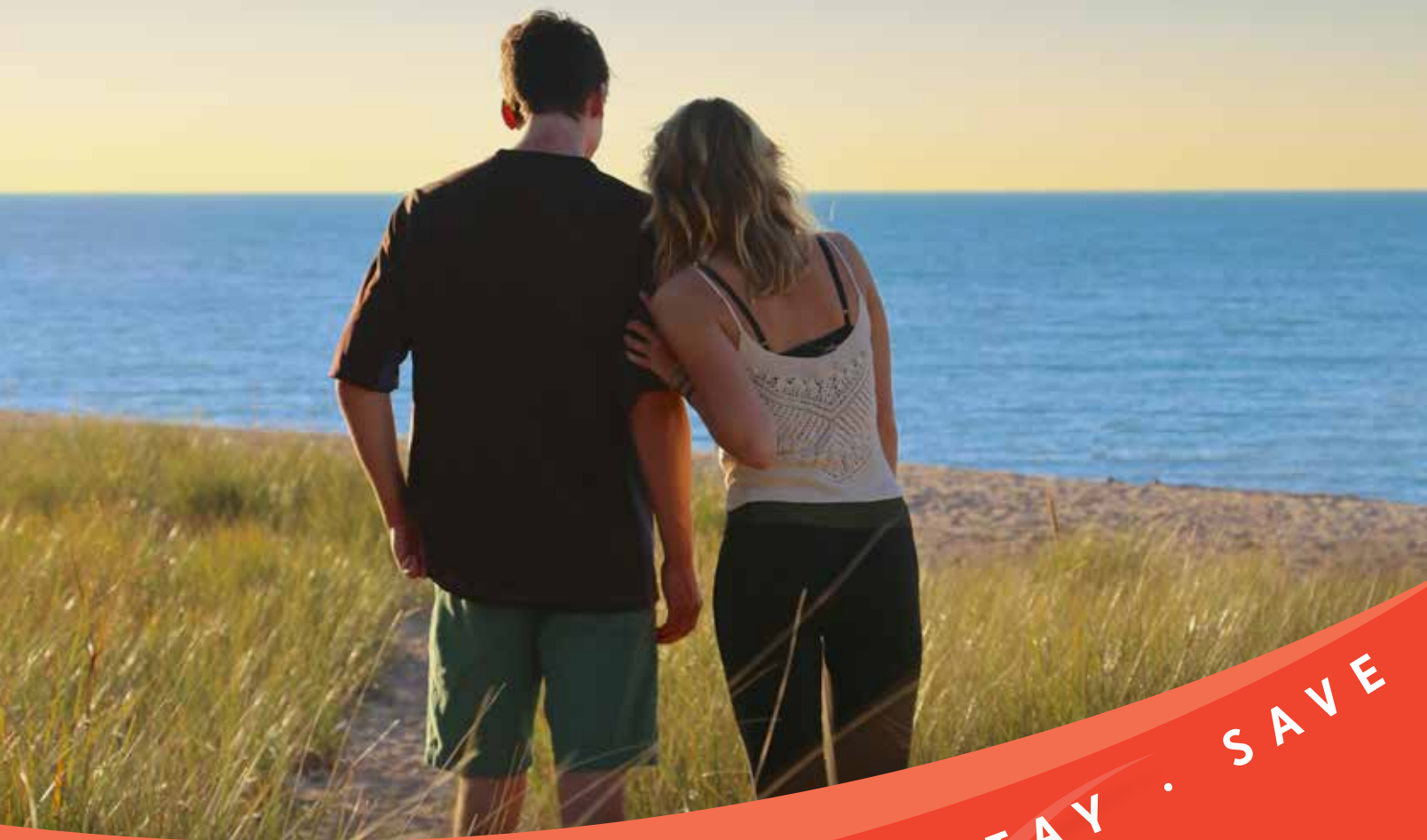




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We are the official destination marketing, planning, and development organization for the Indiana Dunes area/Porter County, Indiana. It's not just about getting you to the beach; it's about helping you eat, play, shop, and stay here while embracing the stories and experiences our destination has to offer.



ART WALK

Stroll the grounds of the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and see five murals, each one created in a matter of hours by the muralist Ryan "ARCY" Christenson, as well as our life-sized "Bison-ennial bison" and painted bench. The seven pieces of art all depict wildlife native to the Indiana Dunes area.



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Hi! I'm Ranger Matt!

Welcome to the Indiana Dunes area! I'm here to help you make the most out of your adventure. You can get the full 101 by watching our Dunes 101 Video Series on YouTube. In the meantime, here's the tip of the iceberg, or rather, the crest of the dune.



