours are held on weekends, and group tours can be booked by appointment. If you happen to be in town for the eclipse on April 8, check out the free public event from noon to 4 p.m. [butler.edu/arts-sciences/holcomb-observatory](http://butler.edu/arts-sciences/holcomb-observatory)

### KIRKWOOD OBSERVATORY (UP)

Built in 1900, the historic Kirkwood Observatory in Dunn's Woods at Indiana University Bloomington was named for Daniel Kirkwood, an astronomer and mathematics professor at the university who discovered Kirkwood Gaps, or gaps in the asteroid belt where objects were destabilized by Jupiter's gravitational pull, sending them into the sun or out into the universe. Kirkwood's name was also given to a crater on the moon and an asteroid. The observatory houses a 12-inch refracting telescope built by the Warner & Swasey Company in Cleveland. It is open to the public on Wednesdays starting the week after spring break through early November. The building is not ADA accessible due to the multiple stairs, steps and ladders needed to access the telescope and other areas of the observatory, but a virtual tour is available. [astro.indiana.edu](http://astro.indiana.edu)

## Moon Trees

DURING THE 1971 Apollo 14 mission to the moon, astronaut Stuart Roosa, at the request of the U.S. Forest Service, carried 500 seeds of various trees among his personal effects. After orbiting the moon 34 times, the seeds—and Roosa—returned to Earth, where many of the saplings grown from the seeds were gifted to states where they were native and planted during the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976.

Following an inquiry sent by Joan Goble, a third grade teacher who happened upon a sycamore accompanied by a plaque identifying it as a moon tree with her students in 1996, NASA employee Dave Williams (now the acting head of the NASA Space Science Data Coordinated Archive) embarked upon a mission to catalog the locations and species of the largely forgotten trees.

The sycamore Goble's class discovered can be found at **Camp Koch Girl Scout Camp (SC)** in Cannelton. Other known Hoosier moon trees are located at the **Indiana Statehouse (C)** in Indianapolis, **Lincoln State Park (SW)** in Lincoln City, and the **U.S. Forest Service Ranger District Office (SC)** in Tell City. A new batch of seeds



were sent to orbit the moon aboard Artemis 1, which launched in November 2022. Applications for community organizations and schools to receive seedlings were due in October 2023, with the trees expected to be planted in mid-2024. 🌱

# INTERNATIONAL EATS

FEATURING FOODS FROM FARAWAY LANDS, THESE CULINARY IMPORTS TAKE DINERS ON A DELICIOUS WORLDWIDE TOUR. *by Julia Spalding*

## ALADDIN'S MEDITERRANEAN & MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE (SC)

**MIDDLE EASTERN** Extra creamy hummus is a requisite order at this casual family-owned restaurant in downtown New Albany. Diners can make a meal of it, alongside a plate of herbed feta made in-house and an order of warm pita. But the grilled wraps stuffed with everything from the traditional beef-and-lamb rotisserie to grilled chicken shawarma are too delicious to pass up, and desserts include phyllo-based baklava and crunchy, sweet knafeh. 37 Bank St., New Albany, 502-489-7969, [aladdinsindiana.com](http://aladdinsindiana.com)

## SCHNITZELBANK (SW)

**GERMAN** Sauerbraten, schnitzel, and goulash are obvious top choices at this "little bit of Germany" in Jasper. But don't miss the equally delicious and authentic braised pork shank served with mashed potatoes and red cabbage or the crispy potato pancakes with apple butter. 393 Third Ave., Jasper, 812-482-2640, [schnittzelbank.com](http://schnittzelbank.com)

## ZYDECO'S (C)

**CAJUN** Mooresville's Mardi Gras-themed restaurant lets "les bons temps rouler" every day of the year. Crawfish étouffée and Ya Ya Chicken share the spotlight with po'boys fully loaded with shrimp (or gator if you prefer), but the garlic soup topped with a hunk of warm bread has its own dedicated following. If you can't decide on a cocktail, order a flight of colorful minis. 11 E. Main St., Mooresville, 317-834-3900, [zydecos.net](http://zydecos.net)

## CATELLO'S (EC)

**ITALIAN** Chef and owner Catello Avagnale hails from Naples, Italy, and wears that badge of authenticity with pride at his Pendleton eatery. Pastas, such as pillows

of mushroom ravioli adorned with walnut cream sauce and pappardelle cooked with rack of lamb, are works of art on the plate. The second course might include fisherman's stew or ribeye cooked in buffalo butter and topped with black truffle cheese. The weekday cheese wheel pasta presentation (in which hot pasta is tossed inside a 90-pound drum of melty Parmigiano-Reggiano) is a delicious spectacle to behold. 103 E. State St., Pendleton, 765-221-9052, [catellos.com](http://catellos.com)

## ABYSSINIA ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT (C)

**ETHIOPIAN** Diners can tear off bits of traditional sponge-like bread, injera, and use it to pinch up bites of lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables from a platter of savory menu options. Abyssinia in Indianapolis has roasted coffee service and fermented honey wine made in-house to enhance the experience. 5352 W. 38th St., Indianapolis, 317-299-0608, [abyssiniaindy.com](http://abyssiniaindy.com)

## PHO-SHI (NE)

**VIETNAMESE** Jumbo bowls of the signature Vietnamese noodle soup are the main draw at this homey Asian fusion restaurant in Fort Wayne. For an authentic experience, order the fully loaded Pho Mix, with its aromatic beef broth stocked with meatballs and sliced beef, as well as the traditional cuts of flavorful tripe and tendon. 6735 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, 260-387-7526, [phoshifortwayne.com](http://phoshifortwayne.com)

## AKROPOLIS (WV)

**GREEK** Customers step up to the counter of this Lafayette restaurant to order generously stuffed gyros, pan-seared saganaki and flaky slabs of spanakopita. More substantial dinner entrees include leg of lamb and pork chops with the requisite bowl of lemon rice soup. 3311 South St., Lafayette, 765-447-0001

## THE KASTHAMANDAP GRILL (WC)

**INDIAN** Serving authentic Indian, Himalayan and Nepalese fusion cuisine, this vibrant Terre Haute spot focuses on flavorful traditional dishes like paneer kadai, dal makhani, momo and butter chicken with garlic naan as an accompaniment. The lunch buffet gives diners the full array of menu items to sample. The eatery also packs to-go lunches with two curries. 920 S. 3rd St., Terre Haute, 812-814-9640

## THE CARIBBEAN ON LAKE GEORGE (NW)

**PUERTO RICAN** The menu at this Hobart spot is small enough for everything to be sampled in a few sittings. Beef-filled fritters and tostones with mango pico are excellent entry points. Arroz con gandules (red rice with pigeon peas) comes with either steak or slow-roasted pork. You get yuca fries with your Cubano sandwich. And for dessert, the cheese flan is required eating. 438 E. 4th St., Hobart, 219-940-3232, [thecaribbeanwi.com](http://thecaribbeanwi.com)



# VISIT 7 SCENIC INDIANA STATE PARK INNS

Clifty Inn @ Clifty Falls State Park

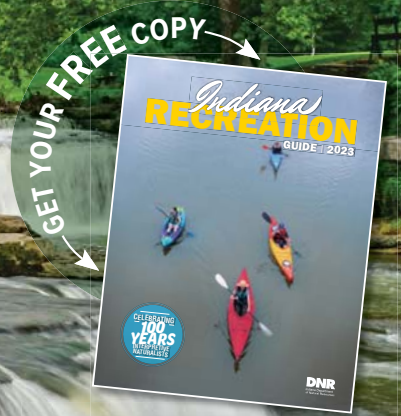


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# Float Away

Pick up a paddle and go for a leisurely float on these scenic rivers, creeks, reservoirs and lakes throughout the Hoosier state.

Whether you're a bona fide boater or new to kayaking, canoeing, sailing, paddleboarding or fishing, you can enjoy Indiana's natural beauty and wildlife on more than a dozen waterways.

**BY ROB ANNIS AND AMY LYNCH**



## BLUE RIVER (SE)

With thrilling rapids, quiet stretches, islands, old iron bridges, craggy limestone bluffs and caves sheltering the endangered Indiana bat, the Blue River, which flows through Southern Indiana before ultimately dumping into the Ohio River west of Louisville, offers a little something for everyone. Punctuated with deep, turquoise-tinted pools, the section that starts 7 or 8 miles north of Milltown and meanders down to the remnants of the old Rothrock Mill attracts the biggest summer crowds. Past that point, the paddling is better left to serious, more experienced kayakers and canoers as the water's course becomes more challenging and spots to pull over along the steep, wooded hills that frame the waterway become sparse. Cave Country Canoes in Milltown ([cavecountrycanoes.com](http://cavecountrycanoes.com)) and Old Mill Canoe Rental in Fredericksburg ([oldmillcanoerental.com](http://oldmillcanoerental.com)) both offer liveries, shuttle services, a choice of river trips appropriate for different skill levels and camping accommodations.

## CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK (NE)

Thousands of Hoosiers flock to this paddler's paradise near Fort Wayne each year to tackle the 5-mile Nine Lake Challenge from Sucker Lake to Miller Lake, while others are content to laze on the beach or dip into the water for a quick swim. You'll see lots of anglers fishing from boats attempting to capture largemouth bass, gar, bluegill and more, but large bass boats and pontoons are prohibited. Although most boats are human-powered, watercraft with electric trolling motors are permitted. Don't have a canoe? You can rent one at the park. Some docks have handicap-accessible areas to make getting in and out of your kayak easier. If your arms get tired from all the paddling, you can use your legs on the 23 miles of forested hiking trails. In addition to the large, RV-friendly campground, there are four paddle-only campsites located on Mud Lake. [in.gov/dnr/state-parks](http://in.gov/dnr/state-parks)

## EAGLE CREEK RESERVOIR (C)

A gem on Indianapolis' west side, this man-made lake and surrounding city park attracts more than a million visitors annually. (In addition to a \$6 park entry fee, visitors may also be charged \$3 per canoe or kayak.) Eagle Creek boasts some of Central Indiana's best fall foliage, providing a spectacular backdrop for paddling. It's not unusual to see great blue herons and bald eagles hunting their next meal. Paddlers often share the 1,400-acre reservoir with rowers, sailboats and small motorboats under 6 horsepower. After you get your fill of paddling, Eagle Creek Park and the surrounding area offer plenty of other options for fun, including almost 20 miles of hiking trails and a family-friendly zipline course ([goape.com](http://goape.com)) that soars up to 40 feet off the ground. [eaglecreekpark.org](http://eaglecreekpark.org)

## FLATROCK RIVER (UP)

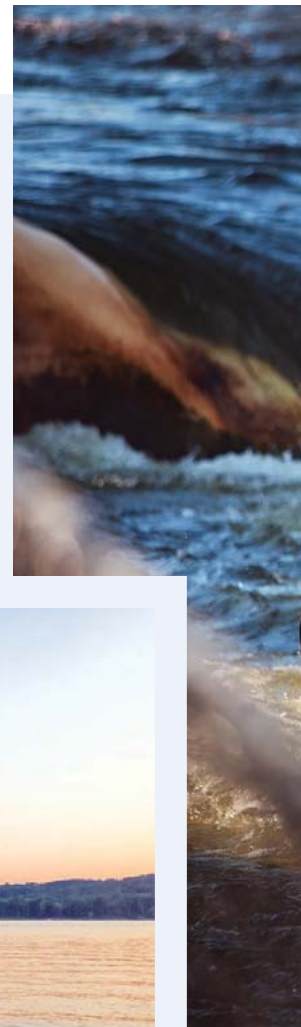
Scenic and serene, the 20 or so miles of Flatrock River above Columbus remain fairly unspoiled thanks to sparse urban development, pretty trees and lots of sandbars where you can pull over to stretch your legs and give your arms a break. Anglers may even want to bring a fishing pole and try their luck casting for catfish and smallmouth bass. If you put in near Norristown at State Road 9 or State Road 252 or at Owen's Bend in Bartholomew County Park ([bartholomew.in.gov](http://bartholomew.in.gov)), you'll spend the better part of the morning or afternoon picking through large boulders and a few log jams before you reach a low-head dam, which you'll have to portage around, and get to take-out spots at the U.S. Highway 31 bridge or Mill Race Park ([columbus.in.us/mill-race-park](http://columbus.in.us/mill-race-park)). It's a good idea to check the USGS river gage height for Flatrock River at St. Paul before you set out to avoid getting hung up in shallow water—levels can get low during dry stretches.



## Chain O'Lakes State Park

### MONROE LAKE (UP)

Straddling Monroe and Brown counties south of Bloomington and tipping the scales at a whopping 10,750 surface acres, the largest reservoir in Indiana is fertile ground—er, water—for all sorts of boating and paddling adventures. Several outfitters maintain liveries of canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (along with pontoons, jet skis, speedboats and all manner of water fun accessories). LT Paddle Sports at Fairfax Beach ([ltpaddlesports.com](http://ltpaddlesports.com)) even offers stand-up paddling and windsurfing lessons for beginners. If the weather's nice, make a whole weekend of it with a stay at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn & Marina ([fourwindlakeside.com](http://fourwindlakeside.com)). The summer party coves can get a little raucous from time to time, but no worries. With this much space, you shouldn't have any trouble finding quiet nooks for wildlife viewing, bird-watching and peaceful communing with Mother Nature. FYI: John Mellencamp sightings are rare ... but hey, you never know when you might catch the "Small Town" rock star out on the lake.



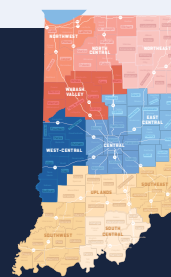
### PATOKA LAKE (SC)

The massive 8,800-acre artificial lake is surrounded by Hoosier National Forest and state park properties, drawing visitors not only from Indiana but also Kentucky, Ohio and other nearby locales. Camping options abound—you can even stay in a two- or three-bedroom floating cabin ([patokalakemarina.com/floating-cabins](http://patokalakemarina.com/floating-cabins)) or paddle to the Fishermen's Village ([patokafishermensvillage.com](http://patokafishermensvillage.com))—and nearby French Lick has plenty of lodging choices if someone in your family prefers more sophisticated surroundings. Stick to the fingers of the lake to avoid the fast-moving powerboats. Patoka Lake is so large, it's not difficult to find some solitude in secluded, shallow coves. (Coincidentally, that's where you'll also find the best fishing; kayak anglers routinely catch bass, bluegill and walleye.) State park staff sometimes offer guided paddles of some of the more scenic spots on the water, like the former rock quarry on the southeast side of the lake, which features picturesque towering cliffs. [patokalakeindiana.com](http://patokalakeindiana.com)



### RACCOON LAKE (WC)

Also known as Cecil M. Harden Lake (named in honor of the late congresswoman who spearheaded the dam project), this 2,060-acre lake located 50 miles due west of Indianapolis is a popular weekend spot for all sorts of outdoor activities, not just paddling. More than 300 campsites can be found at Raccoon State Recreation Area, where you can also rent boats, pontoons and water ski equipment or take a hike past gorgeous sandstone cliffs and through oak and sycamore forests. (Luckily, you also get those views from your boat.) While raccoons are in abundance, lucky visitors may also see foxes, beavers and bald eagles. Paddling a canoe or kayak allows visitors to sneak into areas of the lake too shallow for larger boats. History buffs may want to detour five miles downstream of the dam to visit the historic Mansfield Roller Mill. [in.gov/dnr/state-parks](http://in.gov/dnr/state-parks)



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Raccoon  
Lake

## ST. JOSEPH RIVER (NC)

Not to be confused with the other St. Joseph River that flows into the Maumee River in Fort Wayne, this stream originates in southern Michigan, flowing southwest across the Indiana state line and through Elkhart and Mishawaka before turning north back into Michigan, where it empties into Lake Michigan in the town it's named after. The man-made East Race Waterway in South Bend ([eastracewaterway.com](http://eastracewaterway.com)) is a popular attraction in the summertime, proposing a nearly 2,000-foot-long urban white water rafting course with Class II rapids right in the heart of the city. There are plenty of less turbulent sections for the timid to navigate, as well. If you put in at Keller Park ([sbvpa.org/places/keller-park](http://sbvpa.org/places/keller-park)) and row the four-ish miles downriver to St. Patrick's County Park, keep your eyes peeled for birds and wildlife. For an even more leisurely outing, paddle around Worster Lake, a quick 30-minute drive southwest of town, and admire the wooded views at Potato Creek State Park.



## SUGAR CREEK (wc)

Named for the abundance of sugar maples lining its banks, Sugar Creek comes alive with color in the fall. Depending on how far you paddle the creek, you can pass underneath up to five covered bridges, making this one of the most picturesque trips on this list. Sugar Creek flows through Turkey Run and Shades State Parks, either of which makes a great basecamp for weekend paddling fun. During warmer months, Sugar Creek Campground & Canoe Rentals ([sugarcreekcanoetrips.com](http://sugarcreekcanoetrips.com)) will bus you and your boat up to 11 miles upstream, allowing you to paddle back at your leisure. You may come across some mild Class I and II rapids, but most kayakers should have no problem navigating through or around. Both large- and smallmouth bass, as well as carp and various types of sunfish, can be found throughout the creek.

## TIPPECANOE RIVER (wv)

Winding its way from Warsaw to Winamac and then down to Lafayette, the Tippecanoe River, once the site of Potawatomi and Miami settlements, served as a major thoroughfare for trading and transportation throughout much of its known history. In the 1920s, the river was dammed to create Lake Freeman and Lake Shafer. Now a haven for bird-watchers, the narrow upper section between Warsaw and the Old Tip Town Public Access Point is slower-paced as it flows through swamps and wetlands. It widens and picks up the further you get downstream toward Monterey, skirting the Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area and Tippecanoe River State Park in Pulaski County, where you'll find nice camping options to break up the trip. Tippy River Adventures in Warsaw ([tippyriveradventures.com](http://tippyriveradventures.com)) and Riverside Rentals in Winamac ([riversidecanoes.com](http://riversidecanoes.com)) both maintain canoes and kayaks to rent for water excursions.



## WILDCAT CREEK (wv)

Full of fish and teeming with wildlife, this scenic tributary starts east of Kokomo, running west and eventually dumping into the Wabash just north of Lafayette, passing by glacial mounds called kames, outcroppings of bedrock and a variety of natural topography along the way. Calling this a creek is something of a misnomer—it's actually wide enough to be considered a river in many areas and was at one time home to Wea and Shawnee Indian tribes. There are many access points to the east of Lafayette, and the 53-acre Wildcat Park, which sits at the confluence of the canoe/kayak-navigable north and south forks, is the most accommodating and well-positioned spot to wrap up a journey. (Bonus: It also offers picnic grounds, a water fountain and restrooms.) Need to rent a ride? The preferred outfitter around these parts, Wildcat Canoe and Kayak Too ([wildcatcanoeandkayaktoo.com](http://wildcatcanoeandkayaktoo.com)) is open daily between April and October.





## WHITE RIVER (C)

For decades, White River was neglected, but efforts were established to make it safer for plants and wildlife, as well as for recreational activities. As a result, the stretch flowing through Hamilton County and northern Indianapolis is cleaner now than it's been in years. Despite the river's location in the middle of one of the most densely populated areas of the country, it's possible to spend an entire day paddling and not see another person on the water. Within the last year, Frank's Paddlesports Livery ([frankslivery.com](http://frankslivery.com)) opened near Riverside Park, offering not only canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals but also guided trips and shuttle service. The White River Alliance shares live information on the river's flow and contamination levels ([thewhiteriveralliance.org](http://thewhiteriveralliance.org)), so adventurers can check conditions before heading out.

