

## SPRING



### 01 WAVE THE CHECKERED FLAG

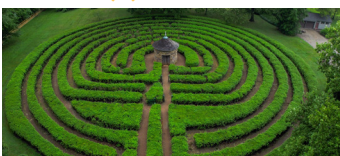
Known as the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, the **Indianapolis 500** at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (C) over Memorial Day weekend is the largest single-day sporting event in the world.

### 02 PUT ON A NEW COAT

The World's Largest Ball of Paint (C) in **Alexandria**, has grown to a gargantuan, 11,000-pound orb consisting of 30,000-plus layers of paint. Visitors can add a coat of paint to the growing spectacle.

### 03 GO UNDERGROUND

Travel down into Indiana caves like Indiana Caverns (S) in **Corydon** (part of one of the largest cave systems in the U.S.), Marengo Cave (S) in **Marengo**, Squire Boone Caverns (S) in **Mauckport**, and Bluesprings Caverns (S) in **Bedford**.



### 04 UNWIND IN A LABYRINTH

Check out **New Harmony** (S), a historic area from the 1800's with innovative modern architecture, guided tours, and two walking labyrinths that reveal a fascinating and informative peek at the lore and legends that remain.

### 05 PLAY FARMER IN THE DELL

A premier agritourism destination, Fair Oaks Farms (N) in **Newton County** offers plenty of fun, educational, and interactive experiences, from a dairy museum, to a pig farm tour, to a pollinator garden, to an indoor ropes course.



### 06 EXPERIENCE AMISH CULTURE

**Elkhart** (N) and **Shipshewana** (N) are home to one of the largest Amish populations in the U.S. The culture harks back to a peaceful, simpler time when the most popular mode of transportation was a horse and buggy.

## SUMMER

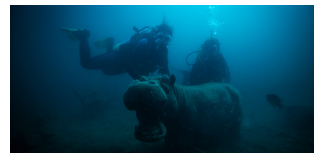


### 07 HIT THE SAND

Framed by 15 picturesque miles of Lake Michigan coastline, the **Indiana Dunes** (N) features more than 50 miles of hiking trails winding through wooded terrain that includes wetlands and a variety of bird habitats.

### 08 MAKE A SPLASH

Indiana amusement parks thrill and chill visitors with spectacular water rides. Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (S) in **Santa Claus** boasts the Guinness World Records-certified Mammoth Water Coaster.



### 09 TAKE A DEEP DIVE

**Logansport's** France Park (N) showcases scenic trails, a waterfall, and a clear swimming lake with a beach that looks out into the Quarry Cliffs.



### 10 SQUEAL YOUR TIRES

**Badlands Off Road Park** (N) in **Attica** features more than 1,400 acres of diverse terrain where ATVs, dirt bikes, Jeeps, trucks, side-by-sides, and more are all welcome to take a spin.

### 11 EMBRACE LAKE LIVING

**Patoka Lake** (S) in **Birdseye** is an 8,800-acre lake surrounded by a wide variety of lodging options, such as cabins and villas, but houseboats and floating cabins are available for visitors who prefer to stay directly on the water.



### 12 BRAVE WHITewater RAPIDS

**South Bend's** East Race Waterway (N) features around 2,000 feet of Class II rapids, as well as 5 miles of paved walking/running paths along the banks.

## FALL

### 13 PEEP SOME LEAVES

**Brown County State Park** (S) in **Nashville** provides an idyllic autumn scene with rolling hills and hollers covered in leaves of vibrant colors.

### 14 TROT INTO SLEEPY HOLLOW

Fans of author Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* can immerse themselves in a thrilling take on the gothic folk tale at the Headless Horseman Festival at **Conner Prairie** (C) in **Fishers**.



### 15 EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Built in 1902, the 200-foot-wide and 100-foot-tall domed atrium at **West Baden Springs Hotel** is a sight for architecture aficionados and luxury travelers alike. Tours of the impressive hotel, as well as the adjacent **French Lick Springs Hotel** at the **French Lick Resort** (S), detail the history of the site once famous for its healing mineral springs.



### 16 CHANNEL YOUR INNER ARCHITECT

**Columbus** (S) is a hot spot for rich architectural heritage, notable homes, buildings, and public art featuring cutting-edge design.