DUNES101

ORIENTATION

What Are the Indiana Dunes?

Learn the ins and outs of the Indiana Dunes to make your trip as enjoyable as possible.

BEACH EXPERIENCE

Where Are the Indiana Dunes Beaches?

Lake Michigan provides a great place for water fun. Learn about kayaking, scuba diving, swimming, fishing, and boating.

CAMPING

Where to Camp in the Indiana Dunes

Camping is a great way to immerse yourself in the Indiana Dunes. Get all the insider tips for your next outdoor adventure.

HIKING

Where to Hike in the Indiana Dunes

With over 70 miles of trails winding through the State and National Parks, see and explore some of the best hikes in the Midwest.

DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting Things About the Indiana Dunes

The Indiana Dunes is one of the most biodiverse areas in North America. Discover the origin of the dunes while exploring ecology, conservation efforts, plants, and animals.

MORE VIDEOS

Want to get a sneak peek of your trip in the Indiana Dunes? Here's a quick tip: subscribe to our YouTube channel youtube.com/indianadunescountry and discover all the best places to eat, play, shop, and stay before you get here.

EXPLORE THE DUNES

Learn about the Indiana Dunes State and National Parks, whose 15 miles of beaches offer endless opportunities for splashing and playing as well as amazing views at the top of ancient sand dunes.

- The 3 Dune Challenge
- Dunes 101
- Communities
- The Indiana Dunes

EAT & DRINK

Whether you're looking for a Chicago dog or a four-course dining experience, the Indiana Dunes area has you covered.

PLACES TO STAY

From one-of-a-kind bed and breakfasts to affordable, family-friendly hotels and campsites, you'll find accommodations perfectly suited to your travel style.

THINGS TO DO

Shake off the sand south of the dunes by exploring local shops, exciting attractions, and family/pet-friendly opportunities.

- Must See & Do
- 3 Interesting Things
- Arts & Entertainment
- Attractions & Recreation
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TWO PARKS ONE DESTINATION

EXPLORE THE INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL & STATE PARKS

The Indiana Dunes is made up of both a National Park and a State Park, and each park has its own fee.

On March 31, 2022, the National Park Service implemented an entrance fee for the Indiana Dunes National Park. National Park passes can be purchased at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, Paul H. Douglas Center, West Beach gatehouse (seasonally), and online (recreation.gov).

Separate passes are needed for the Indiana Dunes State Park and can be purchased at the Indiana Dunes State Park gatehouse. For discounts and special passes, check online.

INDIANA DUNES ENTRANCE FEES

PASSES	 NATIONAL PARK	DNR STATE PARK
Annual Passes	\$45: Indiana Dunes National Park annual pass (only useable at Indiana Dunes National Park sites)	\$50: in-state annual pass (useable at all Indiana State Park sites)
	\$80: America the Beautiful National Parks pass (covers entrance fees for all Federal Lands in the U.S.)	\$70: non-resident annual pass (useable at all Indiana State Park sites)
Daily/Weekly Passes	\$15: seven-day pass per person for walk-ins, bike-ins, and boat-ins (maximum \$25 per family group)	\$7: in-state daily vehicle/family pass
	\$25: seven-day carload/family pass	\$12: out-of-state daily vehicle/family pass
	\$20: seven-day motorcycle pass	
Special Passes	Discount passes: Visit store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes	Discount passes: Visit in.gov/dnr
	Up to \$100: commercial fee for motor coach	



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BOTH PARKS AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION	 NATIONAL PARK	 STATE PARK
Locations	Over 25 distinct locations, 15,000 acres, and 15 miles of the southern Lake Michigan shoreline.	Over 1,500 acres of contiguous state designated nature preserves and natural landmarks.
Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indiana Dunes Visitor Center Gift Shop West Beach Snack Bar & Gift Shop (seasonal) Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion Snack Bar (seasonal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food service and gift shop available at beach pavilion Gift shop available Supplies, food, and gifts available at camp store
Bathhouse / Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Beach Bathhouse: Seasonal restrooms, potable water, indoor showers, and lockers Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion: 3,500 square foot, includes restrooms, seasonal snack bar, and a classroom/meeting space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exterior showers and changing rooms, restrooms, changing stations, and sinks available at beach comfort station Restroom, food service, and gifts available in pavilion
Beach Parking	Approximately 1,200 spaces spread over eight beach access sites.	Two beach parking lots with approximately 2,000 spaces. Separate picnic area parking is available throughout park. Parking is also available at the Nature Center, North Orchard, and Wilson Shelter lots.
Campgrounds	Dunewood Campground. See page 12.	Indiana Dunes State Park Campground. See page 15.
Trails	14 distinctly named trail systems with more than 50 miles of diverse habitats.	A network of seven numbered trails through the State Park covering more than 16 miles.
Picnic Areas	14 differently located picnic areas—seven are sheltered, and two are sheltered and reservable. To reserve a picnic table, visit nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/picnic.htm	Beach picnic tables available during the season at the west lot. 15 acre picnic area with playground by Auxiliary Lot. Six reservable shelters, plus additional picnic tables and grilling areas spread throughout the park—seven sheltered.
Public Programs	Hosts public programs and special events throughout the year. Visit nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/index.htm or call 219-395-1882 to learn more.	Hosts variety of programs and special events. Visit calendar.dnt.IN.gov or call 219-926-1390 to learn more.
Cultural Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diana of the Dunes (West Beach) Century of Progress Homes Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm Sacred Sands Audio Tour (Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk) Indiana Dunes Visitor Center Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Center JD Marshall Underwater Nature Preserve Wilson Shelter La Petite Fort Revolutionary War Historic Battle Marker Historic Stone Gatehouses Historic Beach Pavilion