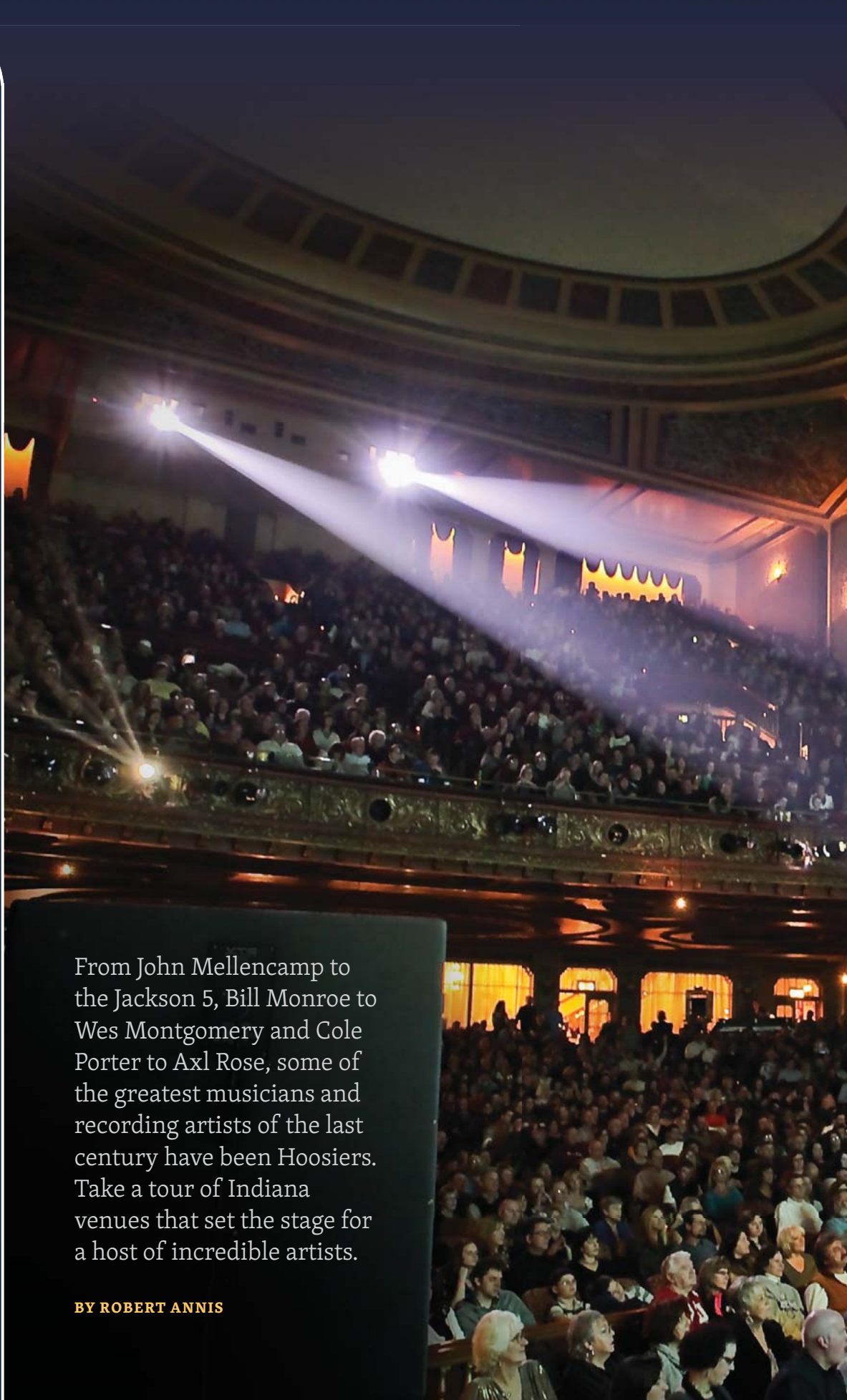
## WHITEWATER RIVER (EC)

This waterway's name evokes a sense of danger and adventure, but despite its fast current, it boasts only Class I rapids. In fact, the river is so shallow in parts that a canal was constructed parallel to it to aid in transporting goods. The 11-mile Whitewater Canal Trail follows the same path as the river and offers views of the Duck Creek Aqueduct, the only known example of a covered wooden aqueduct in America. Paddlers will enjoy the scenery and natural canopy of sycamore and poplar trees along the 100-mile tributary that empties into the Great Miami River in Ohio. The east fork was dammed 50 years ago, creating Brookville Lake, itself a popular boating and fishing destination. Weekend visitors can find camping there, as well as Whitewater Memorial State Park and Mounds State Recreation Area nearby. ■

*Tippecanoe  
River*



# C E N T E R S T A G E

A large, ornate theater filled with an audience, illuminated by stage lights. The theater has a curved ceiling and multiple levels of seating. Two bright spotlights shine down from the ceiling, creating a dramatic effect. The audience is seated in rows, and the stage area is visible in the background.

From John Mellencamp to the Jackson 5, Bill Monroe to Wes Montgomery and Cole Porter to Axl Rose, some of the greatest musicians and recording artists of the last century have been Hoosiers. Take a tour of Indiana venues that set the stage for a host of incredible artists.

**BY ROBERT ANNIS**





**GREAT MUSIC** venues are like churches. Some are massive, ornate cathedrals, while others you can find nestled in a strip mall. Either way, you find communion in a roomful of other devoted followers, and when the right person is preaching at the metaphorical pulpit, the congregation can be moved to stand, shout, dance, cheer and sometimes cry. Walking out the doors at the end of the night, you feel like you took part in something much greater than yourself.

It would be nearly impossible to include every great Indiana concert hall in such a relatively short article (apologies to both The Vogue Theatre and Chatterbox in Indy, Bloomington's The Bishop and many others), but here are a dozen that have made us stand up and cheer over the years.

## Clyde Theatre (NE)

1808 BLUFFTON RD., FORT WAYNE,  
CLYDETHEATRE.COM

**THE GORGEOUS** Art Deco marquee on Fort Wayne's Clyde Theatre hints at the venue's previous life as a 1,782-seat movie house in the 1950s. The Clyde fell into disrepair with the rise of shopping mall multiplexes, but the local community, including Chuck and Lisa Surack of Sweetwater Sound, saw its potential, and in 2017 embarked on a massive \$9 million renovation. The end result is a stunning, 2,000-person capacity concert hall with one of the best light and sound systems in the Midwest. Playing in front of a massive crowd last July, Charley Crockett looked and sounded better than ever. VIP sections along the side and back of the venue allow you to enjoy the show away from the masses. The attached restaurant and bar, dubbed the Club Room, is a great option for couples hoping for a one-stop date night.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Wood Brothers (April 6), Boney James (August 23)

## Elliott Hall of Music (WV)

712 THIRD ST., WEST LAFAYETTE,  
CONVOCATIONS.PURDUE.EDU

**ONE OF THE** nation's largest proscenium theaters—known for their architectural frames, often called proscenium arches—the Elliott Hall of Music on the Purdue University campus was designed by Walter Scholer and J. André Fouilhoux, the latter of whom participated in designing New York City's Tribune Tower and Rockefeller Center, among other landmarks. The arches add to the theater's stately vibe, even if some aspects (seats and bathrooms spring to mind) are a bit worn out, and amenities like elevators are lacking entirely.

Originally known as the Purdue Hall of Music when it first opened in 1940, the 6,000-person capacity concert hall was later renamed in honor of Edward Elliott, the university's president from 1922 to 1945. The Elliott Hall of Music may be the only stage in the world to host the Dalai Lama, Jethro Tull, Robin Williams and Snoop Dogg at different times in its celebrated history.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Kronos Quartet (March 21)

## Embassy Theatre (NE)

125 W. JEFFERSON BLVD., FORT WAYNE,  
FWEMBASSYTHEATRE.ORG

**PERHAPS NO VENUE** on this list has as illustrious a history as the Embassy in Fort Wayne. Built nearly a century ago, it played host to not only musicians but also to all sorts of traveling entertainers, including acrobats, magicians and vaudeville comedians, and it doubled as a silent movie theater.

For decades, the theater attracted thousands of patrons, but over time, the sheen wore off. The building was almost demolished in the early 1970s but was saved last-minute by community leaders and volunteers. In the years since, it has received numerous upgrades—including the installation of its iconic marquee—and was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Music fans who walk through the front doors today can still admire its baroque architecture and carvings, once described as “a phantasmagoric celestial environment.” Every inch still feels like a work of art on par with what's happening on stage.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Joe Satriani & Steve Vai (April 20), Amy Grant (May 13)

## The Palladium (C)

1 CARTER GREEN, CARMEL,  
THECENTERPRESENTS.ORG

**IF YOU HAD** to describe this 1,600-seat venue within Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts in one word, it'd likely be “extra.” Walking underneath the massive exterior columns, you get the sense that its designers tried to recreate a grand European concert hall in the middle of Central Indiana. But while the design flourishes may be a bit over the top, the dedication to sound quality is admirable. The glass panels suspended over the stage are raised or lowered to amplify the volume level of each performance, while retractable curtains help control sound reflection from the walls. The doors and windows were chosen to prevent any exterior sound from leaking in. The roster of performers is incredibly diverse, ranging from cabaret performer (and Center for the Performing Arts artistic director) Michael Feinstein, to roots music stalwart Lucinda Williams, to cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Sammy Miller and The Congregation (April 19), The Magic of Motown (May 11)

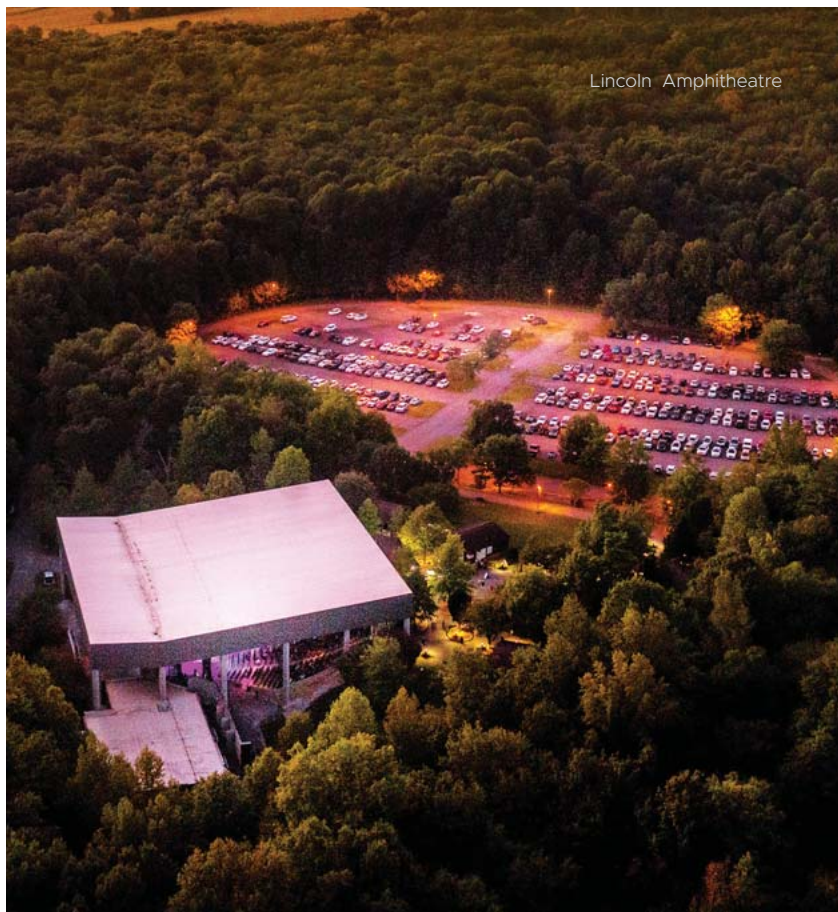


## Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park (C)

801 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS, WHITERIVERSTATEPARK.ORG

**THIS OUTDOOR** amphitheater, formerly known as TCU Amphitheater, has undergone a few changes over the years, but its location—smack dab in downtown Indy’s White River State Park—is stunning. Concertgoers can watch the setting sun cast orange and red rays across the sky before disappearing below the horizon while artists like Louis Tomlinson or H.E.R. play on. When Lyle Lovett performed at Everwise’s predecessor The Lawn years ago, he joked that everyone in the audience must have called each other on the phone beforehand, as everyone had the exact same lawn chairs. (The free use of lawn chairs is one of several perks the amphitheater offers.)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Bad Religion/Social Distortion (May 17), Sarah McLachlan (June 16), Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit (August 10)



Lincoln Amphitheatre

## Hi-Fi, Hi-Fi Annex and Lo-Fi Lounge (C)

1043 VIRGINIA AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, HIFIINDY.COM

**BEFORE TYLER CHILDERS** and Sturgill Simpson were filling massive halls nationwide, they were rocking the stage at this Fountain Square landmark. Virtually every week, this popular spot brings in acts from a variety of genres, some of whom may be the next big thing and some who are delightful throwbacks. Lights above the bar are made from the remnants of snare drums, while the beer pulls are drumsticks. Posters of previous shows, both at the Hi-Fi and elsewhere, line the walls.

The Murphy Arts Building’s parking lot also hosts Hi-Fi Annex, where bands like Beach Bunny and Lucero play in the fresh air. A third venue, the Lo-Fi Lounge, is a more intimate affair where you’ll find lesser-known artists like Shvdy Rollins and Gyasi. If you need a bite to eat before the show, the Easy Rider Diner next door has a separate entrance into the club.

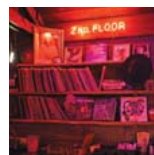
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Sierra Hull (March 22), Indigo De Souza (April 6)

## Ruoff Music Center (C)

12880 E. 146TH ST., NOBLESVILLE, RUOFF.COM/MUSICCENTER

**DIEHARDS WILL** always know this storied place, built in 1989 in the middle of cornfields just north of Indianapolis, as Deer Creek. Rocking out to favorite major acts under the open sky at this epic amphitheater is almost a rite of passage for Hoosiers. It’s a rite of passage for artists, as well, as playing Ruoff means making it to the Big Time and joining the ranks of such legends as Frank Sinatra and Radiohead. With over 6,000 pavilion seats and 18,000 general admission lawn seats, it’s the largest outdoor venue in Central Indiana and is consistently ranked one of the top amphitheaters in the country by *Pollstar*. It was even named No. 1 in 2023 with the return of Farm Aid. The soaring, simple structure gives it the versatility to accommodate stunning stage and light displays, the sound reverberating out over the sprawling fields is unbeatable, and concertgoers agree the clean facilities and friendly staff are top tier.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Eclipse Tailgate Event (April 8), Niall Horan (July 13), Alanis Morissette (July 27)



## Duke’s Indy (C)

2352 S. WEST ST., INDIANAPOLIS, DUKESINDY.COM

**THROW ON YOUR** best pearl-snap shirt and cowgirl boots and head to Indianapolis’ best honky tonk. Founded by the late Dustin Boyer, Duke’s recently underwent an ownership change, but the music and good times continue. A vinyl turntable and stacks of old-school country albums set the tone for the crowd before the night’s performer takes the stage.

A capacity crowd of 150 or so patrons may toss back more ice-cold Lone Star longnecks than a Texas rodeo, but they’re mainly here for artists like the Banditos, Summer Dean, or Adeem the Artist. You’d be hard-pressed to find a group of fans more in tune with their preferred music scene. Have fun, but if the band’s playing, the staff may direct your attention to the pink neon sign above the stage advising patrons to “Please Shut the \*\*\*\* Up.”

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Joe Stamm Band (April 18)

## Lincoln Amphitheatre (SW)

15032 E. COUNTY RD. 1500, LINCOLN CITY, LINCOLNAMPHITHEATRE.COM

**THE ONLY INDIANA** music amphitheater located in a state park, this Lincoln City venue is surrounded by natural beauty. Spend the day hiking trails or paddling on a lake, then relax to great music in the evening. There's also a campground on-site if you'd rather not drive home that night.

The venue's concert slate relies heavily on tribute bands, veteran performers like Kiss' Ace Frehley and the occasional contemporary act like The Lone Bellow and Southern Avenue. (It makes you wonder what Lincoln would listen to today.)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Lead Singers of Classic Rock (June 8), Mark Chesnutt (September 7)

## The Enchanted Forest & Music Hall (SC)

45 W. FIRST ST., NEW ALBANY, THEENCHANTEDFOREST.LIVE

**LOCATED IN THE** New Albany Downtown Historic District, this gorgeous multistage venue typically hosts live music Thursday through Sunday. The indoor area seats about 150, while the outdoor area, highlighted by a stage with live trees growing through it, has a 1,000-person capacity. If you ever wanted to feel like a rock star yourself, Forest Music Hall has an open mic jam session every Wednesday.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Enchanted Mayhem Music Festival (May 11)



The Enchanted Forest & Music Hall

## The Bluebird Nightclub (UP)

216 N. WALNUT ST., BLOOMINGTON, THEBLUEBIRD.WS

**MOST INDIANA UNIVERSITY** graduates have spent a night listening to the music of their favorite bands at this Bloomington landmark. Nearly every wall in the bar is covered with photos of artists who have graced the Bluebird stage, including Lou Reed and Khruangbin. John Mellencamp even popped in for an impromptu set recently.

So what sets the Bluebird apart from other college bar venues? Allegedly, Son Volt's Jay Farrar told bar staff that he loved the way the wood beams above the stage reflect sound back to the band and audience. But there's more to it than that: You can almost feel the accumulated decades of music that flow through the walls.

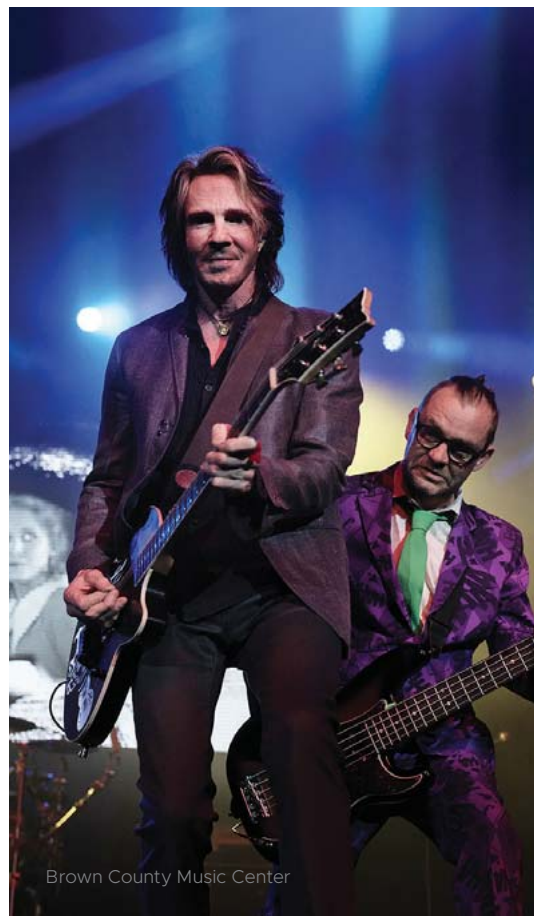
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Taylor Party (March 29), Here Come the Mummies (June 21)

## Bill Monroe's Music Park & Campground (UP)

5163 N. STATE RD. 135, MORGANTOWN, BILLMONROEMUSICPARK.COM

**HOME TO ONE** of the best-known bluegrass music celebrations in the nation, the Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival, this campground and music venue north of Nashville, Indiana, attracts big-name acts and thousands of music lovers from across North America each year. Chances are if you're not pulling into the campground in a massive tour bus, you're arriving in a motor home or towing a travel trailer. With more than 300 electric or full hookup sites, along with hundreds more primitive camping spots, fans only have to walk a short distance to find the stage. The park also hosts multiple other festivals, including the Americana Bean Jamboree, Hippy Hill Fest, the Southern Indiana Blues Festival and Uncle Pen Fest.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival (June 12–15), Hippy Hill Fest (August 1–3)



Brown County Music Center

## Brown County Music Center (UP)

200 MAPLE LEAF BLVD., NASHVILLE, BROWNCOUNTYMUSICCENTER.COM

**AFTER LONGTIME** mainstay the Little Nashville Opry (lovingly referred to as the Lil' Opry by locals) burned down in 2009, the community needed a replacement. About a decade later, the Brown County Music Center rose from the metaphorical ashes. Nashville's newest 2,000-person concert venue has already played host to some of the biggest musicians hailing from that other Nashville in Tennessee, as well as musicians from a host of other genres.

The nondescript beige interior allows concertgoers to focus only on the artists performing on stage. The building was designed with sound in mind, according to executive director Christian Webb, with features like fabric walls and custom sound panels. Beyond concert standards like beer, patrons enjoy a full menu of concessions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Beth Hart (May 4), Aaron Lewis (August 24–25)

# Indiana



*Looking* for a fun and informative way to explore the Hoosier state? This alphabetized list of suggestions covers all manner of distinctive things to see, do, eat and experience in every corner of Indiana.

BY AMY LYNCH





# A

A National Historic Landmark, the **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum (NE)** first served as the Auburn Automobile Company administrative headquarters. Founded in 1900, the company manufactured upscale vehicles until filing for bankruptcy in 1937. Since the museum's 1974 opening, millions of people have traveled to view the classic cars on display and automotive-themed gallery exhibits. [automobilemuseum.org](http://automobilemuseum.org)



# B

If you crave outdoor adventure on two or four wheels, **Badlands Off Road Park (WC)** provides more than 1,400 acres of diverse terrain for dirt bikes, SUVs, Jeeps, trucks and four-wheel drive and all-terrain vehicles geared toward riders and drivers at all experience levels. On-site private showers are handy after navigating through surfaces like mud, sand, gravel and streams. Accommodations at the adjacent Off the Trail property include cabins and houses for rent, as well as camping sites. [badlandsoffroad.com](http://badlandsoffroad.com)



# C

Explore the hidden worlds of **caves and caverns**, including Indiana Caverns (part of one of the largest cave systems in the U.S.), Squire Boone Caverns, Wyandotte Caves, Sullivan Cave, Bluespring Caverns and Marengo Cave. These Indiana underground attractions offer walking and boat tours for visitors to admire the unique rock formations, waterfalls, streams and cave-dwelling creatures such as bats, troglobites and salamanders.