# 26 IN 2026 IN INDIANA

(N) = NORTH (C) = CENTRAL (S) = SOUTH

## 17 COVERED BRIDGE CAPITAL

The **Parke County** Covered Bridge Festival (C) is a huge 10-day celebration in October with several participating communities.

### WINTER

## 18 RACE DOWN A TOBOGGAN RUN

Making a pilgrimage north to zip down the toboggan run at **Pokagon State Park (N)** and whisking along the quarter-mile refrigerated track at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour has become an annual wintertime tradition for Indiana families, as well as visitors from other states.

## 19 HIT THE SLOPES

Indiana provides impressive outdoor snow activities. For skiing and sledding, opt for Paoli Peaks (S) in **Paoli** and Perfect North Slopes (S) in **Lawrenceburg**. Koteewi Run (C) in **Noblesville's** Strawtown Koteewi Park has guests sliding down 700 feet of groomed lanes in their custom tubes.

## 20 ACT LIKE A KID AGAIN

The Children's Museum of **Indianapolis (C)** is partnering with Disney to create the first-ever Princess Tiana exhibit, curated right here in Indianapolis before it travels the world to other museums. Disney's Princess Tiana's story comes to life on March 7, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027. Find the spirit of New Orleans by exploring the art, food, dance, music, and collaborative spirit alongside Princess Tiana.



## 21 EMBRACE HOOSIER HYSTERIA

Basketball will always hold a special place in Indiana's heart, and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (C) in **New Castle** is a testament to our hoops obsession. The Hoosier Gym (C) in **Knightstown**, a historic gymnasium featured prominently in the movie *Hoosiers*, has been preserved as a living museum. If you still can't get enough basketball, head west to the Larry Bird Museum (C) in **Terre Haute**.

### HOLIDAY



## 22 VIEW MINTS IN THE MAKING

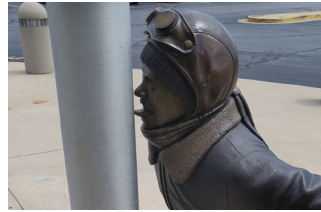
Established in 1919, Martinsville Candy Kitchen (C) in **Morgan County** is touted as "the sweetest place around." Famous for its candy canes, the red-and-white-striped confectionery allows visitors to watch demos of their peppermint treats being made.

## 23 LET RUDOLPH GUIDE YOUR SLEIGH

Deer devotees and anyone for whom Rudolph is the reason for the season can expect to see a litany of deer at Whitetail Acres Nursery & Landscaping's Reindeer Encounter (S) in **Brookville**.

## 24 MAIL A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Take in all the festivities of **Santa Claus, Indiana (S)**, where guests can visit with Santa and mail cards to the North Pole. The Santa Claus Post Office helps visitors make their lists and check them twice to ensure that Kris Kringle sorts his letters into the correct naughty and nice piles.



## 25 GET STUCK TO A LIGHT POLE

Remember the scene in the movie *A Christmas Story* when Ralphie's schoolmate Flick is triple-dog-dared to affix his tongue to a frozen light pole? The Indiana Welcome Center (N) in **Hammond** commissioned a bronze sculpture to immortalize the unfortunate incident.



## 26 DO PAUL BUNYAN PROUD

If you have room to tie a Christmas tree to the roof of your car—or you just really love the scent of pine—explore Dull's Tree Farm (C) in **Thorntown** to cut down a towering evergreen (or a cute Charlie Brown-size version) to take home.

## WHAT'S NEW IN INDIANA

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN

**West Baden** Hotel Billiard and Bowling Pavilion at French Lick Resort is open for the first time in more than 90 years! The historic pavilion features six lanes and two pool tables restored to the throwback experience. Guests from both hotels can use the facility.

### IN THE STARS

**Fort Wayne's** Science Central is set to open the region's only public planetarium on March 25 and 26, 2026. The planetarium will offer immersive cosmic experiences with cutting-edge projection technology.

### 126 ACRES OF FUN

Sky Lake Adventures opens its first phase in the summer of 2026 in **Sheridan**. It includes a natural lake with a water adventure area, an all-season tubing hill, and a treetop ropes course.

### BOOMING DOWNTOWN

Ball State University and the city of Muncie are revitalizing their commercial district, The Village. The project includes a 97-room hotel, The Cantio Hotel, as well as new entertainment venues, spaces for living, working, and dining. Project completion is ongoing in 2026-2027.



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