MORE ON THE NATIONAL PARK



Chosen as one of the “Top 10 Urban Escapes” by National Geographic, the 61st National Park is a series of sites along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, which includes 15 miles of beaches, more than 50 miles of trails, dunes, bogs, historic sites, camping, and more. Try the **Diana of the Dunes Dare and Dunes Succession Trail** at West Beach. Just watch for the brown signs along Highway 12.



CAMPING

Dunewood Campground

Just over a mile south of Lake Michigan, this campground has wooded sites near the South Shore Train's Beverly Shores Station.

- \$25 per night
- Open April–October
- Restrooms with showers
- No electrical hookups
- Dump station
- Alcohol is allowed
- Use locally supplied firewood only
- Pet-Friendly

U.S. 12 and Broadway, Beverly Shores
219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu or for reservations: recreation.gov

Map: U5



PETS

Pets are allowed on all beaches except for the lifeguarded area of West Beach. Pets are allowed on all trails except for Glenwood Dunes and Pinhook Bog. Pets are also allowed at the campground. Pets must be on a leash at all times.

Bark Ranger

Join the BARK Ranger program by completing the BARK Ranger activity guide to receive a collectible dog tag!



PROGRAMS & JUNIOR RANGER

Anyone can participate in the free Junior Ranger program to earn a badge. Materials are available at the Visitor Center and are downloadable at nps.gov/indu/forkids.

Teachers and group leaders can call **219-395-1885** to arrange a free ranger-led program. Visit indianadunes.com/events for even more programs.



GRILLING

Grilling is allowed at Bailly Homestead/Chellberg Farm, Glenwood Dunes, Lake View Beach, West Beach, Mount Baldy, and Tremont picnic shelters. No fires on the beach. Burn charcoal or wood only.



HOURS

Unless otherwise posted, all public use areas are open daily from 6am–11pm.

Indiana Dunes National Park

AMERICA'S 61ST NATIONAL PARK!



On February 15, 2019, Indiana was given its first national park! After 53 years as the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, this area was renamed the Indiana Dunes National Park. It's no surprise considering the park sees nearly as many visitors a year as Mount Rushmore. Also, the park's biodiversity ranks fifth out of all 400-plus National Park Service protected lands. With over a thousand native plant species and 370 bird species, it is one of the most biodiverse areas in the U.S.

Diana of the Dunes Dare

Dare to Be Different? Embrace the Dunes.

In honor of the daring and free spirit of Alice Mabel Gray, also known as Diana, a nearby sand hill has been named "Diana's Dune." You can now hike in a local legend's footsteps at Indiana Dunes National Park's West Beach. Explore the natural wonders of her beloved Dunes terrain while learning about dune development.

GET STARTED

The Diana of the Dunes Dare is a self-guided trail at Indiana Dunes National Park's West Beach, 376 N. County Line Rd., Gary 46403. The trail is marked, and you can take the dare any day of the year. There is a fee to enter West Beach

Dune Succession

Follow the trail to learn about the four stages of dune development. This scenic, but strenuous, trail includes a climb up quite a few stairs (can you count them all?) for a spectacular view of Lake Michigan.

REWARD YOURSELF

After you beat the dare, buy a Diana of the Dunes Dare shirt or hoodie and pick up a free sticker from the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter, IN 46304.

You can take the dare any day of the week, all year round. Learn more at indianadunes.com/ddd.



The Diana of the Dunes Dare is just an hour drive from Chicago.

The 3 Dune Challenge is just an hour drive from Chicago.



Share your experience
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#3DuneChallenge
indianadunes.com/3dc.