# E

South Bend's **East Race Waterway (NC)** caught a wave on the growing urban whitewater rafting trend when it opened the first engineered rafting run in North America in 2018. The course features around 2,000 feet of Class II rapids, as well as 5 miles of paved walking/running paths along the banks for visitors who want to observe the rafting and kayaking action before taking the plunge themselves. [eastracewaterway.com](http://eastracewaterway.com)



# D

Framed by 15 picturesque miles of Lake Michigan coastline, the **Indiana Dunes (NW)** earned national park status in 2019. More than 50 miles of hiking trails wind through wooded terrain that includes wetlands and a variety of bird habitats. Test your endurance by tackling the 3 Dune Challenge, a scramble up the three tallest sand dunes in the state park, which is encompassed by the national park. [indianadunes.com](http://indianadunes.com)

The **French Lick Resort (SC)** campus, which features two historic hotels, is the site of the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” the soaring 200-foot dome covering the atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel. The largest free-spanning dome in the world when it opened in 1902, it still stuns from every angle. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987. [frenchlick.com](http://frenchlick.com)

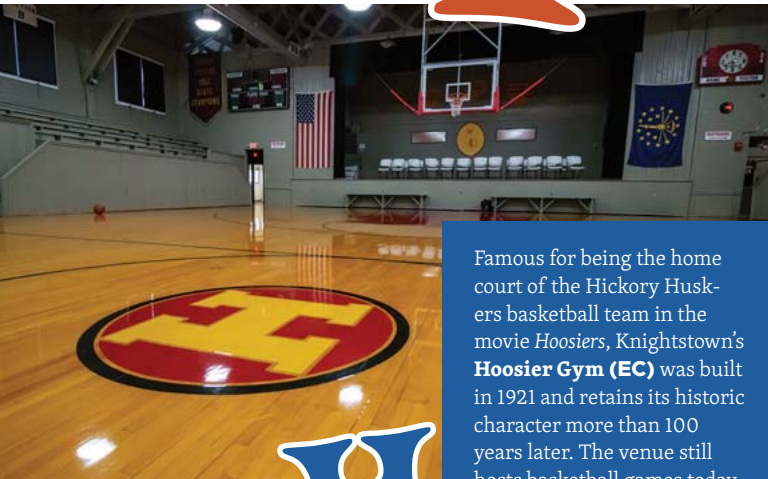


# F



Sitting on the banks of the Wabash River in Vincennes at the Fort Sackville site where the British surrendered in 1779, the handsome **George Rogers Clark Memorial (SW)** is the largest national monument in the country outside of Washington, D.C. [nps.gov/gero](http://nps.gov/gero)

# G



Famous for being the home court of the Hickory Huskers basketball team in the movie *Hoosiers*, Knightstown’s **Hoosier Gym (EC)** was built in 1921 and retains its historic character more than 100 years later. The venue still hosts basketball games today and can be rented for special events. [thehoosiergym.com](http://thehoosiergym.com)

# H



Start your engines! The **Indianapolis Motor Speedway (C)** is best known for a certain 500-mile auto race in the month of May, but the racing season also includes competitive events through early October. The IMS Museum is closed for renovation through April 2025, but guests can tour the Speedway grounds or take a spin around the 2.5-mile oval track in a two-seat race car. [indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://indianapolismotorspeedway.com)

# I



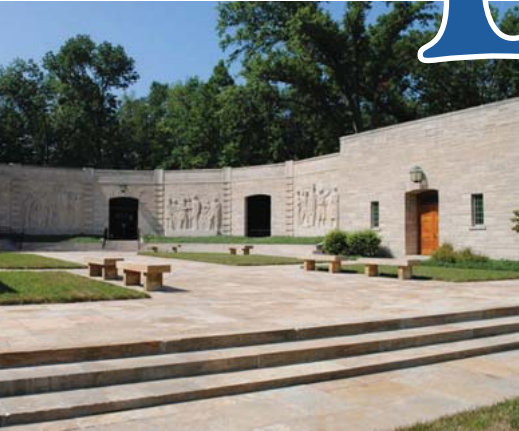
The **James Dean Landmarks Trail (EC)** in Fairmount immortalizes the Indiana native son-turned-Hollywood-heartthrob with an itinerary of stops that includes the Fairmount Historical Museum, the actor’s birth site, his boyhood home and high school, and his final resting place in Park Cemetery. [showmegrantcounty.com](http://showmegrantcounty.com)

# J

# K

Indiana’s lengthiest footpath, the 58-mile **Knobstone Trail (SC)**, stretches across two state forests, from Deam Lake State Recreation Center in Borden to Delaney Creek Park in Scottsburg. Avid hikers often use the Knobstone to warm up for longer treks along the Appalachian Trail. [in.gov/dnr/forestry/properties](http://in.gov/dnr/forestry/properties)

**L**



History buffs can learn about Abraham Lincoln's residence in Indiana at the **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial (SW)**. Points of interest include the Cabin Site Memorial, Pioneer Cemetery and Lincoln Living Historical Farm—a full-scale model of the 1800s homestead where Lincoln lived from ages 7 through 21. [nps.gov/libo](http://nps.gov/libo)



The **Mascot Hall of Fame (NW)** in Whiting celebrates the unsung heroes of the sports world—those fuzzy, lovable characters who engage and entertain fans of all ages. Interactive exhibits put kids center court to simulate game day action, and souvenirs are available through the on-site Mascot Mart and Build-A-Bear Workshop. [mascothalloffame.com](http://mascothalloffame.com)

**N**

Two different groups attempted to establish **New Harmony (SW)** as their own interpretation of utopian society, albeit unsuccessfully. Today, the existing period buildings, innovative modern architecture, guided tours and two walking labyrinths reveal a fascinating and informative peek at the lore and legends that remain. [visitnewharmony.com](http://visitnewharmony.com)



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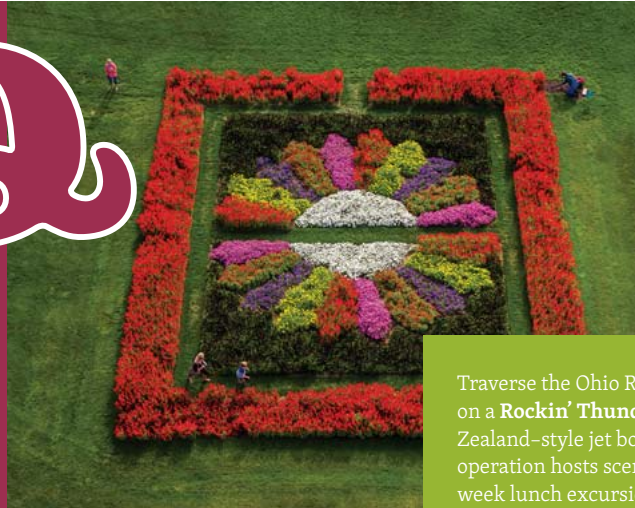
Making a pilgrimage north to zip down the toboggan run at **Pokagon State Park (NE)** and whisking along the quarter-mile refrigerated track at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour has become an annual wintertime tradition for Hoosier families, as well as visitors from nearby states. [pokagonstatepark.net](http://pokagonstatepark.net)

**O**

Family-owned Kokomo **Opalescent Glass (EC)** has been in operation since 1888, making it the oldest opalescent glass manufacturer in the world. See how products are created during a public tour, browse a selection of colorful souvenirs in the gift shop or sign up for a class to learn how to make your very own masterpiece. [kog.com](http://kog.com)



The **Quilt Gardens (NC)** along the Heritage Trail are a distinctive blend of crafting and gardening. The result is a unique display of more than one million carefully tended blooms arranged into patterned displays in and around Elkhart, Bristol, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee and Wakarusa. [visitelkhartcounty.com](http://visitelkhartcounty.com)



Traverse the Ohio River waters on a **Rockin' Thunder River Tours (SE)** New Zealand-style jet boat. This Madison-based operation hosts scenic river tours, 75-mile mid-week lunch excursions and a two-day Kentucky River adventure all the way down to Frankfort and back. Keep your eyes peeled for bald eagle sightings along the way. [rockinthunder.com](http://rockinthunder.com)



**Santa Claus (SW)** is the site of Indiana's homegrown amusement park, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari Water Park, which delivers summertime thrills for all ages with roller coasters, giant slides and rides, live musical entertainment, a lazy river and a wave pool. [holidayworld.com](http://holidayworld.com)



Call it an obsession, but Hoosiers can't get enough of pork pounded into meat pancakes, dunked, dredged and fried crisp. The breaded pork **tenderloin** is our regional schnitzel, our year-round State Fair sustenance and our unofficial state sandwich.



From its home dock on the Ohio River in Evansville, the **USS LST-325 (SW)** is the last operational World War II tank landing ship still in existence today. Tours led by knowledgeable crew members offer a look at the historic vessel and educate guests on the valuable role it once played. [lstmemoial.org](http://lstmemoial.org)

# V

Each spring, the **Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale (NE)**—this year, May 1 through 5—offers devoted fans an opportunity to stock up on their favorite quilted bags, patterned luggage and other lifestyle products from the Fort Wayne-based brand at deep discounts. [verabradley.com](http://verabradley.com)



# W

Indiana's oldest drive-in, the beloved **Triple XXX Family Restaurant (WV)** in West Lafayette's Chauncey Village is best known for frosty mugs of house-made root beer and the Duane Purvis All American burger, a quarter-pound beef patty slathered with peanut butter and garnished with all the traditional accoutrements. [triplexxxfamilyrestaurant.com](http://triplexxxfamilyrestaurant.com)



Designated the **World's Largest Children's Museum** by the World Record Academy, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis (**C**) houses five floors of hands-on activities, educational displays and rotating exhibits for visitors of all ages to enjoy. The outdoor Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience adds to the fun during the warm weather months, while the century-old Carousel Wishes and Dreams operates indoors year-round on the fourth floor. [childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org)



# Z



Belly up to the bar at **Zaharako's Ice Cream Parlor and Museum (UP)** in Columbus and treat yourself to an old-fashioned sundae, shake, soda or float topped with whipped cream and a cherry, of course. Stroll through the small on-site museum of nostalgia while you wait for your food, and if you're lucky, you'll get to hear the 1908 Welte orchestrion in action. [zaharakos.com](http://zaharakos.com)



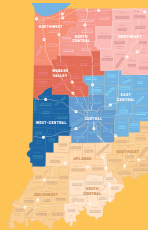
Brown County State Park often steals the limelight when it comes to fall hiking and outdoor adventures, but don't sleep on nearby **Yellowwood State Forest (UP)**. The serene 25,000-acre site features much of the same stunning foliage and rolling terrain for hiking, camping, fishing and hunting, but with fewer crowds. [browncounty.com](http://browncounty.com)



An aerial photograph of Patoka Lake, showing a large body of water with a dam in the distance. The foreground is dominated by a dense, lush green forest that borders the lake. The water in the foreground is a deep green, while the water further away is a lighter blue. A small white boat is visible on the water in the middle ground. The sky is not visible, as the image is a close-up aerial shot.

**SOUTH**  
*at a glance*

Patoka Lake spreads  
across Dubois, Crawford  
and Orange counties



# South REGIONS

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.



Roofless Church,  
New Harmony

# Regional Highlights

OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR RECREATION, UNDERGROUND WONDERS, WORLD-RENOWNED ARCHITECTURE, A TOP AMUSEMENT PARK—THE SOUTHERN REGION IS FILLED WITH SURPRISES.



Brown County State  
Park, Nashville

## RIVER DRIVES

Stretching from Mount Vernon to Lawrenceburg, the **Ohio River Scenic Byway** 1 is Indiana's ultimate road trip. The 300-mile route takes you to some of the state's oldest river towns, historic homes and landmarks, forests and natural wonders, shopping districts and more.

## SO MOD

You've probably heard about **Columbus' modernist art and architecture** 2, which the American Institute of Architects ranked sixth in the U.S. Now

see those structures up close on a walking, bike, bus or self-guided tour and learn about the men and women responsible for creating a design mecca out of this small town.

## SPRING AWAKENING

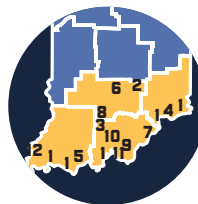
**French Lick Resort** 3,

comprised of **French Lick Springs Hotel** and **West Baden Springs Hotel**, has drawn guests to Southern Indiana since the early 1900s. Fully restored to their magnificent grandeur of old, the sites are ideal for getaways, with spas, fine dining, a casino, golf, and more on site.



Madison, Indiana

## DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE



### Good to Know

Be sure to check hours and availability before setting out.

Stop in West Baden Springs, once dubbed "the eighth wonder of the world," to see its impressive 200-foot-wide atrium. (See also page 32.)

## TUNE TOWN

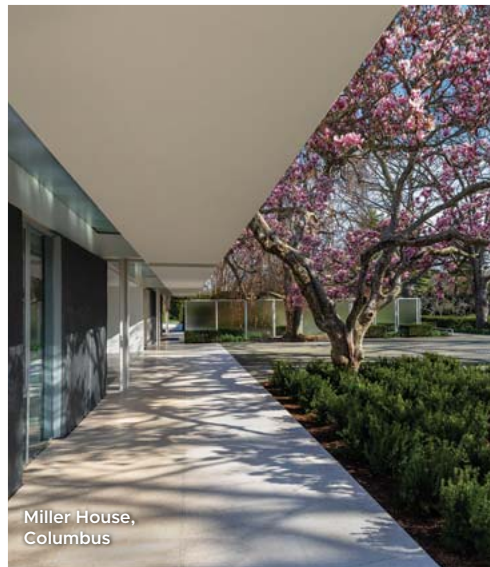
Listen up: **Madison** 4 has amped up its reputation as **Indiana's Music City**, where, on a given night, nearly a dozen sites host live shows. After a day of exploring the historic Ohio River burg, settle in for an evening of entertainment by acts playing blues, rock, folk, covers—a range of genres in an equally varied mix of venues—

PHOTOS: COURTESY: VISIT MADISON; BROWN COUNTY VISITORS CENTER; MILLER HOUSE BY HADLEY FRUITS FOR LANDMARK COLUMBUS





Falls of the Ohio State Park



Miller House, Columbus

hotels, restaurants, breweries, ice cream shops and more. Find a calendar at [madisonmusic.org](http://madisonmusic.org).

### LET IT RIDE

Roller coasters or water slides? Families divided on the issue won't have to choose at **Holiday World & Splashin' Safari** 5. The **Cheetah Chase** ride is a launched water coaster—the world's first—that combines both thrills. Other coasters, such as **The Voyage** and **Thunderbird**, offer more fast-paced drama, while a wave pool, lazy river and slides such as

**Wautubee** and **Otorongo** give visitors fun-filled, water-logged ways to cool off on a hot day. (See also page 34.)

### COUNTRY ROADS

The hub of Brown County, **Nashville** 6 has long been an essential destination for those who appreciate art and handcrafted goods. The village comes by its nickname, the Art Colony of the Midwest, naturally, peppered with dozens of art galleries and artists' studios. Stop by to watch them in action and take home a souvenir.

### THRILL OF THE HUNT

Your first stop at **Falls of the Ohio State Park** 7 should be the interpretive center, where you can learn just how the attraction's 390 million-year-old fossil beds were formed. Then, walk out onto the beds themselves (the best time to do so is August through October), keeping an eye out for very old specimens with cool

names like brachiopods and echinoderms.

### GO DEEP

You'll hear more interesting-sounding names, such as stalactites and helictites, among other cave formations, along the **Indiana Cave Trail**, which includes **Bluespring Caverns** 8 in Bedford, **Indiana Caverns** 9 in Corydon, **Marengo Cave** 10 in Marengo and **Squire**

**Boone Caverns** 11 in Mauckport. Each is open for tours, either by foot or boat. (See also page 31.)

### QUIET TIME

Founded in 1814 by the Harmonists seeking religious freedom, **New Harmony** 12 is the kind of place that will distract you from staring at your phone all day. The town is quiet, laidback, and most residents use a golf cart to putter around. Book a stay at a graceful B&B; tour the various historic sites, including the unique **Roofless Church**; browse boutiques and art galleries; and enjoy an upscale meal at the **Red Geranium**. (See also page 33.)

See the largest Devonian fossil bed in the world!





The grounds of Oliver Winery's tasting room



A snowboarder at Paoli Peaks

# Seasonal Splendor

FROM SUMMERTIME SIPS TO SNOWY SLOPES, THESE ATTRACTIONS PROVIDE REASONS TO VISIT ALL YEAR LONG.



## SPRING

The 60 acres at Hazleton's **Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens** bloom with more than 4,000 of its namesake flowers, nestled among water features and chainsaw sculptures. Take yourself out to the ballgame at historic **Bosse Field** for an Evansville Otters game, a Frontier League team that starts play in May. The park opened in 1915, making it the third-oldest stadium in the U.S. still in use.



## SUMMER

Sip a refreshing Captain's Chardonnay or wine slushie at **Patoka Lake Winery** in Birdseye, adjacent to Patoka Lake Marina & Lodging. Bloomington's **Oliver Winery**, one of the largest in the U.S., is a picturesque destination for tastings, picnics and tours. Sweltering summer days call for a trip to New Albany's **River Run Family Waterpark**, with waterslides, a lazy river and a steamboat to explore.



## FALL

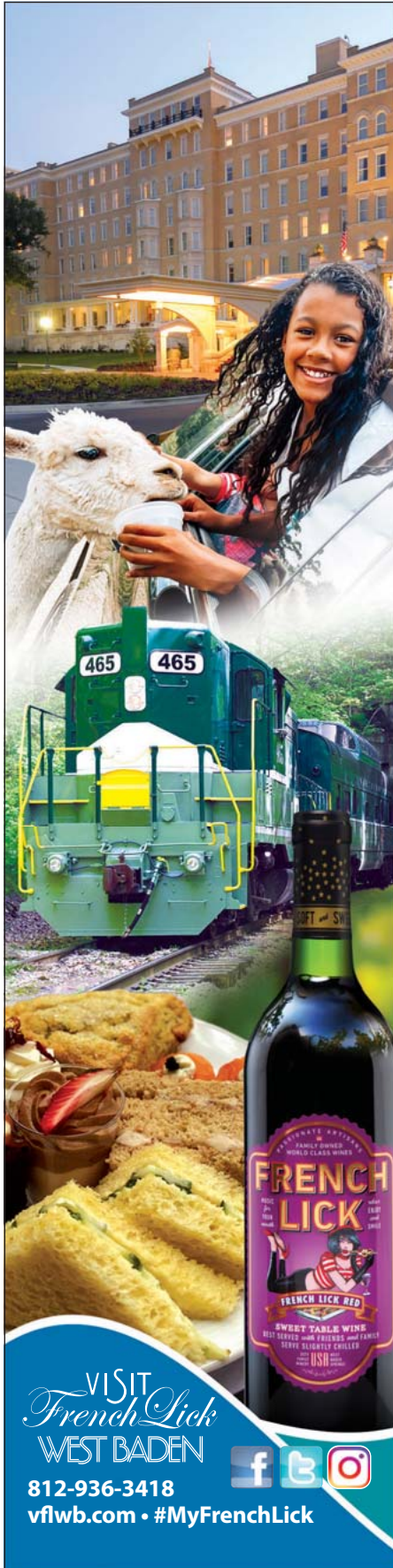
For some of the best leaf-peeping in the state, wander 325 wooded acres of **Hard Truth Hills** in Nashville before warming up with a flight of the distiller's spirits, or take in panoramic views of Hoosier National Forest from the **Hickory Ridge Fire Tower** in Bloomington. When spooky season sneaks up, learn about a famous Evansville spirit while on a **Grey Lady Ghost Tour** at Willard Public Library.



## WINTER


Kids can postmark their letters to the North Pole in the epicenter of Christmas, the town of **Santa Claus**, which hosts seasonally themed events and attractions. In December, boys and girls will receive personalized replies from the jolly man himself. Ski Indiana at two destinations for downhill activities, **Paoli Peaks** in Paoli and **Perfect North** in Lawrenceburg, which also offer snowboarding and snow tubing.

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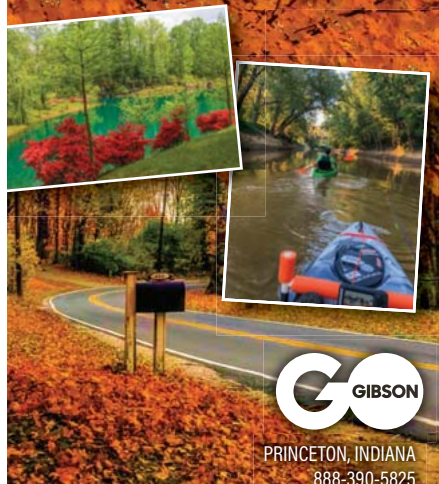

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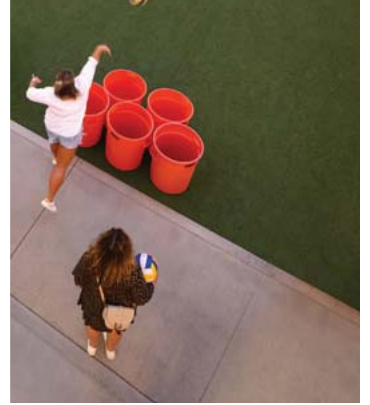
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# Slice of Life

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

**LIFE SCIENCES AND** large manufacturing operations are based in the South, as are some of Indiana's top colleges and universities and outdoor amenities.

## WORK

If you arrived in Indiana via a Toyota Highlander or a Honda CR-V, there's a good chance that vehicle was assembled in the Hoosier State. **Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana** accelerated into Princeton in Gibson

County in 1996 and has maintained a huge presence ever since. More than 7,000 employees roll out over 425,000 cars each year. This year, 1,400 new jobs will be created there, thanks to two electric vehicles on the production line. Just over three hours east in Greensburg, **Honda Manufacturing of Indiana** employs 2,500 to work on CR-Vs, Insight Hybrids and, most recently, the Civic Hatchback, account-

ing for 250,000 cars produced each year. Founded in 1919, **Cummins Inc.** has seen over a century of innovation all from its global headquarters in Columbus. The engine-maker's vast portfolio is serviced by 8,000 employees there, in addition to thousands more around the world. Nearby, Cummins is investing \$25 million in its Seymour Engine Plant in preparation of launching a new engine platform this year.

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## TOP 5 COLLEGES

By undergraduate and graduate enrollment

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON**  
47,527

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY**  
16,390

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA**  
Evansville  
9,286

**UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE**  
2,078

**HANOVER COLLEGE**  
Hanover  
1,157

The tiny town of Crane is home to the third-largest naval installation in the world, **Naval Support Activity Crane**. Its largest division, **Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane**, provides design, development and support for electronic warfare systems, sensors, and warfare weapons and devices. Over 3,800 workers, the majority being technicians, scientists and engineers, are employed there.

## TOP 5 CITIES

By 2020 population

**EVANSVILLE**  
Vanderburgh County  
**POPULATION** 117,298  
**KNOWN FOR** Hub of the tri-state area, West Side Nut Club Fall Festival, cultural districts

**BLOOMINGTON**  
Monroe County  
**POPULATION** 79,168  
**KNOWN FOR** Indiana University, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center

**COLUMBUS**  
Bartholomew County  
**POPULATION** 50,474  
**KNOWN FOR** Globally recognized architecture, Cummins Inc., Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor

**JEFFERSONVILLE**  
Clark County  
**POPULATION** 49,447  
**KNOWN FOR** Big Four Pedestrian Bridge, Abbeey Road on the River music festival

**NEW ALBANY**  
Floyd County  
**POPULATION** 37,481  
**KNOWN FOR** Culbertson Mansion, Indiana University Southeast, "Louisville's Brooklyn"

Life sciences has a large presence in the South, too. In 1963, Bill and Gayle Cook launched their company with three simple medical devices that were less invasive than other instruments at the time. Today, **Cook Group**, based in Bloomington, is a multifaceted global operation whose primary business lines include medical devices and life sciences. The company pulls in an estimated \$2 billion in annual revenue.

**STUDY**

In addition to being Monroe County's largest employer, **Indiana University Bloomington** is home to over 47,000 undergrad and graduate students across 16 degree-granting colleges and schools. Its Kelley School of Business undergraduate programs are ranked No. 8 overall by *U.S. News & World Report*, and the university as a whole is ranked No. 29 among top public universities. There are more than 750 student organizations to join. IU

also has a satellite location in New Albany.

In Evansville, the **University of Southern Indiana** enrolls nearly 9,300 students primarily in business, liberal arts, health professions, science, engineering and education, and the **University of Evansville** welcomes about 2,100 pupils and offers study-abroad opportunities at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

The state's first university, **Vincennes University**, grants certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees; students can also transfer credits to four-year schools. And in Madison, 1,100 students study at **Hanover College**, a private liberal arts school.

**LIVE**

Residents who love seeking respite in the great outdoors have the massive **Hoosier National Forest** in their backyards. It encompasses 200,000 acres in which to camp, hike, horseback ride or just drive through, admiring the scenery.

**Monroe Lake, Patoka Lake**, the **Ohio River** and numerous state parks and recreation areas provide even more reasons to get outside.

While the area claims dozens of small, rural communities and historic towns settled 200 years ago along the Ohio and Wabash rivers, urban buzz and amenities can be found in **Evansville, New Albany** and **Jeffersonville**. Older adults looking for a new locale in which to retire should consider **Bloomington**. The city is planning a "lifetime community district," a village-style neighborhood with aging-in-place in mind. *Business Insider* touted **Columbus** as one of the top places to live in the Midwest post-pandemic, citing its lower-than-average housing costs, overall cost of living and unemployment rate.

For staycations, South residents head to the stately **French Lick Springs Hotel** and **West Baden Springs Hotel** for rest, relaxation and fun in Orange County.



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"I moved from Evansville to Baltimore, Maryland, and worked in theater for a year, then realized I was painfully Midwestern and came back to Evansville. I like the little Midwestern smirk that we all do as we pass each other in the grocery store. I missed that warmth people have here.

I'm a 33-year-old leading a nonprofit organization. My biggest goal for impact here in Evansville is to create a more inclusive environment for LGBTQ people. You can be a part of anything. You can find a club. You can join an organization. We've got a place for everyone here ... because E is for everyone."

*Ashley Riestler*

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST  
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**INDUSTRY SUCCESSES**

*Highlighting the South's major players and economic wins.*

➤ **Ports of Indiana Jeffersonville and Mount Vernon** have a combined economic impact of about \$3 billion.

➤ **Vincennes University** has partnered with **Amazon** on the Career Choice Program, in which Amazon employees can earn an associate or bachelor's degree or certificate on Amazon's dime.

➤ Established in **Evansville** in 1967, **Berry Global**, an injection mold-

ing company, has grown into a multibillion-dollar operation with **47,000 employees** worldwide.

➤ Construction is slated to start this year on the **Trades District Technology Center** in **Bloomington**, aimed at growing post-startup tech companies. The city earned TechPoint's **2021 Rising Tech City Award**.

➤ **Jeffersonville's** 6,000-acre **River Ridge Commerce Center** employs over 10,000 across

70-plus companies, accounting for **\$2.5 billion** in economic impact.

➤ The Department of Defense launched the Joint Hypersonics Transition Office at **Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane** to develop and improve hypersonic technologies.

➤ The \$100 million **WestGate@Crane Technology Park** is home to over 30 businesses providing technical support to Crane.



Clifty Falls State Park

# Back to Nature

HILLY TERRAIN, CHALLENGING TRAILS AND INDIANA'S LARGEST STATE PARK BECKON GUESTS OUTDOORS IN EVERY SEASON.

**SOME OF THE STATE'S** best scenery and outdoor recreation are located in Southern Indiana, making it a must-visit area for nature-lovers.

Whether you want to fish, bike, horseback ride, hike or boat, or simply enjoy a picnic shrouded in solitude amid towering trees, find your way to **Hoosier National Forest**, which sprawls 200,000 acres across nine counties. Among the many standout features are **Hemlock Cliffs**, a canyon with rock formations and waterfalls; **Pioneer Mother's Memorial Forest**, an 88-acre tract of trees practically undisturbed since the early 1800s;

and **Charles C. Deam Wilderness**, a remote span just south of Monroe Lake with nearly 40 miles of trails.

The state parks here are no slouch either. The largest in Indiana, **Brown County State Park**, swells with visitors in the fall when changing leaves show off hues of crimson, gold and burnt orange. The park is a popular

destination for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders year-round, though. If you want to glimpse the waterfalls that give **Clifty Falls State Park** its name, it's recommended to visit Decem-

ber through June, when there's a better chance that the water will be flowing heavily.

It may not have the scale of Hoosier National Forest, but at just under 8,000 acres, **Ferdinand State Forest** is nonetheless a worthy site for hiking and mountain biking. You'll see anglers casting their lines in various bodies of water, as well as boaters ambling along Ferdinand Lake.

Young Abraham Lincoln once wandered the land that makes up **Lincoln State Park**,

*The 1,747-acre park includes 10 miles of hiking trails and two lakes on its grounds.*

founded in memory of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Tributes to the family and relics of 19th-century life are found throughout the property, where you can camp, boat, hike and even see a concert at the Lincoln Amphitheatre. More historical features can be discovered at **Spring Mill State Park**

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Lincoln State Park



Brown County State Park

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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> |





Spring Mill  
State Park

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in Mitchell, such as a pioneer village, a pioneer cemetery and a memorial to Mitchell native Gus Grissom, the second American in space. (See also page 14.)

Seasoned hikers up for a new challenge may want to explore a pair of trails. One is the **Adventure Hiking Trail**, a 25-mile backpacking trek that winds through **O'Bannon Woods State Park** and **Harrison-Crawford State Forest**. It's part of the American Discovery Trail. The other is the **Knobstone Trail**, affectionately known as the "Little AT" for its common use as a

warm-up for the Appalachian Trail. The 60-mile route is for foot traffic only, due to steep climbs and descents through state forests. (See also page 32.)

We won't blame you for going over par at the **Pete Dye Golf Course** at French Lick, part of the **Pete Dye Golf Trail**. Built on a hilltop, the impeccably maintained course with five sets of tees gives golfers a fine distraction in the form of panoramic views of the surrounding Hoosier National Forest.

A trio of national wildlife refuges is based in the South, and they're all fantastic for bird-



Muscatatuck National  
Wildlife Refuge

watching. In Oakland City, **Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge** is a Globally Important Bird Area. It's home to the largest nesting colony of the interior least tern, which is endangered, east of the Mississippi. Another Globally Important

Bird Area is **Big Oaks**, sprawling through Jefferson, Ripley and Jennings counties. More than 120 bird species make their nests there. Even more species—290—have been spotted at **Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge**.

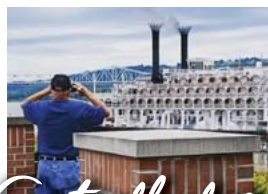
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## GIBSON COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

More than 225 colorful handpainted blocks can be found throughout **Princeton, Patoka, Haubstadt** and other **Gibson County** locales; a guide is at [gibsoncountyin.org](http://gibsoncountyin.org).



## INDIANA UPLANDS WINE TRAIL

Not to be confused with the Indiana Wine Trail, this route is comprised of nine wineries in the American Viticultural Area known as the Indiana Uplands, including **Brown County Winery** (pictured), **French Lick Winery**, **Turtle Run Winery** in Corydon and others.



## INDIANA WINE TRAIL

Swiss immigrants planted vineyards in south-east Indiana more than 200 years ago, laying the groundwork for the area's wineries to come, including **Lanthier Winery** in Madison and **Holtkamp Winery** in Sunman (pictured).



## JACKSON COUNTY TENDERLOIN TRAIL

This newer offering whets your appetite thanks to about 20 **Jackson County** restaurants serving this giant Hoosier-born sandwich. First, grab a passport at the visitor center.



## BACK ROADS OF BROWN COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

In October, **artisans in Brown County** open their doors to the public, allowing you to learn more about their work and purchase goods. See a list at [browncountystudiotour.com](http://browncountystudiotour.com).



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## INDIANA FOODWAYS ALLIANCE FARM TO TABLE CULINARY TRAIL

Statewide markets and eateries that focus on farm-fresh goods are highlighted. Standouts include **Red Yeti** in Jeffersonville and **Brooklyn and the Butcher** in New Albany.

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“One of the unique things about Southern Indiana is the rich history that’s here that many people may just overlook. What I love about being here at the vintage fire museum is the fact that I get to pay homage to my grandfather. My grandfather being one of the first African-American firefighters in New Albany and promoted to captain was really an exciting time for our family. To be able to pay homage to him in a museum like this really means the world to me.

My name is Chris Miles, and here are my Top 5 favorite places in New Albany.”



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# Play Dates

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**THE SOUTH REGION IS** where the wild things are. In Evansville, travel to the Amazon, Asia and Africa all via the **Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden**, home to more than 700 animals. The newest exhibit, Penguins of Patagonia, welcomes the Humboldt variety from Chile and Peru. Near French Lick in Paoli, kids who love animals and the outdoors won't want to leave **Wilstem Wildlife Park**. (Good thing there's lodging on site.) Future zoologists can learn about and,

in some cases, even feed an elephant, giraffe, kangaroo and sloth. You can't feed the baby goats at **Goat Milk Stuff** in Scottsburg, but you can—and actually are encouraged to—snuggle them during the Baby Goat Experience. Then, take a tour to learn about the dairy farm's operations.

## EXPLORING

Columbus' children's museum, **kidscommons**, recently transformed an entire floor into **camp kidscommons**,

with various nature-focused activities for young ones to dig into. Another favorite there is ExploraHouse, where guests who have always wanted to slide down a giant toilet can do just that. There's no oversized potty at Bloomington's kids' museum, **Wonderlab**, but there *is* a huge piano with keys to stomp on, sand volcanoes to build, a coral-reef ecosystem to explore, bubbles to make and a tube maze to navigate.

Visit faraway destinations—*galaxies* away, even—at the **Koch Immersive Theater & Planetarium** inside the **Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science**. The 40-foot-wide screen will have you feeling like you're on the International Space Station.

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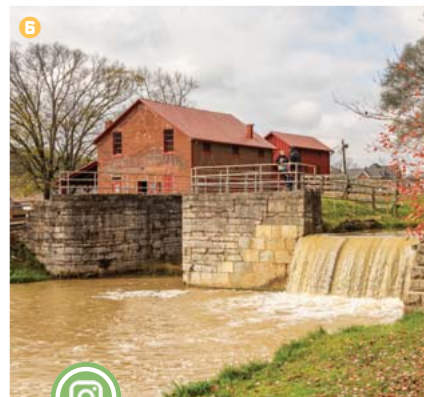


Jeffersonville's **Vintage Fire Museum**. Guests from around the world have stopped by to see antique firefighting equipment, some dating back to the 1750s. Visitors to the **West Baden Hotel** at French Lick Resort can take an old-timey tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage. Wax nostalgic with classic movies as well as current releases played on six screens the **Holiday Drive-In Movie Theater** in Rockport.

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## EATS AND SWEETS

Cap off a day in Corydon at **Lazy Cow Creamery & Sweets**, where loaded-up specialty shakes share the menu with sundaes. Visit **French Licks** for your morning joe, then come back later for pizza, ice cream and sodas with appealing names like **Zombie Brain Juice** (strawberry orange) and **Unicorn Yack** (raspberry orange cream). **Sallie's Small Batch Ice Creams** serves up tempting, ultra-creamy treats out of an adorable retro camper in Madison. **Santa's Candy Castle** in Santa Claus offers a large selection of candy, confections and flavored popcorn. And **New Albany Sugar Shoppe** tempts the whole family, with bacon bourbon truffles for adults, and Toxic Waste "smog balls" for kids.

## TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

**1.** A woody walk in the **Hoosier National Forest**. Photo by @chrisbradley8463 // **2.** The dome inside **West Baden Springs Hotel**. // **3.** A pastel-hued sunset over **Monroe Lake**. Photo by @louistenney // **4.** Evansville's **Angel Mounds State Historic Site** was inhabited between A.D. 1000 and 1450 // **5.** **Lanier Mansion State Historic Site** in Madison was built in 1844 // **6.** The **Whitewater Canal State Historic Site** and **Metamora Grist Mill**. Photo courtesy Indiana State Museum

# Time Travel

ELEVEN OF SOUTHERN INDIANA'S HISTORICAL TREASURES INCLUDE SITES THAT MARK THE BEGINNINGS OF INDIANA AND THOSE THAT PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES.

**1 INDIANA'S ROOTS WERE** planted in the South region, an ideal destination for history enthusiasts. There's no better place to start than the state's oldest city: Vincennes, founded in 1732. At the **Vincennes State Historic Sites**, explore the former capitol building, a fur trader's home, a print shop and Indiana's first institution of higher learning.

**2 IN 1813, AFTER ITS** stint in Vincennes, Indiana's government moved to Corydon. There, as part of the **Corydon Capitol State Historic Site**, you can tour buildings in which leaders prepared plans for Indiana's move from a territory to a state and see the Constitution Elm, under which the state's Constitution was drafted.

**3 AN IMPRESSIVE** monument and park pay tribute to frontier militia leader George Rogers Clark, best known for taking Fort Sackville from the British in 1779. Learn about his life, other military accomplishments and the men who helped him at **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park** in Vincennes. (See also page 32.)



T.C. Steele State Historic Site



Indiana Military Museum

**4 EXPERIENCE A SIMPLE** way of life on a visit to **Monastery Immaculate Conception** in Ferdinand, home to the Sisters of St. Benedict. Founded in 1867, it is one of the largest communities of Benedictine women in the U.S. Less than 10 miles south sits **St. Meinrad Archabbey**, where 80 men live, work, and pray. Pick up a visitor's guide from the gift shop or guest house for a self-guided tour, or wander the walking path on the property.

**5 DOCKED ON THE** Ohio River in Evansville is the **USS LST-325 Ship Memorial**, a Landing Ship, Tank active in World War II, and the only operational one of its kind in U.S. waters. Guided tours include the main deck, galley, stern and captain's cabin.

**6 VISITORS TO SOUTHERN** Indiana will find several ways to honor the military. Vehicles, aircraft

and equipment, some dating back to the Revolutionary War, are on display at the **Indiana Military Museum** in Vincennes. Two World War II remembrance days, as well as one dedicated to the Vietnam War, take place each year.

**7 AND IN SEYMOUR, THE Freeman Army Airfield Museum** displays artifacts and photos from 1942 to 1946, when the site was used to train bomber pilots for the Army Air Corps and, later, as a Foreign Aircraft Evaluation Center. Learn about the Tuskegee Airmen's short time there, and try out one of two flight simulators.

**8 A NATIONAL PARK** Service property, **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial** in Lincoln City is a living historical farm on the site of the homestead where Abraham Lincoln grew up. Start at the Memorial Visitor Center to see museum artifacts and exhibits. (See also page 33.)



**9 IF YOU THINK THE FRONT OF Hillforest Victorian House Museum** looks like tiered decks of a cruise ship, just know that it comes by that design naturally: Its first owner, businessman Thomas Gaff, and his brothers owned a fleet of steamboats they used to move their distillery and brewery output along the Ohio River. Today, the Aurora destination is a National Historic Landmark.

**10 ANOTHER GRAND ABODE OPEN** for public viewing is the **Reitz Home Museum** in Evansville. Only a couple of blocks from the Ohio, the French Second Empire–style dwelling was built by lumber baron John Reitz in 1871. On a tour, you'll wander through a dozen spaces and see the lavish rooms in which Reitz and his family lived, complete with period furniture, hand-painted ceilings and intricate parquet floors.

**11 IN NASHVILLE, A MORE MOD-**est residence nestled in the woods belonged to a well-known impressionist painter and his wife. The **T.C. Steele State Historic Site** preserves their home, Steele's studio with various works on display and the gardens, restored in 2017, that Selma lovingly tended.



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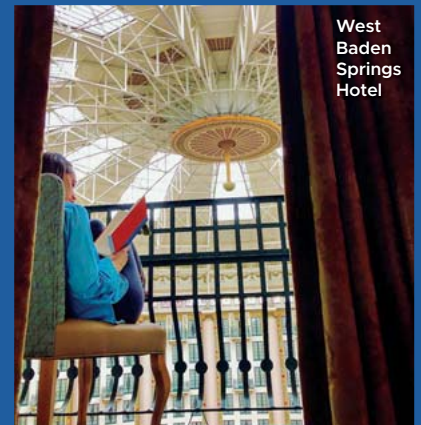
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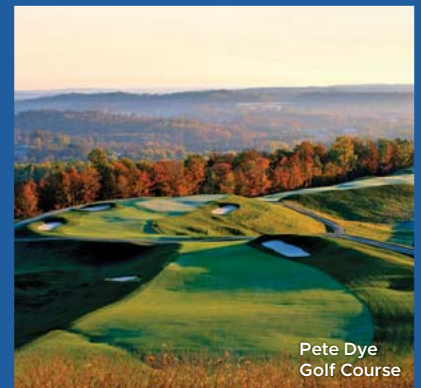
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The French Lick Resort comprises two hotels—French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel. These properties create a world-class destination that offers many amenities, such as the opportunity to play championship golf courses designed by Pete Dye, Donald Ross and Tom Bendelow; two high-caliber spas; delectable dining options; and Vegas-style gaming. There is much to do nearby, too. At Wilstem Wildlife Park, experience a whole new world with Animal Encounters. Spend quality

time with sloths, giraffes, kangaroos, elephants, otters and primates. Start with a self-guided drive through the safari and meet the whole crew with an All Access pass. Swim year-round at Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park, cruise on Patoka Lake or step aboard the French Lick Scenic Railway for seasonal special events. With two world-renowned historic hotels, a state park, a scenic railway and an indoor water park nearby, a visit to French Lick West Baden is one to add to your bucket list.



West Baden Springs Hotel



Pete Dye Golf Course



The Chandler Hotel



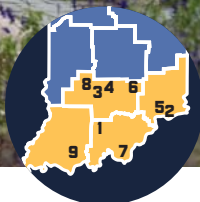
French Lick Resort



Graduate  
Bloomington



Inn at Irwin Gardens



# Main Stays

RESORT DIGS, WATER-SIDE LODGING AND INNS NESTLED AMID BEAUTIFUL STATE PARK SETTINGS.

## FRENCH LICK RESORT ❶

Composed of historic French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel, this world-class destination is the ultimate getaway, with a casino, fine dining, outdoor recreation, spas and three golf courses.

## THE CHANDLER HOTEL ❷

The site of this new boutique hotel in Madison has a long history as a former livery stable, bottling factory, and news-print warehouse. Five suites offer stylish stays in the heart of downtown.

## GRADUATE BLOOMINGTON ❸

This gateway to the Indiana University campus has cheerful, cheeky decor and a suite that pays homage to *Stranger Things*, set in a fictional Indiana town.

## ABE MARTIN LODGE ❹

Brown County State Park's inn makes a great base camp to explore the area's outdoor amenities, and has a restaurant and an indoor water park.

## CLIFTY INN ❺

At Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, the Clifty Inn connects guests to the park's hiking trails and four waterfalls.

## INN AT IRWIN GARDENS ❻

Architecture aficionados love Columbus, where you can stay in this elegant mansion on gorgeous landscaped grounds.

## KINTNER HOUSE INN ❼

This 1873 B&B in Corydon bills itself as a hideaway for romantics and is in the center of what was Indiana's first capital.

## CANYON INN ❸

The 76-room inn at McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer offers easy access to hiking trails, tennis courts, a recreation center, golf courses, and scenic spots to enjoy the area's natural beauty.

## SANTA'S LAKESIDE COTTAGES ❹

Set amid five area lakes, these charming, private cottages in Santa Claus offer convenience to both Holiday World & Splashin' Safari and Lincoln State Park.

# VISITOR RESOURCES

Welcome! Your information on regional convention and visitor bureaus, chambers of commerce and local welcome centers. Find even more at [VisitIndiana.com](http://VisitIndiana.com).

## REGIONWIDE

### Radius Indiana

1504 I St.  
Bedford, IN 47421  
812-277-9778  
812-277-9788  
[radiusindiana.com](http://radiusindiana.com)

## REGIONWIDE

### Southern Indiana Regional Marketing Co-Op

[southernindiana.org](http://southernindiana.org)

## BLOOMFIELD

### Greene County Economic Development Corporation

4513 W. S.R. 54, Ste. 105  
812.659.2109  
[insidegreeneconomy.com](http://insidegreeneconomy.com)

## BLOOMINGTON

### Visit Bloomington

2855 N. Walnut St.  
812.334.8900  
800.800.0037  
[visitbloomington.com](http://visitbloomington.com)

## BOONVILLE

### Warrick County Visitors Bureau

224 W. Main St.  
812.802.9235  
[visitwarrick.com](http://visitwarrick.com)

## CLARKSVILLE

### SoIN Tourism – Clark-Floyd Counties

228 Spring St.,  
Ste. 106  
800.552.3842  
[gosoin.com](http://gosoin.com)

## COLUMBUS

### Columbus Area Visitors Center

506 Fifth St.  
812.378.2622  
[columbus.in.us](http://columbus.in.us)

## CORYDON

### Harrison County Convention & Visitors Bureau

201 N. Capitol Ave.  
888.738.2138  
[thisisindiana.org](http://thisisindiana.org)

## EVANSVILLE

### Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau

20 N.W. Third St.  
800.433.3025  
[visitevansville.com](http://visitevansville.com)

## GREENSBURG

### Visit Greensburg Decatur County

211 N. Broadway  
812.222.8733  
[visitgreensburg.com](http://visitgreensburg.com)

## JASPER

### Dubois County Visitors Center & Tourism Commission

248 E. Third St., Ste. C  
812.482.9115  
[visitduboiscounty.com](http://visitduboiscounty.com)

## JEFFERSONVILLE

### SoIN Tourism – Clark-Floyd Counties

228 Spring St.,  
Ste. 106  
800.552.3842  
[gosoin.com](http://gosoin.com)

## LAWRENCEBURG

### Dearborn County Convention & Visitors Bureau

320 Walnut St.  
800.322.8198,  
812.537.0814  
[visitsoutheastindiana.com](http://visitsoutheastindiana.com)

## LEAVENWORTH

### Crawford County Tourism & Welcome Center

6226 E. Industrial Ln.  
812.739.2246  
[cometocrawford.com](http://cometocrawford.com)

## MADISON

### Visit Madison

601 W. First St.  
800.559.2956  
[visitmadison.org](http://visitmadison.org)

## MITCHELL

### Limestone Country – Lawrence County Visitors Center

533 W. Main St.  
812.798.0769  
[limestonecountry.com](http://limestonecountry.com)

## MOUNT VERNON

### Visit Posey County Inc.

520 Main St.  
812.499.4622  
[visitposeycounty.com](http://visitposeycounty.com)

## NASHVILLE

### Brown County Convention & Visitors Bureau

211 S. Van Buren St.  
812.988.7303  
[browncounty.com](http://browncounty.com)

## NEW ALBANY

### SoIN Tourism Borden

228 Spring St.,  
Ste. 106  
800.552.3842  
[gosoin.com](http://gosoin.com)

## NORTH VERNON

### Jennings County Visitors & Recreation Commission

P.O. Box 215  
812.592.8087  
[facebook.com/jenningscountytourism.org](http://facebook.com/jenningscountytourism.org)



Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest at the Monroe County Fairgrounds

## PETERSBURG

### Pike County Chamber of Commerce

801 E. Main St.  
812.354.8155  
[pikecountyin.org](http://pikecountyin.org)

## PRINCETON

### Gibson County Visitors & Tourism Bureau

702 W. Broadway St.  
812.385.0999  
[gogibson.org](http://gogibson.org)

## RISING SUN

### Rising Sun/Ohio County Tourism

217 N. High St.  
812.438.4933  
[enjoyrisingsun.com](http://enjoyrisingsun.com)

## SALEM

### Washington County Indiana Tourism

99 Public Square,  
Ste. 201  
812.883.4303  
[washingtoncountytourism.com](http://washingtoncountytourism.com)

## SANTA CLAUS

### Spencer County Visitors Bureau

25 W. Christmas Blvd.  
812.937.4199  
[santaclausind.org](http://santaclausind.org)

## SCOTTSBURG

### Scott County Visitors Commission

90 N. Main St.  
812.752.9211  
[visitscottcounty.org](http://visitscottcounty.org)

## SEYMOUR

### Jackson County Visitor Center

100 N. Broadway St.  
812.524.1914  
[jacksoncountyin.com](http://jacksoncountyin.com)

## SHOALS

### Martin County Tourism Council

129 S. Main St.

[visitmartincountyindiana.com](http://visitmartincountyindiana.com)

## SULLIVAN

### Sullivan County Tourism Commission

25 S. Main St.  
812.905.0131  
[discoversullivan.com](http://discoversullivan.com)

## TELL CITY

### Perry County Convention & Visitors Bureau

333 7th St.  
812.547.7933  
[pickperry.com](http://pickperry.com)

## VERSAILLES

### Ripley County Tourism Bureau

220 E. U.S. 50  
812.689.7431  
[ripleycountytourism.com](http://ripleycountytourism.com)

## VEVAY

### Switzerland County Tourism

128 W. Main St.  
812.427.3237  
[switzcotourism.com](http://switzcotourism.com)

## VINCENNES

### Vincennes/Knox County Visitors & Tourism Bureau

702 Main St.  
800.886.6443  
[visitvincennes.org](http://visitvincennes.org)

## WASHINGTON

### Daviess County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

1 Train Depot St.  
812.254.5262  
[discoverdaviess.com](http://discoverdaviess.com)

## WEST BADEN

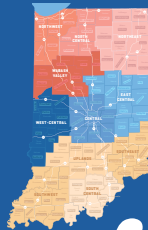
### Visit French Lick West Baden

8102 W. S.R. 56  
812.936.3418  
[visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com](http://visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com)

**CENTRAL**  
*at a glance*

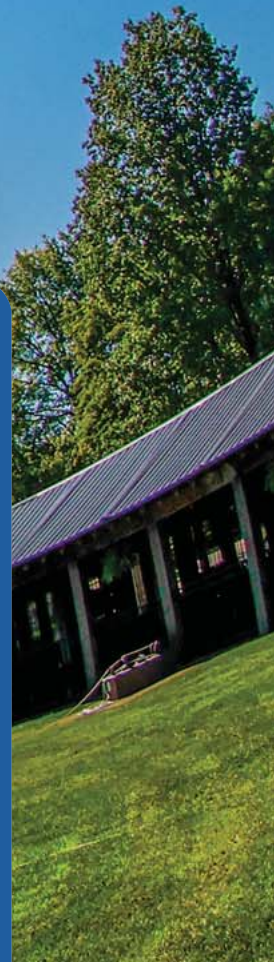


Treetop Outpost  
at Conner Prairie



# Central REGIONS

No matter what's on your wish list for a getaway, you'll find it in the Central region IN Indiana. You'll discover fascinating museums and historical sites; top-notch outdoor recreation; world-class shopping; award-winning wineries, distilleries and breweries; and unique lodging that you may never want to leave. Central offers big-city excitement coupled with small-town charm, and often the two are just a short drive from each other. Let's hit the road!

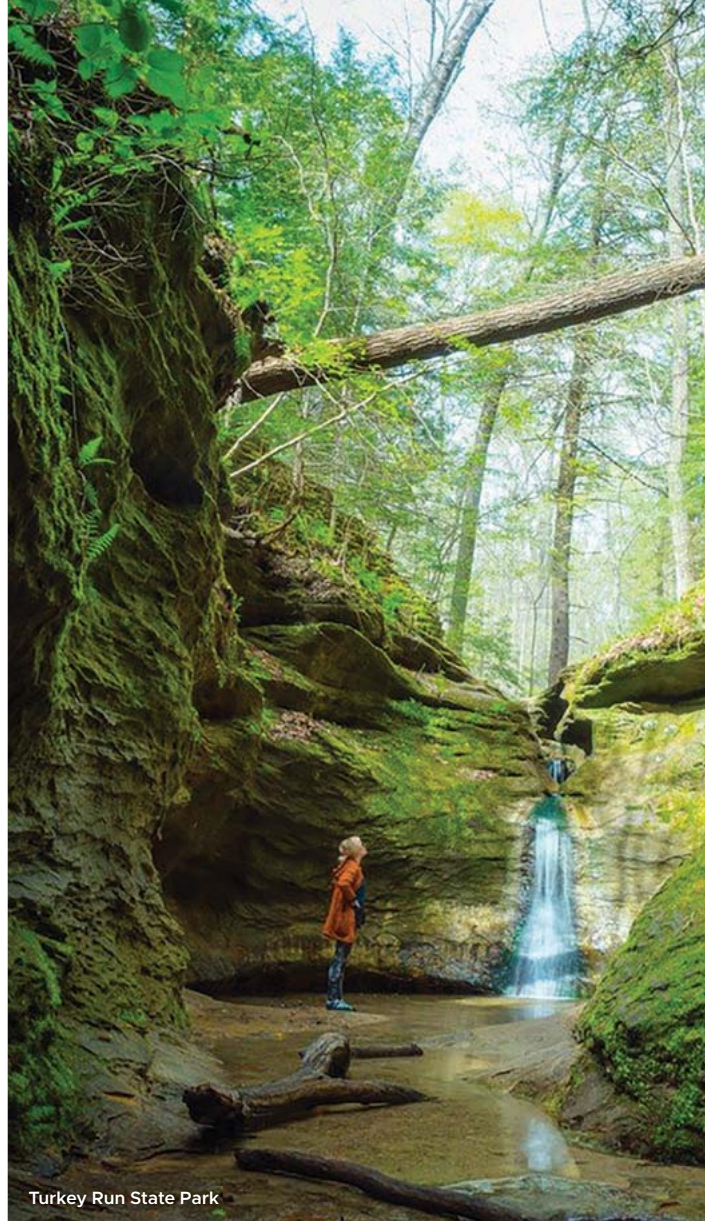




The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

# Regional Highlights

HIKE AMONG AWE-INSPIRING NATURAL FEATURES, LEARN ABOUT INDIANA'S SPORTS LEGACY AND HUNT FOR COLLECTIBLE TREASURES—DO THOSE AND MUCH MORE WHEN YOU TRAVEL INDIANA'S CENTRAL REGION.



Turkey Run State Park

## TOP-RANKED MUSEUMS

*U.S. News & World Report* listed four downtown Indianapolis museums among its top 10 best things to do in the city. Five floors of interactive exhibits and displays await at **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis 1** (see also page 35.). Everything promotes learning and discovery, but in a fun way. The White River State Park is home to the **Eiteljorg Museum** showcasing native and Western art and cultural objects and the **Indiana State Museum**, which combines art, history, science and

culture related to the state's past, present and future. And art lovers flock to the Indianapolis Museum of Art on the **Newfields** campus.

## GORGEOUS HIKES

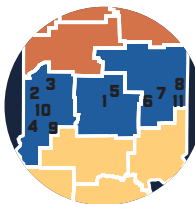
Rugged hiking trails—some requiring lad-

ders—wind through canyons and ravines that Mother Nature carved millions of years ago at **Turkey Run State Park 2** in Marshall. Close by, **Shades State Park 3** offers even more picturesque scenery for hiking, especially



Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site

## DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE



### Good to Know

Be sure to check hours and availability before setting out.

*The Punch Bowl features mossy rock walls and a waterfall.*

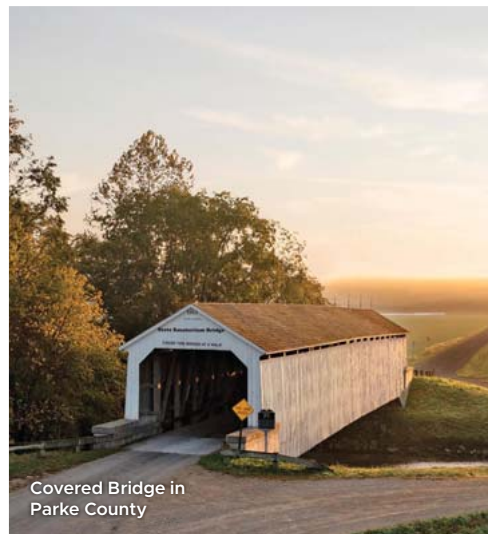
in unspoiled Pine Hills Nature Preserve. Both parks provide fishing and camping.

## HEALING SPACE

One of the most uplifting museums you'll ever visit, **CANDLES Holocaust Museum & Education Center 4** in Terre Haute was founded by Eva Kor, who, with her twin, Miriam, was experimented on at Auschwitz under the direction of



Historic Hoosier Gym



Covered Bridge in Parke County

Hoosier Gym is part of the Basketball Experience IN Indiana.

Dr. Josef Mengele. Kor opened CANDLES in 1995, using her story, along with permanent and rotating exhibits, to spread messages of forgiveness and peace.

### BASKETBALL HERITAGE

From high school to the pros, basketball is an obsession in Indiana. To explore the sport's heritage, pay a visit to Butler University's **Hinkle Fieldhouse** 6, a 1928 landmark that you might remember from *Hoosiers*. Another site from the movie, the **Historic Hoosier Gym** 6, is in Knightstown (see

also page 32). Both hoops shrines offer tours. And in New Castle, learn how legends such as Oscar Robertson, John Wooden and Larry Bird shaped the state's reputation as a basketball hotspot via memorabilia and exhibits at the **Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame** 7.

### HISTORIC SITE

An unassuming red-brick home in Fountain City is actually a nationally important landmark. Levi Coffin and his wife, Catharine, helped shepherd more than 1,000 freedom-

seekers to safety via providing food, shelter and transportation. The **Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site** 8 tells their story and shows how the Coffins, with the help of their abolitionist community, succeeded in their covert efforts.

### BIG CATS

In the tiny town of Center Point, more than 150 big cats, saved from abuse and abandonment, make their forever home at the

**Exotic Feline Rescue Center** 9. Take a tour to see up close and learn about Zuni the cougar, Rajahn the tiger, Majae the black leopard and dozens of others who live comfortably at the tucked-away facility.

### BRIDGE TO THE PAST

Fall provides a photogenic background for **Parke County's covered bridges** 10 and, fittingly, October's **Covered Bridge Festival** (see also page 10) draws big

crowds to honor the landmarks. But they're beautiful any time of the year. Download a map from [coveredbridges.com](http://coveredbridges.com) for driving routes that take you to some (or all) of the 31 structures.

### ANTIQUÉ HUNTING

It takes time to dig for that perfect piece of Depression glass or that rare coin that has—so far—eluded you. So you won't want to rush through the two **Antique Alley** 11 trails featuring 1,200 antiques malls and dealers throughout Wayne County. The epicenter is Cambridge City, where numerous vendors are clustered along a short stretch of U.S. 40. Find maps and start plotting your treasure hunt at [visitrichmond.org](http://visitrichmond.org).



Freedom Springs Aquatics Center



Winterlights at Newfields



Beasley's Orchard

# Year-Round Fun

FROM FARM FIELDS TO SNOW-COVERED HILLS, HOW BEST TO EXPERIENCE THE SEASONS IN CENTRAL INDIANA.



## SPRING

Witness the Greatest Spectacle in Racing at the **Indianapolis 500** at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 28. Enjoy emerging greenery and wildflowers as you wander the trails at the 130-acre **Cope Environmental Center** in Centerville, also with ponds and forests. Fields of flowers make for a romantic stroll or scenic photo backdrop at Mooresville's **Willowfield Lavender Farm**, echoing the atmosphere of Provence, France, in Indiana.



## SUMMER

For aquatic adventures, cool down at a water-logged attraction, such as the **Waterpark at the Monon Community Center** in Carmel or **Freedom Springs Aquatics Center** in Greenwood. Soak up beautiful weather from a canoe, kayak or tube while on a **White River Canoe Company** excursion in Noblesville. Or brown bag it and dine among the blooms at **P&D Flower Farm** near Indianapolis before snipping stems for a take-home bouquet.



## FALL

Pick apples and enjoy tasty caramel apples and cider-based treats at **Pleasant View Orchard** in Fairland or **Beasley's Orchard** in Danville, where visitors can also enjoy hayrides. The tiny town of Newport hosts the **Newport Antique Hill Climb** in which vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles make their ascent against the clock on the first Sunday in October. The weekend's classic-car show draws even more automotive buffs.



## WINTER

Whoosh down 700 feet of groomed hills on a snow tube at Noblesville's **Koteewi Run**, then zip up a tow rope for more fun. Newfields' annual tradition of **Winterlights** transforms the Indianapolis art museum's grounds into a wonderland with seasonal displays. Board in Connersville for the **Whitewater Valley Railroad Polar Express** trip, a re-creation of the classic kids' tale where you can enjoy story time and a visit from Santa.



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Walking Bridge,  
Hamilton County

# Slice of Life

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

**FLOURISHING LIFE** sciences, tech and manufacturing industries attract strong talent to the Central region, where residents enjoy big-city living, small-town charm and world-class amenities.

**WORK** People around the world become healthier and the global health-care industry becomes smarter, more efficient and more technologically advanced thanks to work done in Indi-

ana. The **life sciences industry**, including companies working in drug development, medical device and equipment manufacturing, research and testing and health information technology systems, is a juggernaut, with **\$77 billion in state economic impact** alone. Much of it is centered in Indianapolis and is anchored by **Eli Lilly and Company, Roche Diagnostics Corp.** and **Beckman Coulter.**

## TOP 5 COLLEGES

By undergraduate and graduate enrollment

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS**  
27,690

**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Muncie  
19,777

**INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Terre Haute  
8,305

**UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**  
5,000

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY**  
Indianapolis  
5,525

Indianapolis has also emerged as a **hotspot for tech companies.** Aside from its San Francisco headquarters, **Salesforce Marketing Cloud** has its second-largest location in Indy, with over 1,000 employees working on its digital marketing and customer service software. Overall, the tech sector is estimated to account for **\$9.3 billion in state economic impact.**

Major employers in west-central Indiana include **Boston Scientific** and **Cook Urological** in Owen County, **Thyssen-Krupp Presta** in Terre Haute, **Futurex Industries** in Bloomington and **International Automotive Components** in Greencastle. The east-central area counts advanced manufacturing, food processing, logistics and warehousing (taking advantage of Indiana's extensive highway and rail network) and IT data operations among its primary industries.

## STUDY

Lucky for those companies, a strong talent pipeline isn't far away. The largest medical school in the country, the **Indiana University School of Medicine**, is a leading research and teaching institution, headquartered on the campus of IUPUI in

Indianapolis. Less than five miles away, **Marian University** prepares future physicians at its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Via its Doctor of Pharmacy program, **Butler University** trains students for much more than just dispensing medications.

Speaking of Butler, *U.S. News & World Report* named it No. 1 among Regional Universities in the Midwest in 2023. At **IUPUI**, located in downtown Indianapolis, students earn degrees from both Indiana and Purdue universities. This fall, the school will transition to **IU Indianapolis**, and IU will take control of most of the university's academic affairs. All existing programs will continue to be offered.

The **University of Indianapolis** offers over 100 undergrad programs, and Terre Haute's **Indiana State University** has earned recognition for its innovation and undergraduate teaching, while **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology**, also in Terre Haute, is the country's preeminent engineering school. Muncie's **Ball State University** is known for its communications, architecture, education and business programs—as well as famous alum David Letterman.

PHOTOS BY TONY VALANIS

## TOP 5 CITIES

By 2020 population

**INDIANAPOLIS**  
Marion County  
**POPULATION** 887,642  
**KNOWN FOR** No. 1 airport in North America, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, tech and life sciences scenes

**CARMEL**  
Hamilton County  
**POPULATION** 99,757  
**KNOWN FOR** Ranking as best place to live, Arts & Design District, Palladium concert hall, 140+ roundabouts

**FISHERS**  
Hamilton County  
**POPULATION** 98,977  
**KNOWN FOR** Conner Prairie museum, Geist Reservoir, Indiana's only Ikea, Nickel Plate District

**NOBLESVILLE**  
Hamilton County  
**POPULATION** 69,604  
**KNOWN FOR** Noblesville Cultural Arts District, Ruoff Music Center, Strawtown Koteewi Park, White River

**MUNCIE**  
Delaware County  
**POPULATION** 65,194  
**KNOWN FOR** Ball State University, site where Bob Ross filmed *The Joy of Painting*, Ball Jars, Cardinal Greenway

## INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

*Central's major players and workforce wins.*

- ▶ When **GE Aviation** needed skilled workers at its LEAP engine plant in Lafayette, Ivy Tech Community College and Purdue University teamed up to launch a degree program to fulfill GE's workforce needs. The facility employs over 200.
- ▶ **Rolls-Royce North America** completed **\$600 million** in facility and technology improvements at its Indianapolis Operations Center in 2021.
- ▶ **FedEx** has invested **\$1.5 billion** into expansion of its operations at Indianapolis International Airport, further strengthening Central Indiana as a major logistics hub.
- ▶ Two life sciences giants are based in Indianapolis. Founded in 1876, **Eli Lilly and Company** is a global leader in pharmaceutical development, employing 10,000 in Indy alone. At **Roche Diagnostics'** North American headquarters, about 4,600 employees work in R&D, marketing, manufacturing and more.
- ▶ In Lafayette, **Subaru of Indiana Automotive** used nearly **\$160 million** to expand its operation there, adding 350 jobs by the end of 2023.
- ▶ Clayton, about 10 miles west of Indianapolis, will soon be home to an **Apple** distribution center, a project that could employ about 500 by the end of 2024.



Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis

## LIVE

**Indianapolis'** museums, cultural venues, restaurants and festivals are perennial draws for residents and out-of-town visitors. North of Indy, the cities of **Carmel**, **Fishers** and **Westfield** are continually ranked among the country's best places to live, thanks to great schools, low unemployment and overall safety. **Kokomo** and **Noblesville** boast family-friendly communities with charming courthouse squares surrounded by independent shops and businesses. In west-central Indiana, residents of **Terre Haute**, **Crawfordsville**, and **Greencastle** enjoy close access to some of Indiana's best parks and outdoor recreation areas. **Anderson**, **Muncie** and **Richmond** anchor the east-central counties, offering shopping, dining and a low cost of living a short distance from emerging areas like **New Castle** and **Knightstown**.



Fort Harrison  
State Park

# Nature's Call

WHERE TO HIT THE LINKS, TRAILS AND WATER IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

**INDIANA'S FIRST** state park, **McCormick's Creek**, dedicated in 1916 in Spencer, offers 10 miles of trails that crisscross the property and show off features such as a limestone canyon, waterfalls, stone arches and a fire tower. Evidence of a past way of life still exists at **Mounds State Park** in Anderson. Some of its trails take you past

mounds and earthworks built centuries ago by the Adena and Hopewell people, who used them in ceremonies and celebrations and to track star locations. Start with Trail 1 to glimpse the Great Mound.

History and nature also come together at Indianapolis' **Fort Harrison State Park**, part of which is situated on a former Army base de-

commissioned in 1991. Guests can hike, mountain bike, horseback ride and fish, and view artifacts at the Museum of 20th Century Warfare. On the opposite side of Indy is **Eagle Creek Park**, whose 3,900 acres make it a prime hiking destination, especially for bird-watchers. The park's 1,400-acre reservoir is popular for kayaking and canoeing.

Once you've gotten your share of fishing and hiking at **Cecil M. Harden Lake** in Rockville, take a 6-mile detour south to visit the Mansfield Roller Mill. It features most of the original equipment and offers a look at the early stages of moving to an industrial economy.

Those wanting to work on their golf game will find courses on the

**Pete Dye Golf Trail**, which honors the great course architect and longtime Indiana resident. In Indianapolis, tee off at **Maple Creek Golf & Country Club**; **Brickyard Crossing**, which has four holes inside the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval; and **The Fort Golf Course**, located at Fort Harrison State Park.

All biking capabili-



Brickyard Crossing  
Golf Course



Mounds State Park

ties are welcome at **Griffin Bike Park** in Terre Haute. Open since 2016, the 300-acre attraction is a bona fide destination for beginning cyclists and serious riders alike, with numerous trails, race courses, specialized training areas and terrain and skills parks. Events are held throughout the year. The park is named after U.S. Army Sgt. Dale Griffin, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009.

Challenges not on bike but on foot await at Nineveh's **Gatling Gauntlet**. A drill sergeant won't be yelling at you, but you still might feel like you're in basic training as you tackle the 20 challenges, such as a tire flip, a tunnel crawl and rope climb, along the 1.6-mile course. It's designed to accommodate all abilities, just as long as cadets, er, participants are 12 and older.

On a beautiful summer or autumn day, there may be no better way to soak up the weather than by floating down **Sugar Creek** in a canoe, kayak or tube rented from **Clements Canoes Outdoor Center** in Waveland. Trips of various mileage are offered, as is primitive tent camping and cabin rentals to extend your adventure.

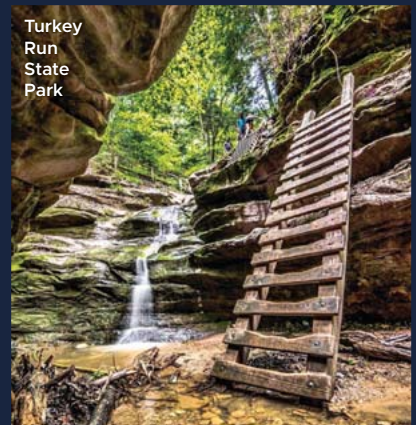
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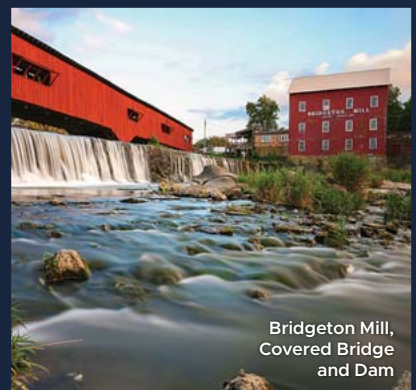
TRAVEL TO THE PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE OF PARKE COUNTY, KNOWN AS "THE COVERED BRIDGE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD."

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 11–20 in 2024, 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



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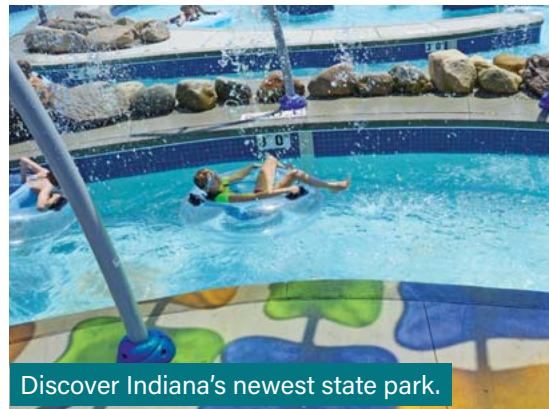
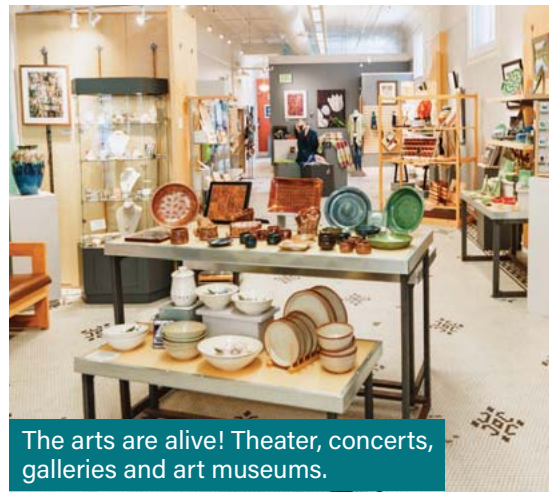
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SAMARA

## Seasonal highlights...

**Riverside Skating Center:** Outdoor ice skating rink located downtown along the Wabash River. [westlafayette.in.gov](http://westlafayette.in.gov)

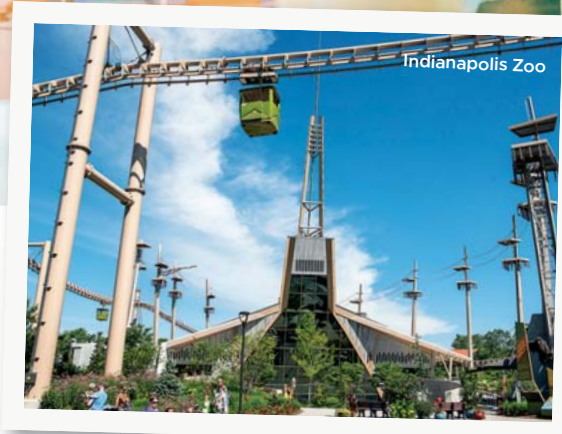
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Terre Haute  
Children's Museum



Indianapolis Zoo

# Joyful Jaunts

FROM LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO TINY TOYS, HERE'S WHERE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

**STEP BACK IN TIME IN FISHERS, WHERE Conner Prairie** offers an interactive perspective of life in the mid-1800s. That's when settler William Conner planted roots in the area. Chat with costumed interpreters in outdoor exhibits such as 1836 Prairietown and 1863 Civil War Journey, and get a bird's-eye view of the grounds in 1859 Balloon Voyage.

Families can experience a mode of transport popular during that time—the train—at **Whitewater Valley Railroad**, which chugs from Connersville to Metamora on themed rides. *The Polar Express* holiday outing is a favorite.

Go back even *further* when you embark on the **Whitewater Valley Fossil Hunt** in Richmond. Pick up a passport at the Welcome Center or the Joseph Moore Museum, and start scouring stream banks, the Cardinal Greenway or the sites listed

in the passport for specimens dating back millions of years.

## FIRSTHAND FUN

On the western side of Indiana, the **Terre Haute Children's Museum** stimulates brainpower with science- and technology-based exhibits and activities. Little ones can get hands on—and maybe learn a little, too—with a dino dig, a large bubble ring, an indoor ropes course and a stock car you can pretend to take for a joy ride, among other highlights. Those interested in flying rather than being grounded will want to visit the **National Model Aviation Museum** in Muncie, where dozens of small-scale planes are on display. Discover more diminutive creations at Carmel's **Museum of Miniature Houses**—you might need a magnifying glass to best view the pint-sized room and home vignettes.

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Museum of  
Miniature Houses

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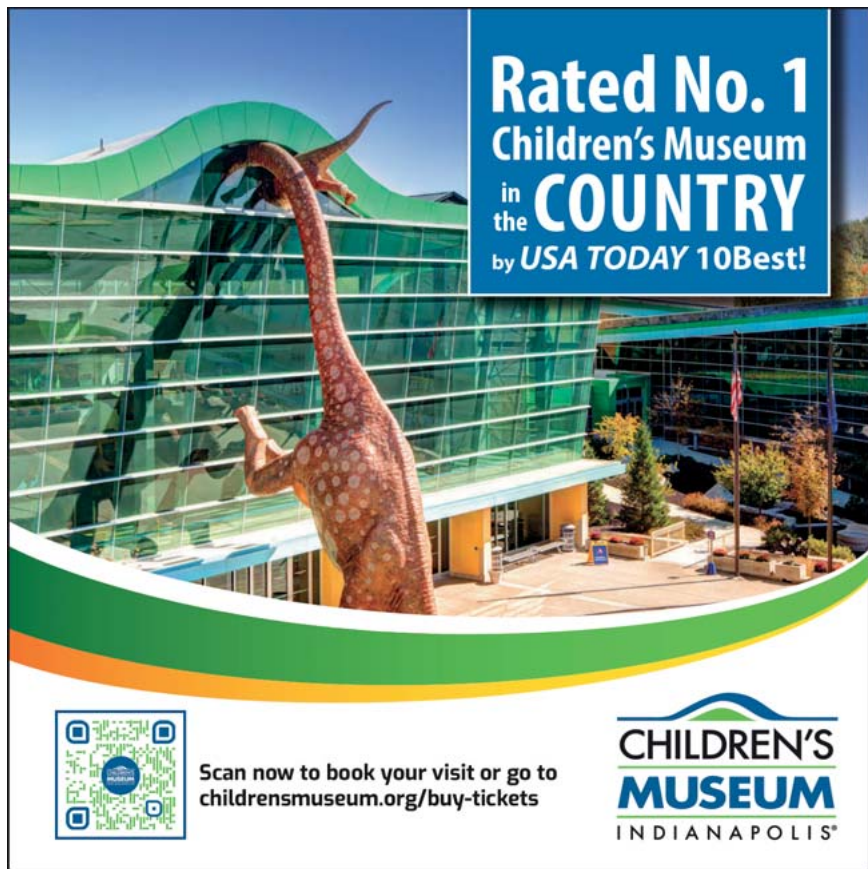
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**ANIMAL CROSSING**

To call **Wolf Park** a zoo would be selling the attraction short. The Battle Ground operation, just north of Lafayette, researches, educates the public and promotes conservation of wolves, and tours let you learn even more about the canines. The **Indianapolis Zoo** is known globally for its conservation efforts, which are highlighted at the Global Center for Species Survival. Elsewhere, see orangutans up close, watch dolphins swim overhead in the underwater viewing dome and test your speed against that of a cheetah. Saddle up at **Natural Valley Ranch** in Brownsburg, which provides 30- and 60-minute guided trail rides throughout the wooded, nearly 80-acre property.




**TREAT YOURSELF**

Buzz over to Martinsville's **Hunter's Honey Farm**, where you can work a live beehive, take a hayride tour, roll a beeswax candle or bottle your own honey. Stop in **Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream** in Richmond for seasonal and specialty flavors to pile in a waffle cone or bowl. The parlor offers vegan varieties, as well as sherbets and sorbets. More cold treats await at **Milky Way** in Frankfort or **Jimmie's Dairy Bar** in Pendleton, with scoops, cones and sundaes galore. **Gordon's Milkshake Bar** in Indianapolis is known for its loaded gourmet shakes that include decadent additions like a slice of pie or cake atop a mountain of whipped cream.

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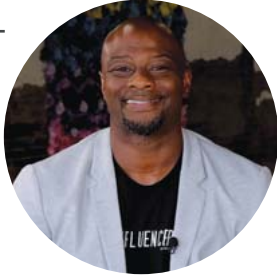


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I am the Black business coordinator for the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, which is a new position. The objective is to create a Black business directory to have an opportunity for everyone to know what Black businesses are here in Terre Haute and to support and grow those businesses as Black entrepreneurs. We will welcome you along on this journey as we continue to move forward.”

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## Back in Time

FROM FASCINATING ARCHITECTURE TO SPIRITUAL SITES, HERE ARE 10 ATTRACTIONS TO ADD TO YOUR CENTRAL REGION ITINERARY.

**1 ENTREPRENEUR MONROE** Seiberling was drawn to Kokomo during the gas boom of the late 19th century, building several large factories and, for his family, an architecturally stunning Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival residence inside and out. The **Seiberling Mansion** is now home to the Howard County Historical Society, and tours are available. It's especially beautiful during the holidays.

**2 GEN. LEW WALLACE SPENT** nearly seven years writing *Ben-Hur*, the best-selling book of the 19th century. The **General Lew Wallace Study & Museum** in Crawfordsville, an architecturally unique structure completed in 1898, tells the story of the author who also had extensive military and political careers. Stop by for a tour or one of its special events.

**3 ANOTHER INDIANA WORD-**smith, James Whitcomb Riley, is memorialized at two attractions. In Greenfield, the **James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home & Museum** showcases the early years of the Hoosier Poet in the 1850s. In Indianapolis, tour the opulent **James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home**, where Riley lived until he passed in 1916, to glimpse what life was like in the Victorian era.

**4 CONSTRUCTED TO INCREASE** safety for both prisoners and jailers, rotary jails consisted of wedge-shaped cells in one structure, which could be rotated via hand crank to align a cell with the one entrance/exit door. Want to see for yourself? Visit the **Rotary Jail Museum** in Crawfordsville, which boasts the **CONTINUED ON PG. 78**

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Indiana Medical History Museum

first such jail ever built (in 1882 and in use until 1973) and the only operational one still in existence.

**5 IT'S NOT HARD TO ENVISION** life in Shelbyville in the 1900s. It only requires a stroll around the Streets of Old Shelby exhibit at the **Grover Center Museum & Historical Society**. Walk through a re-created interurban train car to see life-size storefronts of a saloon, hardware store, a printing press and other businesses in the village.

**6 BORN IN FRANCE IN 1798**, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin arrived in Indiana in 1840 to open a mission at **Saint Mary-of-the-Woods**. Today, visitors to the inspirational site near Terre Haute can view the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the beautiful Italian Renaissance Church of the Immaculate Conception, the Saint Anne Shell Chapel, a grotto and less-expected features, such as an organic farm, herds of alpacas and flocks of chickens, and a u-pick flower farm.

**7 IN INDIANAPOLIS, ONE OF** the most fascinating museums around sits on the site of the now-defunct Central State Hospital. The Old Pathology Building, where researchers once studied the physical causes of mental disease, is today the **Indiana Medical History Museum**, a time capsule of medicine from days gone by. See labs, the autopsy room and preserved organs. Tours are by appointment only.





**8 INDIANA CLAIMS ITS PLACE** in aviation history as the original home of one of the greatest early pioneers of flight. Hagerstown boasts the **Wilbur Wright Birthplace** where one half of the famous Wright brothers, Wilbur, was born in 1867. See his family's home, a full-size replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer and a model of where they set up shop at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk. Note that the attraction is open seasonally, April 1 through November 1.

**9 ESTABLISHED IN 1863 AS A** place to bury Civil War soldiers, **Crown Hill Cemetery** in Indianapolis eventually grew to 555 acres, making it the third-largest cemetery in the country. Wander the peaceful grounds on your own, or take a guided tour to learn more about racing legends, notable (and notorious) figures in Indy's history, Civil War spies and villains, and gravestones with Victorian-era symbolism.

**10 ONE OF THREE HOOSIERS TO** become the President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison built his Indianapolis home on Delaware Street in 1875 and lived there until his death in 1901. The beautifully restored **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site** gives visitors a peek inside the three-level brick home filled with period artwork, furniture, artifacts and memorabilia. The 2024 *Life in the White House* exhibit showcases photos, letters and personal items of the Harrison family from their time in Washington, D.C.

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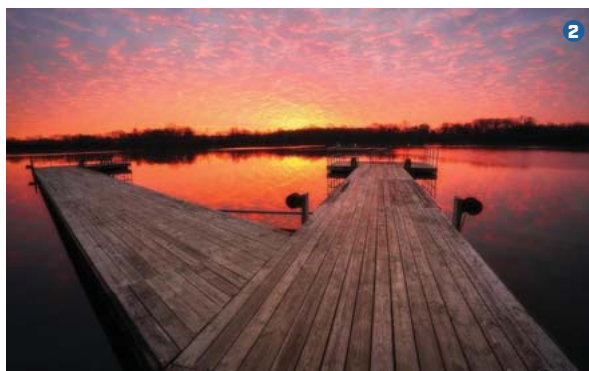




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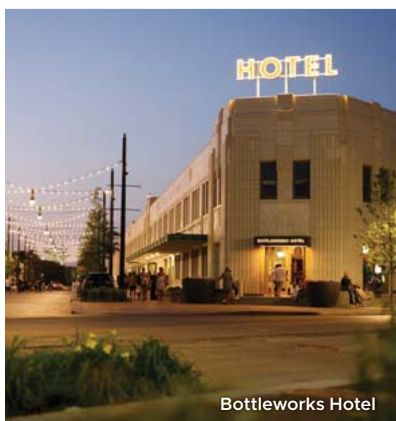


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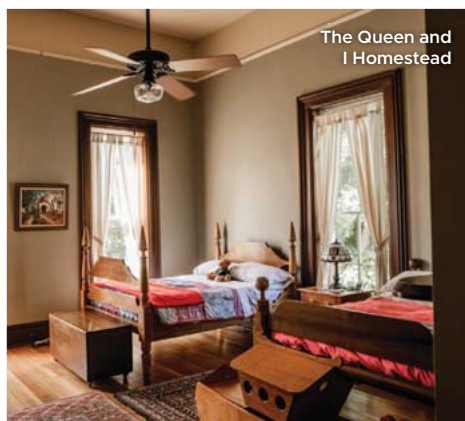
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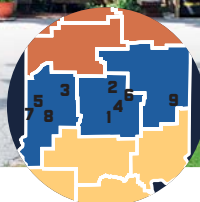
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In a secluded setting in Crawfordsville, this 1873 Italianate bed-and-breakfast has unusual borders: chickens and turkeys on site.

## BOTTLEWORKS HOTEL 4

Along bustling Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis lies this reimagined Coca-Cola bottling plant now abounding in Art Deco extravagance.

## TURKEY RUN INN 5

Be steps away from the myriad outdoor amenities at Turkey Run State Park by booking a stay at the Turkey Run Inn, which offers rooms in the spacious lodge or detached cabins.

## FORT HARRISON INN 6

The historic inn at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis puts you on the doorstep of the park's many features.

## CASA URBANA 7

In Terre Haute, the renovated, historic Ohio Building now offers event space and sleek overnight suites.

## CLAYSHIRE CASTLE 8

Feel like royalty when you stay at this medieval-style (but still modern) Bowling Green spot with a hedge maze, lawn chess, a costume closet and onsite fishing pond.

## THE INN AT HIGH HATS 9

After a day of antiques shopping in Cambridge City, retreat to The Inn at High Hats, favorably located on the second floor of the filled-to-the-brim High Hats Antique Mall.

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[vermillion-chamber.org](http://vermillion-chamber.org)

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### Tour Connersville

401 N. Central Ave.  
765.338.2297  
[tourconnersville.org](http://tourconnersville.org)

## COVINGTON

### Fountain County

301 Fourth St.  
765.793.5000  
[fountaincounty.net](http://fountaincounty.net)

## CRAWFORDSVILLE

### Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau

101 W. Main St.  
765.362.5200  
[visitmoco.com](http://visitmoco.com)

## DANVILLE

### Visit Hendricks County

8 W. Main St.  
317.718.8750  
[visithendrickscounty.com](http://visithendrickscounty.com)

## FRANKFORT

### Clinton County Chamber of Commerce

62 N. Main St.  
765.654.5507  
[discoverclintoncounty.com](http://discoverclintoncounty.com)

## FRANKLIN

### Festival Country Indiana – Just South of Indy

66 S. Water St.  
317.739.8600  
[festivalcountryindiana.com](http://festivalcountryindiana.com)

## GREENCASTLE

### Putnam County Convention & Visitors Bureau

12 W. Washington St.  
765.653.8743  
[goputnam.com](http://goputnam.com)

## GREENFIELD

### Hancock County Tourism and Visitor Center

119 W. North St.  
317.477.8687  
[visitinhancock.org](http://visitinhancock.org)

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Visit Indy

200 S. Capitol Ave., Ste. 300  
317.262.3000  
[visitindy.com](http://visitindy.com)

## KOKOMO

### Greater Kokomo Visitors Bureau

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765.457.6802, 800.837.0971  
[visitkokomo.org](http://visitkokomo.org)

## LAFAYETTE

### Visit Lafayette–West Lafayette

301 Frontage Rd.  
765.447.9999  
[homeofpurdue.com](http://homeofpurdue.com)

## LEBANON

### Boone County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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765.484.8572  
[discoverboonecounty.com](http://discoverboonecounty.com)

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### Union County Indiana

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765.458.5976  
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Hot Dog Festival, Frankfort

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### Muncie/Delaware County Visitors Bureau

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765.284.2700  
[visitmuncie.org](http://visitmuncie.org)

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### Henry County Destination Development

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765.521.7402  
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### Richmond/Wayne County Convention and Visitor's Bureau

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765.935.8687  
[visitrichmond.org](http://visitrichmond.org)

## ROCKVILLE

### Parke County Convention & Visitors Commission

401 E. Ohio St.  
765.569.5226  
[coveredbridges.com](http://coveredbridges.com)

## RUSHVILLE

### Rush County Chamber of Commerce

315 N. Main St.  
765.932.2880  
[rushcounty.com](http://rushcounty.com)

## SHELBYVILLE

### Shelby County Tourism & Visitors Bureau

501 N. Harrison St.

317.398.9623

[visitshelbycounty.com](http://visitshelbycounty.com)

## SPENCER

### Sweet Owen Convention & Visitors Bureau

54 E. Market St.  
812.714.8110  
[sweetowencvb.org](http://sweetowencvb.org)

## TERRE HAUTE

### Terre Haute Convention & Visitors Bureau

5353 E. Margaret Dr.  
800.366.3043  
[terrehaute.com](http://terrehaute.com)

## TIPTON

### Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

114 S. Main St.  
765.675.7533  
[tiptonchamber.org](http://tiptonchamber.org)

## WILLIAMSPORT

### Warren County Economic Development Organization

31 N. Monroe St.  
765.762.6055  
[warrenadvantage.com](http://warrenadvantage.com)

## WINCHESTER

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123 W. Franklin St., Ste. 201  
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# North

## REGIONS

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.







South Bend River Lights  
on the St. Joseph River



Kankakee Sands



Indiana Dunes

# Regional Highlights

THE STATE'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK, A CANDY WONDERLAND, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS, MUSEUMS DEDICATED TO MACHINERY—FIND THOSE AND MORE IN INDIANA'S NORTH.

## BEACH TIME

In the early 20th century, a group of conservation-minded scientists and nature-lovers banded together to protect the **Indiana Dunes 1** from industry, an effort that visitors no doubt appreciate when they stroll miles of beaches alongside Lake Michigan, ascend towering sand dunes with incredible views, hike and bike numerous trails, spot migrating birds in the fall or strap on snowshoes in the winter. The state park and a national park encompass thousands of sandy acres, ripe for

exploring year-round. (See also page 31.)

## CANDY CRUSH

Bet you didn't know Willy Wonka's sugar-coated playhouse was in Indiana. Well, sort of. Merrillville's **Albanese Confectionery 2** might not be the actual chocolate factory we know from the book and film, but it's pretty darn close. Choose from bulk chocolates, caramels and other treats, but one non-negotiable purchase is its famous gummy bears—trust us.

## PLANE SITE

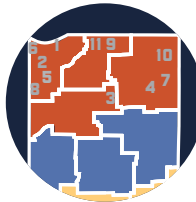
Home of the 434th Air

Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru also houses the **Grissom Air Museum 3**. Indoor and outdoor displays pay tribute to the men and women stationed there since 1942. Live out your *Top Gun* fantasy by sitting in various aircraft, trying out a flight simulator and climbing a guard tower. (See also page 14.)

## GOURMET CUISINE

**Joseph Decuis 4** has elevated fine dining not just in Roanoke but Indiana overall. The eatery is best known for its Wagyu beef, raised on

## DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE



### Good to Know

Be sure to check hours and availability before setting out.

*In addition to being gluten-free and fat-free, Albanese Confectionery gummy bears come in lower-sugar and sugar-free varieties.*

the Joseph Decuis farm just down the road from the restaurant alongside poultry, Mangalitza pigs and produce that play starring roles in lofty farm-to-fork dishes. Make it an overnight experience by booking a room at the inn.

## A MOO-SEUM

You and your crew can learn about modern farming methods and how food ends up on your table at **Fair Oaks**

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**Farms** 5, a top agri-tourism destination. Explore the Dairy, Pig and Crop Adventures, romp around in play-packed Mooville and take part in seasonal activities. If you're short on time, just swing into the Dairycatessen for cheese and ice cream to go.

**CHARACTER STUDY**

Whiting's quirky **Mascot Hall of Fame** 6 could be the most unique museum you'll ever visit, using STEAM-focused exhibits and programs to celebrate those fun-loving creatures who

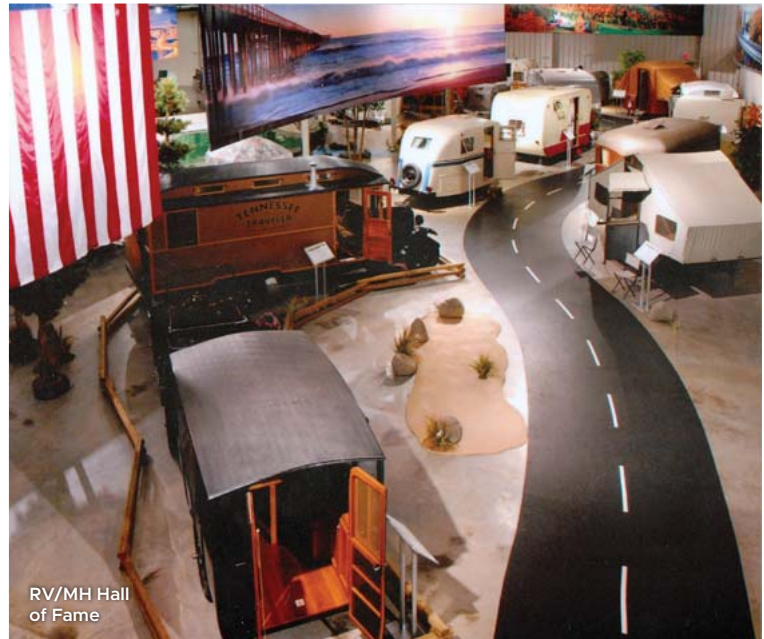
entertain at sporting events. Create your own mascot at the in-house Build-a-Bear Workshop. (See also page 33.)

**FAMILY MATTERS**

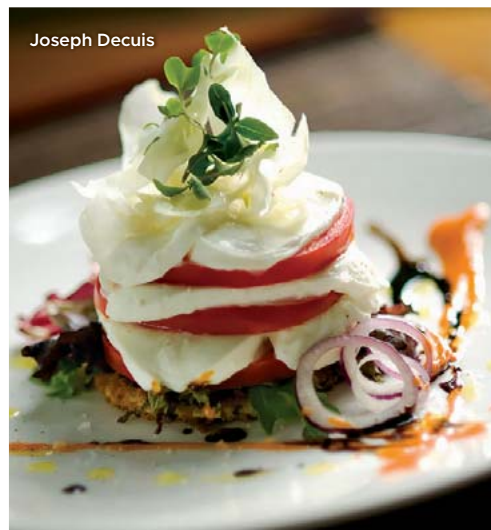
If you're curious about your family tree, plant yourself at the **Genealogy Center** 7 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. There, trained genealogists can help you uncover familial links through one of the largest physical collections in the world, as well as digital records.

**PRAIRIE LIFE**

Thanks to work spear-



RV/MH Hall of Fame



Joseph Decuis

The RV Founders Hall shows the evolution of campers and trailers over the last century.

headed by The Nature Conservancy, thousands of acres that make up **Kankakee Sands** 8 in Morocco have been restored to prairie habitat. Numerous plants and animals now make their home there, the largest being a herd of more than 70 bison. A designated viewing area lets you watch their comings and goings.

**REC HALL**

Eighty percent of the world's recreational

vehicles are built in Elkhart, so it only makes sense that the city also hosts the **RV/MH Hall of Fame** 9, a collection of RV and manufactured housing displays. RV owners will enjoy learning about how they're made, as well as seeing vintage models.

**WHAT A RIDE**

Get your motor runnin' in Auburn at three outstanding **auto-focused museums** 10. At the **Auburn Cord Duesenberg**

**Automobile Museum** (see also page 31), view beautifully restored models from the trio of manufacturers that operated in the early 20th century. Cars made by the Ford Motor Company from the 1930s to '50s are on display at the **Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum**, while more than 200 classic cars, hot rods and a rare, must-see GM Futurliner #10 rest at the **National Auto & Truck Museum**.

**MAKE WAVES**

Whitewater rafting in Indiana? Yes! Navigate Class 2 rapids at **East Race Waterway** 11, a 1,900-foot-long offshoot of the St. Joseph River in the heart of downtown South Bend. Remember to bring a change of clothes—you probably won't leave dry! (See also page 31.)



Wild Winds  
Buffalo Preserve



Pumpkin  
Fantasyland

# The Time is Right

NORTHERN INDIANA IS WORTH A TRIP NO MATTER WHEN YOU VISIT.

Take wagon rides, weave through mazes, and view presidential pumpkin art.



## SPRING

Welcome the season of blooming by getting your flower fix at the **Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory** in Fort Wayne, whose three indoor gardens showcase over 2,000 plants. There are even more varieties outdoors. The **Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve** in Fremont is home to around 250 bison on its 400-acre prairie. Mother's Day is a great time to celebrate the arrival of baby bison during the springtime calving season.



## SUMMER

Get back to nature in Logansport's **France Park**, which features scenic sites for hiking, swimming, scuba diving, fishing, camping, and simply enjoying the views. Join other thrill-seekers on the shores of Lake Shafer in Monticello. **Indiana Beach Amusement & Water Park** has been a family summertime favorite for decades thanks to the Steel Hawg and other coasters and, especially on a sweltering day, water slides.



## FALL

Tour an eclectic collection of pumpkins and other gourds representing presidents and fictional characters at **Pumpkin Fantasyland** in Ligonier. Or make your way through a 23-acre corn maze at **Exploration Acres** in Lafayette. The labyrinth, and the farm's pumpkin patch, are open mid-September through October. Hobart's **County Line Orchard** lets you pluck your own apples, pumpkins and sunflowers for a fun agrarian souvenir.



## WINTER

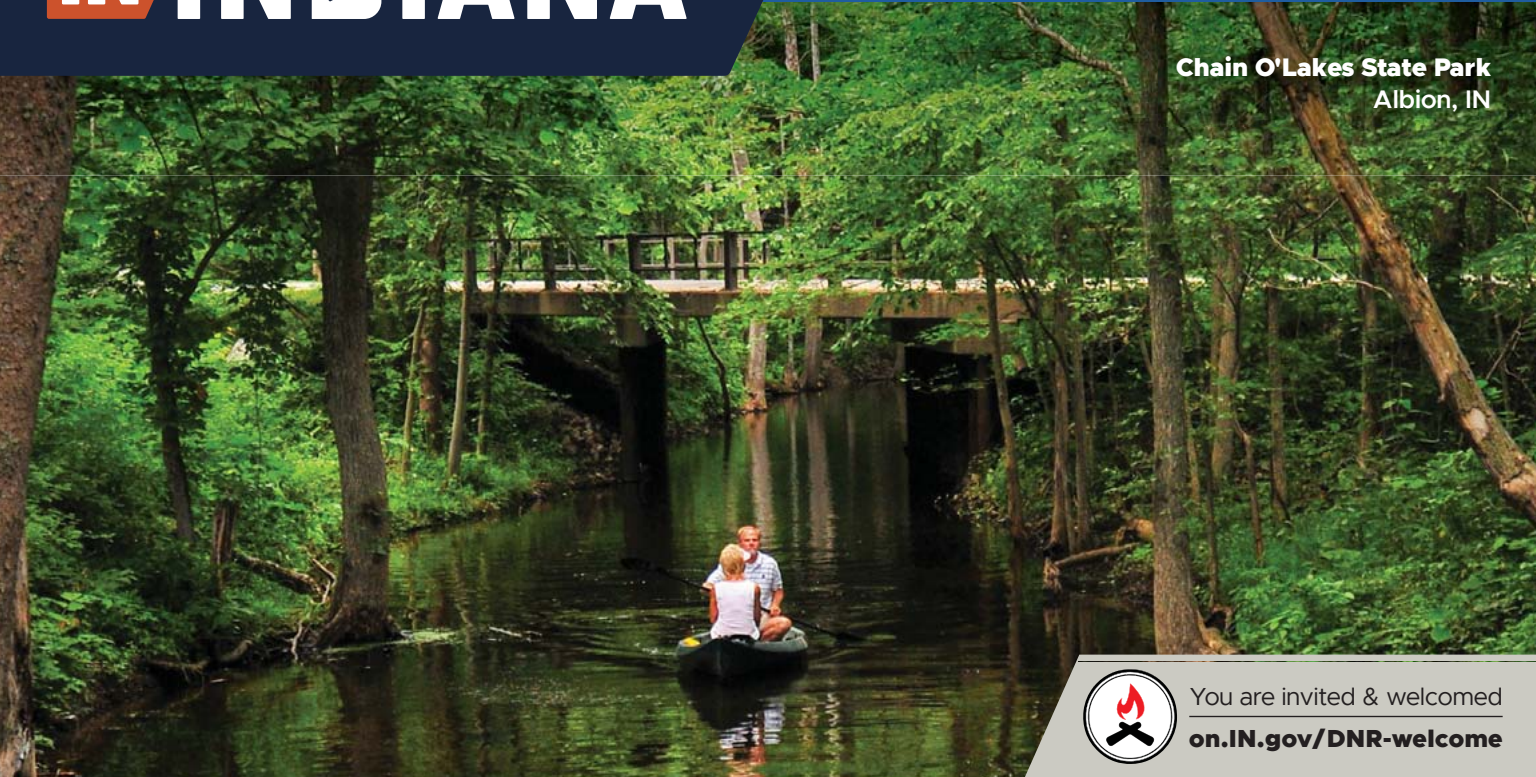
No need for hibernation. Glide along the Elkhart River on your skates at **NIBCO Water & Ice Park**, which features an outdoor rink and path. A trio of state parks—**Potato Creek** in North Liberty, **Pokagon** in Angola and **Chain O'Lakes** in Albion—all serve as cold-weather destinations for activities that include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, sledding and tubing. Family cabins at Potato Creek are available year-round.



**Potawatomi Inn**  
Pokagon SP • Angola, IN

*Explore State Parks*  
**IN INDIANA**

**NORTH**



**Chain O'Lakes State Park**  
Albion, IN



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- Indiana Dunes
- Ouabache
- Pokagon\* & Trine SRA
- Potato Creek
- Tippecanoe River
- Mississinewa Lake
- Salamonie Lake

*\*Inn/Lodge location*





University of Notre Dame

# Slice of Life

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

**IF YOU LOVE VISITING** Indiana's North, you might enjoy creating a life in the region, too. Here, a brief look at the area's business, education and quality of life highlights.

## WORK

In **Warsaw** in 1895, Revra DePuy, a pharmaceutical salesman, launched a business creating customizable fiber splints, an improvement over the wooden splints of the time. His endeavor, DePuy Manufac-

turing Company, was the forefather of what would develop into Warsaw's claim to fame: orthopedics.

Today, led by companies such as **Zimmer Biomet**, **Paragon Medical**, **OrthoPediatrics** and **DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction**, Warsaw, the seat of Kosciusko County, is known as the **Orthopedic Capital of the World**. Together, that sector accounts for more than \$17 billion in annual revenue.

## TOP 5 COLLEGES

By undergraduate and graduate enrollment

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
West Lafayette  
52,211

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**  
South Bend  
12,809

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
NORTHWEST  
8,679

**TRINE UNIVERSITY**  
Angola  
8,446

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
FORT WAYNE  
6,289

A number of the top employers in **Elkhart County** are based in manufacturing, with many of them serving the RV industry. After all, the area is known as the **RV Capital of the World**, cranking out the vast majority of all RVs in the U.S. and employing thousands. In fact, manufacturing overall is big business in Northern Indiana, anchored by companies such as steel producer **ArcelorMittal**; **Urschel Laboratories**, which makes commercial-grade food-cutting and processing equipment; solar energy innovator **Fronius**; steel producer and metals recycler **Steel Dynamics**; and **BraunAbility**, maker of accessible vehicles for those with disabilities. **CTB International**, whose focus is products that improve grain, egg, poultry and pork harvesting, production and processing, recently broke ground to grow its Milford headquarters.

Music gearheads are likely familiar with **Sweetwater**, a leading online music instrument and audio equipment retailer. What they might not know is that the company launched in Fort Wayne in 1979 and is still headquartered there. Sweetwater has grown to be the No. 1 online retailer of instruments and music gear in the U.S., and

recently tripled the size of its onsite music store with displays and demo rooms.

One of the largest egg producers in the U.S. makes its roost in Northern Indiana. **MPS Egg Farms**, headquartered in North Manchester, handles a whopping 9 million eggs each day, just one part of Indiana's \$1.1 billion poultry and egg industry.

## STUDY

Both traditional undergraduate students and working parents in need of a flexible, online degree program can find programs to fit their needs. The **University of Notre Dame** in South Bend might be known around the world primarily because of its football team (after all, we can all aspire to Play Like a Champion Today), but its academics are what really have shaped its reputation. Notre Dame is a premier teaching and research institution with 75 majors that attract approximately 8,900 undergrads.

**Purdue University** in West Lafayette is perhaps best known for its highly ranked engineering programs, but the school is also a leader in business, computer science, agriculture and veterinary sciences. It's been dubbed the "Cradle of Astronauts"—nearly 30 men and women

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## TOP 5 CITIES

By 2020 population

**FORT WAYNE**  
Allen County  
**POPULATION** 263,886  
**KNOWN FOR** River recreation, family activities, Genealogy Center

**LAFAYETTE/ WEST LAFAYETTE**  
Tippecanoe County  
**POPULATION** 115,378  
**KNOWN FOR** Purdue University, Wabash Riverfront

**SOUTH BEND**  
St. Joseph County  
**POPULATION** 103,453  
**KNOWN FOR** University of Notre Dame, East Race Waterway, arts and entertainment

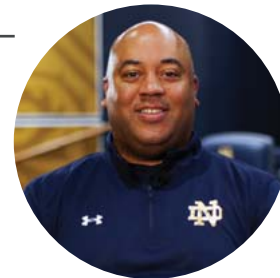
**HAMMOND**  
Lake County  
**POPULATION** 77,879  
**KNOWN FOR** Bordering Chicago, Purdue University Northwest

**GARY**  
Lake County  
**POPULATION** 69,039  
**KNOWN FOR** The Jackson Five's hometown, Miller Beach

## INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

Highlighting North's major players and economic wins.

- Led by companies such as **Miller Poultry**, **Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream** and **Kraft Heinz**, Northeast Indiana's food and agriculture industry contributes nearly **\$32 billion** to the state's GDP.
- Founded in 1958, **Leesburg**-based **Maple Leaf Farms** leads North America in duck production, with about **15 million** each year. Indiana is the **No. 1 duck producer** in the U.S.
- **Ports of Indiana Burns Harbor** has a **\$5.2 billion** economic impact. By 2025, the vital asset will see **\$28 million** in infrastructure improvements.
- In **Roanoke**, nearly 4,500 **General Motors** employees help roll out more than 1,300 GMC Sierras and Chevrolet Silverados every day.
- In **Lafayette**, **Subaru of Indiana Automotive** recently celebrated its 5 millionth vehicle.
- A **13,000-acre solar farm** is coming to **Starke and Pulaski counties**. When complete by 2024, it will be the **biggest of its kind** in the U.S.
- The former General Electric complex in **Fort Wayne** is now called **Electric Works**, a **39-acre** site with retail, residential and office space, a food hall and coworking areas.



## Home Again IN INDIANA

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"I was born and raised in Jeffersonville, and that's where my love for basketball was developed. I left the state for the first time and went to Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. I came back to South Bend and worked at IU South Bend. From there, I moved to Butler University, then Purdue University, then to the Boston Celtics. I ended up getting the head coach job at Penn State. Now I'm back here as the head coach at Notre Dame.

The people in this state love basketball. It's really cool to drive through your neighborhood and see basketball goals everywhere, in every driveway. There's an opportunity to write your own story and do whatever it is you want to do here."

*Micah Shrewsberry*

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE  
DAME IN SOUTH BEND



who have been in space are Purdue grads. The school also has a campus in Fort Wayne and locations in Hammond and Westville.

**Goshen College**, a private liberal arts school, is home to less than 1,000 students, but is well-known for the large number of pupils who study abroad during its Study-Service Term. About 8,500 students matriculate at **Trine University** in Angola, with engineering, business and education among its major programs, and in Valparaiso, **Valparaiso University** welcomes nearly 3,000 students in 70 academic programs.

### LIVE

In the North region, residents enjoy proximity to important quality-of-life markers. There are several **state parks** and **Indiana Dunes National Park**. **Lake Michigan**, both the water itself and the towns full of shops, restaurants and attractions along its shore, is

a big draw for leisure activities, but other bodies of water, including **Lake Wawasee**, **Lake Maxinkuckee** and **Lake Shafer**, are just as popular. Commuter rail connectivity is set to be even better with the **West Lake Corridor Project**, which will extend the South Shore Line eight miles south to Hammond, Munster and Dyer, and add nearly 17 miles of second track to the existing **South Shore Line** track.

Locales such as **South Bend** and **Fort Wayne** provide big-city amenities and atmosphere, while places such as **Auburn**, **Goshen**, **Wabash**, **Warsaw** and **Valparaiso** attract those looking for a smaller town only a short drive from those larger destinations. You don't have to go far in any direction to find entertainment offerings, public art, inspired dining, craft breweries and wineries, parks, farmers markets and museums.



Lake Wawasee



Promenade Park



Wellfield Botanic Gardens

# Natural Spaces

A SAMPLING OF NORTHERN INDIANA'S GOLF, TRAILS, GARDENS AND OTHER OUTDOOR REC OPTIONS.

**FOR GOLFERS, LAKE Shafer** provides a beautiful background at **Tippecanoe Country Club**, a par-72 course in Monticello that's part of the **Pete Dye Golf Trail**. Or take your clubs to the land of the Boilermakers to tackle two other Dye projects: **Ackerman-**

**Allen and Kampen courses** on the Purdue University campus.

**Promenade Park** in downtown Fort Wayne is the highlight of the city's Riverfront complex. On the shore of St. Marys River, let the young ones traverse the tree canopy trail and

frolic around the playground before crossing the bridge to check out the amphitheater, kids' canal and cafe. Kayak rentals and boat rides are available, too. Four state recreation areas make up Peru's sprawling **Mississinewa Lake**, a destina-

tion for just about any outdoor activity you could want. While fishing takes top billing, you can also boat, hike, camp, swim, play volleyball, picnic and water ski. Take the Frances Slocum Trail to see the water-carved **Cliffs of the Seven Pillars**.

Just outside Logansport, an abandoned stone quarry provides a spot to swim, kayak and even scuba dive at **France Park**. Reserve a campsite and explore the site, which also offers fishing, hiking, biking, disc golf and putt-putt.

*Wellfield is getting a new visitor center and open-air pavilion overlooking Swan Island.*





Mississinewa Lake

**Mississinewa was the first state property to introduce seasonal camping.**

Hikers and horses share most of the trails at **Tippecanoe River State Park** in Wiamac, also a popular place to canoe or kayak. Stay overnight at one of the many campsites. As its name suggests, **Chain O'Lakes State Park** is made up of a series of lakes, perfect for boating (rentals are available) and fishing. The Albion property also offers 23 miles of trails, campsites and a historic schoolhouse you can visit on summer weekends. (See also page 19).

Water sports enthusiasts can try flyboarding on **Lake James, Jimmerson Lake** and **Snow Lake** in Angola. The jet-propulsion system allows riders to get a bird's-eye view high atop the water's surface. If you prefer to stay on the shore, **Potawatomi Inn Beach** and **Pokagon State Park's** main beach allow for more relaxing fun in the sand and sun.

In the middle of Elkhart,

**Wellfield Botanic Gardens** emerges as a lush, 36-acre place of respite with 20 themed gardens, including Waterfall and English Cottage. The newest is the Japanese-inspired Island Garden. Similar displays can be found at Mishawaka's **Shiojiri Niwa**, a strolling garden whose plant life, bridges and seating areas make for a lovely casual stroll. **Gabis Arboretum and Gardens** in Valparaiso (see also page 11) also invites wandering among its 300 acres of prairie, wetlands, woodlands and trails. Public programs include the falltime Trail of Scarecrows.

Birders will want to clear their calendars in late November/early December and roost for a bit at **Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area** in Medaryville. The property's habitat makes it an enticing stopover for migrating birds, especially sandhill cranes, with numbers peaking after Thanksgiving.

# 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.



# Happy Trails

THE NORTH'S TRAILS TAKE VISITORS TO ART, SWEET TREATS AND A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS FLOW OF BEER AND WINE.



## FORT WAYNE DESSERT TRAIL

Nurture your sweet tooth on this pathway through Indiana's second-largest city. Locally based **DeBrand Fine Chocolates** (pictured) is a must. Look for the **Hetty Arts Pastry** truck, and indulge in a decadent loaded shake at **Just Cream – Ice Cream Boutique**.



## SIPPING TRAIL

A digital passport leads you to various **Kosciusko County** watering holes, such as **Tippy Creek Winery** in Leesburg (pictured), **Anthology Whiskey Room** and **HopLore Brewing** in Warsaw and **Port Winona Wine & Market** in Winona Lake.



## FARM TO TABLE TRAIL

Find the freshest foods at produced and sourced locally along this Indiana Foodways Alliance trail. Restaurants include **Bare Bones Gastropub** in La Porte, **Oak & Barrel** in Monticello, **Das Dutchman Essenhaus** in Middlebury and **One Ten Craft Meatery** in Warsaw.



## SOUTH SHORE BREWERY TRAIL

Raise a glass to the area's craft beer scene at **Wildrose Brewing** and **New Oberpfalz Brewing** in Griffith, **Crown Brewery** in Crown Point and **Zorn Brew Works** (pictured) and **Burn 'Em Brewing** in Michigan City.



## PUBLIC ART TRAIL

Throughout **Lafayette** and **West Lafayette**, including the **Purdue University** campus, make your way to more than 115 murals, sculptures and other works. Find the list at [homeofpurdue.com](http://homeofpurdue.com).



## INDIANA FOODWAYS ALLIANCE RISE N' SHINE TRAIL

Stop by these Hoosier haunts to fuel up for a busy day of travel adventures. The **Mean Bean Bistro & Brew** in Bremen or Culver's **Cafe Max** can provide sustenance.



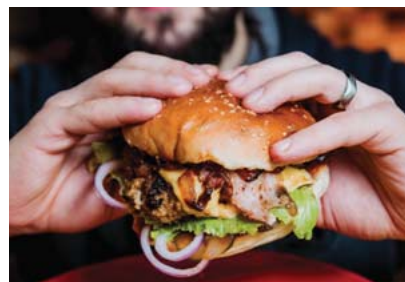
## INDIANA DUNES COFFEE & SWEETS TRAIL

Take your mobile passport to seven locales, such as **FLUID's** (pictured) multiple cafes and bubble tea purveyor **Teatery** in Portage, to receive, appropriately, a free coffee mug.



## HERITAGE TRAIL

Sightsee along a 90-mile loop linking **Elkhart**, **Bristol**, **Middlebury**, **Shipshewana** and others. Stop at restaurants, shops, Amish destinations, historic sites and whatever else catches your eye. A map is at [visitelkhartcounty.com](http://visitelkhartcounty.com).



## INDIANA FOODWAYS ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE BUNS BURGER TRAIL

Whether you crave your burger with cheese, lettuce, tomato or pickle—or plain—you can find the perfect sandwich in the North regions.



**TOP 5**  
**IN INDIANA**

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“I found the art community in Shipshewana, Goshen, Middleberry fascinating. With a background in art and graphic design, I feel like there were more opportunities and more doors that opened for me. The Amish community gives you a uniqueness you can’t find anywhere else, and I can capture that in an illustration or a painting. It has inspired me seeing the atmosphere here with the farmland and the rustic barns. Things I enjoy painting have just come to life for me here.

My name is Maria Guevara, and here are my Top 5 favorite places in Shipshewana.”



*Maria Guevara*  
ARTIST IN SHIPSHEWANA

GO OUT AND EXPLORE

# SOUTH SHORE

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# Fun Zones

SUPERHEROES, WATER SLIDES, ANIMALS AND ICE CREAM: EXPLORERS OF ALL AGES WILL LOVE THESE ATTRACTIONS IN THE NORTH REGION.

**IF IT'S FUN YOU WANT—AND** who doesn't?—you're in the right place. Superman himself would feel right at home at the **Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum** in Elkhart, which displays an eye-popping number of comics, toys and games related to Batman, Wonder Woman and other Marvel and DC favorites. Check out one of Adam West's actual Caped Crusader costumes and a shield Chris Evans used in *Captain America: The First Avenger*. Hot days call for a trip to **Deep River Waterpark** in Crown Point. Zoom down body and tube slides or float the hours away in one of two lazy rivers, among other water features.

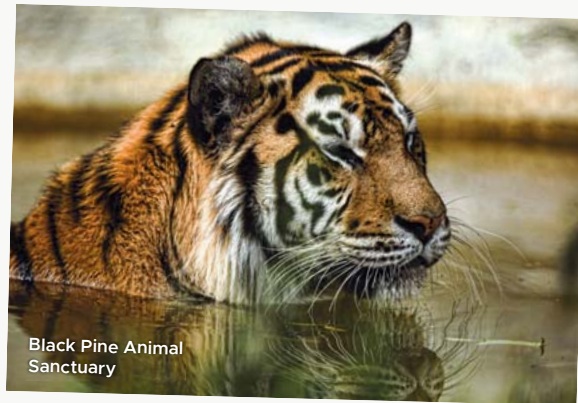
## KNOW-HOW

Housed in a former power plant with colorful smoke stacks rising from the roof, **Science Central** in Fort Wayne flips young minds to "learning mode" via STEM-centric exhibits. The coolest just might be Science on a Sphere, an orb six feet in diameter that shows Earth's oceans, continents and storm systems in real time. On tap this year is a tactile experience related to the engineering innovations of Leonardo da Vinci.



## LION'S SHARE

See animals native to various parts of the globe at the **Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**, home to African Journey, Indonesian Rainforest and Australian Adventure. Chinese and Himalayan red pandas debuted in 2023. View even more creatures at the **Potawatomi Zoo** in South Bend, where more than 500 mammals, reptiles and birds make their home, and at the **Columbian Park Zoo** in Lafayette, open mid-April through mid-October. See fauna from the Americas and Australia,



Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

wander the Butterfly Garden and meet farm animals.

In Albion, **Black Pine Animal Sanctuary** provides permanent refuge to over 100 surrendered or rescued wild animals. Tour the facility to learn the residents' stories and what it

takes to care for them. Wagon tours are limited at **Cook's Bison Ranch** in Wolcottville (you'll need to call ahead to reserve your spot), but you're rewarded with an up-close look at the herd—and a chance to feed them.

**SWEET SPOTS**

The North region boasts many standout spots for treats. Inside Nappanee's Coppes Commons, **Rocket Science Ice Cream** flash-freezes its offerings with liquid nitrogen for ultimate creaminess. On the shores of Rome City's Sylvan Lake, **Sundaes on Sylvan** is a seasonal favorite, scooping intriguing flavors such as Sea Monster and Wizard's Brew. After spending hours on the water or at Pokagon State Park, the **Northern Indiana Lakes Country Ice Cream Trail** offers nearly 10 adorable spots where you can cap off the day with a creamy, refreshing cone, sundae or shake.



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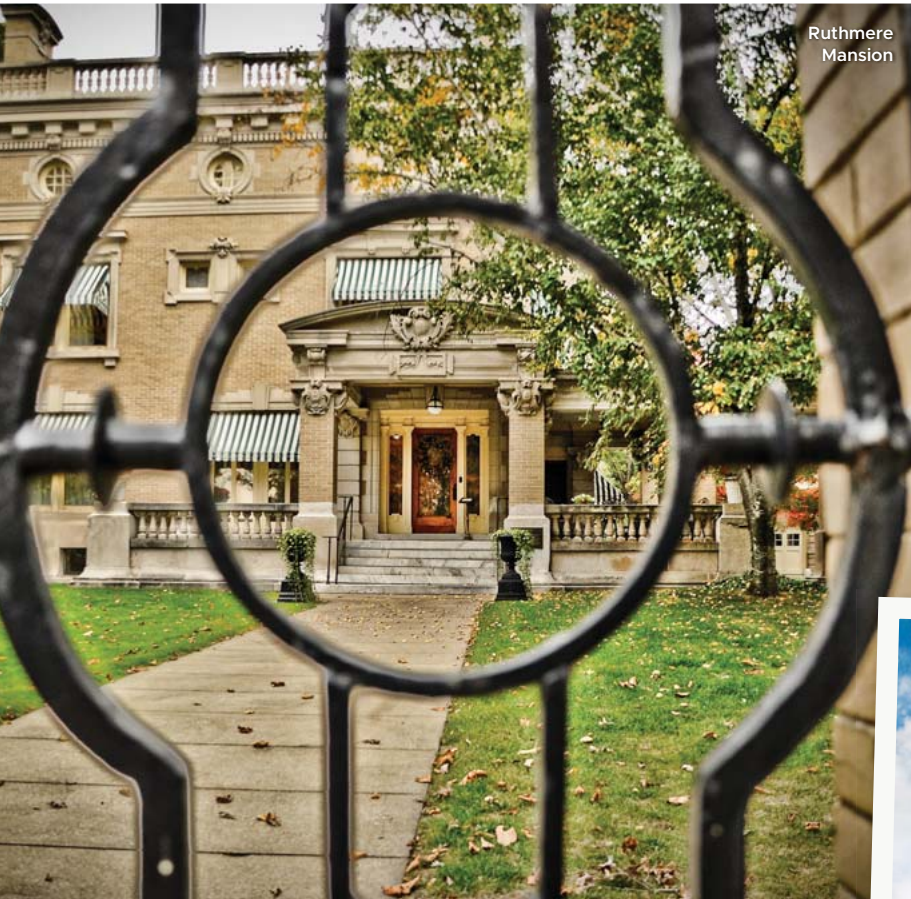


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# History Buffs

STATELY HOMES, CARS AND ART TO ADMIRE, PLUS A PLACE TO REMEMBER A FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT—10 MUST-VISIT SITES IN INDIANA'S NORTH.

**1 IN FORT WAYNE, THE Rolland Center for Lincoln Research** is a partnership between the Friends of Lincoln Collection and the Allen County Public Library. Inside the main library building, view original photos of Abraham Lincoln and his family, letters, documents and Civil War soldiers' diaries in both physical and digital formats.

**2 THE WABASH & ERIE Canal** played a pivotal role in developing the Midwest in the mid-1800s, moving people and goods from Toledo, Ohio (where the route

connected to the Erie Canal) to Evansville. In Delphi, the **Wabash & Erie Canal Park** details the waterway's importance and influence via exhibits, a narrated 40-minute canal boat tour and a Pioneer Village with historic buildings.

**3 DESIGNED FOR THE 1933 World's Fair** in Chicago, the five **Century of Progress Homes** were transported to Beverly Shores along Lake Michigan after the event. An annual tour takes place the last weekend in September (and sells out quickly), but you can always drive past other times.

**4 THE AUTOMOBILE** heritage of South Bend is remembered at the **Studebaker National Museum** with a variety of the manufacturer's meticulously preserved cars and military vehicles on exhibit, as well as a collection of presidential carriages. One ferried Abraham Lincoln to Ford's Theatre that fateful night.

**5 HERE'S ANOTHER** Indiana tie to a World's Fair, this time the 1904 edition: The mansion that houses the **Haan Museum** in Lafayette was originally the Connecticut State building at the St. Louis

Designed by Miami architect Robert Law Weed, this flamingo-pink house evokes a Florida beach vibe.



edition. Its grand exterior hints at what's inside, an impressive array of paintings, ceramics, bronze and stone sculptures and rooms filled with Renaissance Revival furniture. It's like being at the best estate sale ever—except for the fact that what you see isn't for buying, only admiring.

**6 THE FORMER HOME OF** prominent Elkhart citizens Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, called **Ruthmere**, is now a museum, providing a look at the Beardsleys' lifestyle as well as a collection of fine art.

**7 FRESH OFF A RENOVATION**, Michigan City's **Barker Mansion**, built in 1857, is a stunning time capsule of the lives of industrialist John Barker Sr. and his family—90 percent of what you'll see inside is original Barker belongings.

**8 YOU CAN ALSO** wander through **Oliver Mansion**, part of The History Museum in South Bend. Industrialist and businessman J.D. Oliver and his family moved into the 38-room, elaborately detailed property in 1898. The formal gardens are worth a visit, too.

**9 YOU MIGHT BE BLOWN** away by Kendallville's ode to a centuries-old method of producing electricity via wind: the **Mid-America Windmill Museum**. More than 50 models are on display indoors and out. The town's own Flint & Walling Co., founded in 1866, manufactured windmills until 1954.

**10 TWO HOMES THAT** once belonged to Gene Stratton-Porter, a prolific writer, photographer and conservationist, are available for touring. One is a log cabin at the **Limberlost State Historic Site** in Geneva, where Stratton-Porter gleaned inspiration for her work. After moving to Rome City, she built Cabin at Wildflower Woods on the shores of Sylvan Lake, part of the **Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site**.

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## HOTEL ELKHART 2

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## MORRIS INN 3

Stay like a champion in what's known as the "living room" of the University of Notre Dame, the comfy-yet-upscale, AAA Four Diamond Morris Inn.

## FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 4

The barnlike exterior of this hotel at Fair Oaks Farms highlights its agricultural theme and proximity to family-friendly, educational entertainment.

## DUNESWALK INN 5

A stone's throw from Lake Michigan and Indiana Dunes National Park, this historic Chesterton property was built in 1881.

## CHARLEY CREEK INN 6

Old World charm abounds at this Wabash hotel teeming with history in a restored Georgian Revival building.

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In Michigan City, a 22-story refuge offers a sportsbook, table games and slots; relaxing massages and facials; and dining.

## POTAWATOMI INN AT POKAGON STATE PARK 8

Centered around Lake James, this Angola spot connects guests with outdoor activities that include hiking, biking and tobogganing.

## UNION CLUB HOTEL 9

Purdue University's reimaged boutique hotel in the heart of campus is the only student-run Marriott Autograph Collection property in the world.

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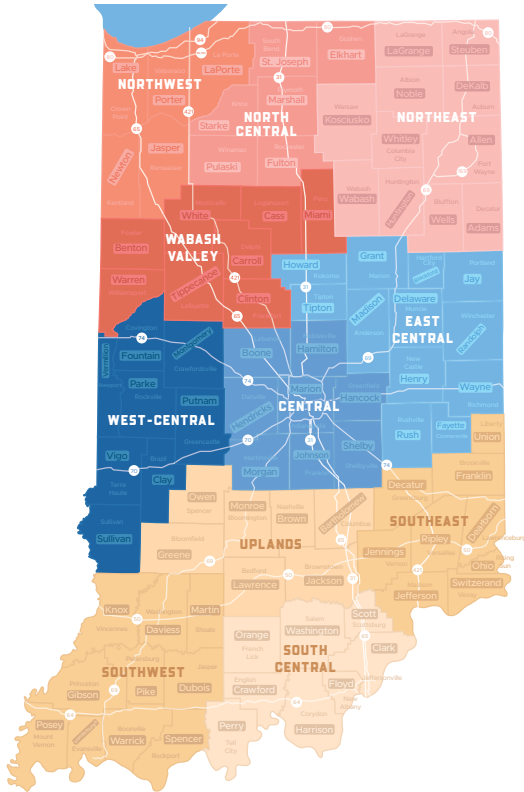
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888.444.9252, [santaclausind.org](http://santaclausind.org)  
[indianasabelincoln.org](http://indianasabelincoln.org)



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812.714.8110  
[sweetowencvb.org](http://sweetowencvb.org)



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800.837.0971, [visittkokomo.org](http://visittkokomo.org)



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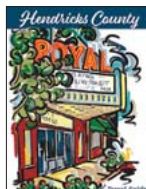


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317.848.3181, [visithamiltoncounty.com](http://visithamiltoncounty.com)

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765.284.2700  
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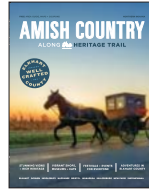
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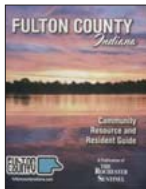


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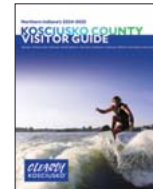
574.224.2666, fultoncountyindiana.com



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260.636.3602, visitnoblecounty.org



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574.269.6090, visitkosciuskokounty.org

## NORTH



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866.710.4197, visitshipshewana.org



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800.519.0577, visitsouthbend.com

## NORTH



### South Shore – Along Lake Michigan

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219.989.7979  
alongthesouthshore.com



### Steuben County

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800.525.3101  
lakes101.org



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Peanut butter from **Little Sheba's (EC)**, Richmond, [littleshebas.com](http://littleshebas.com)



Sugar cream from **Mrs. Wick's Bakery & Café (EC)**, Winchester, [wickspies.com](http://wickspies.com)



Strawberry from **Gray Brothers Cafeteria (C)**, Mooresville, [graybroscafeteria.com](http://graybroscafeteria.com)

Check out more prime places along the Indiana Foodways Alliance Hoosier Pie Trail:

**GK Baked Goods (NE)**, Fort Wayne, [gkbakedgoods.com](http://gkbakedgoods.com)

**Joe Huber's Family Farm & Restaurant (SC)**, Starlight, [joehubers.com](http://joehubers.com)

**Nick's Kitchen (NE)**, Huntington, [nicksdowntown.com](http://nicksdowntown.com)

**Storie's Restaurant, Greensburg (SE)**, [facebook.com/storiesrestaurant](https://facebook.com/storiesrestaurant)

**Yoho General Store, Solsberry (UP)**, [yohogeneralstore.com](http://yohogeneralstore.com)



Winter apple from **Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery (C)**, Danville, [breadbasketcafe.com](http://breadbasketcafe.com)

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765-597-2364
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765-569-9441
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765-597-2029
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