The 3 DUNE Challenge

Do it Any Day of the Year!

Challenge yourself, your friends, and your family to climb the three tallest sand dunes at the Indiana Dunes State Park. The 1.5-mile trail is the toughest in the park, with 552 vertical feet to climb. The reward: breathtaking views and the title of dunes conqueror.

GET STARTED

The 3 Dune Challenge is a self-guided trail at Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton, IN 46304. Enter the park and follow the signs to the Nature Center. The trail is marked, and you can conquer it any day of the year.

Go Casual

- Walk it
- Go solo
- Bring a group
- Bring your pet
- Stop for photos

Or Go Extreme

- Run it
- Race a friend
- Set a personal record each run
- And for the ultimate challenge, when you're done, run it in reverse

REWARD YOURSELF

After you conquer the challenge, buy a 3 Dune Challenge shirt or hoodie and pick up a free sticker from the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter, IN 46304.

You can conquer The 3 Dune Challenge any day of the week, all year round. Learn more at indianadunes.com/3dc.



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MORE ON THE STATE PARK



A state park surrounded by a national park, the Indiana Dunes State Park is 2,182 acres of dunes, marshes, swamps, hardwood forests, white pine groves, and a lifeguarded beach (summer only). The park has 16.5 miles of trails, including

The 3 Dune Challenge and Trail 9—named the best place to hike in Indiana by *USA Today*—and offers camping, picnicking, and showers, as well as a snack bar, camp store, and park naturalist at their Nature Center.

Go online to explore more
INDIANADUNES.COM

DNR

EXPLORE THE DUNES



CAMPING

Indiana Dunes State Park Campground

Located less than a mile from the beach and within walking distance of the South Shore Railway Station, this campground is one of the most popular in the area and fills up quickly, so be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible.

- \$24.61 Sun–Wed
- \$32.10 Thurs–Sat
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1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton

219-926-1952

on.in.gov/indianadunes

or camp.in.gov

Map: O6



PETS

Beaches east of the lifeguarded swimming areas and all trails are designated for pets. Pets must be on a leash at all times.



PROGRAMS

The park offers many different programs throughout the year, which can be found at on.in.gov/instateparkevents and calendar.dnr.in.gov. Visitors can also earn a pin by completing different activities.

Accessibility chairs are available. To reserve a chair, or to arrange a private program for a group, call [219-926-1390](tel:219-926-1390). Additional information about the Nature Center can be found at on.in.gov/instateparknaturecenters.



HOURS

Hours are 7am–11pm daily.



GRILLING

Grills are allowed on the concrete near the beach, in picnic areas, and in the west lot. Charcoal grills are provided in the picnic areas and shelters. Grilling is not permitted on the beach.

Indiana Dunes State Park



PROTECT OUR DUNES



In order to maintain a pristine coastline and ensure the stability of the fragile dune ecology, personal motorized watercraft and dune vehicles are not permitted at either the Indiana Dunes State Park or Indiana Dunes National Park.

DROP-IN VOLUNTEERING



The Indiana Dunes National Park and Indiana Dunes Tourism offer no-hassle volunteering through their drop-in program. Just show up—they provide the gear and training. Check out indianadunes.com/volunteer to see the opportunities available every day.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



Creekside Trails

This new city park has an intermediate-level mountain biking trail inside of a multi-use trail system with over five miles of soft surface corridors for biking, hiking, and walking. 2355 Clifford Rd., Valparaiso 219-462-5144 valpoparks.org Map: L25

BICYCLING

Calumet Bike Trail

This rugged, crushed gravel trail is adjacent to the Indiana Dunes and the South Shore Line tracks and is open from U.S. Highway 12 and Mineral Springs Rd. in Porter to U.S. Highway 12 near Mount Baldy. Hiking or mountain biking is suggested.

Access points include U.S. 12 South, Beverly Shores and Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: L8



Dunes Kankakee Trail

Bike or walk from the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center to the Indiana Dunes State Park on this paved trail (approximately two miles) and access the Calumet Trail. The trail also connects to the South Shore Line's Dune Park train station, which allows bikes on trains. 1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter 219-395-1882

indianadunes.com

Map: O9



Outback Trail

This 10-mile multi-use mountain biking trail in Portage's Imagination Glen Park is a popular destination for hikers, runners, birdwatchers, and cyclists. The trail has three miles of course for beginner-intermediate riders on the western side of Salt Creek and seven miles for intermediate-advanced riders on the east side.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage 219-762-1675

outbacktrail.org

Map: G14



For Repairs, Call or Visit

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leosmobile.com

BIKES ON TRAINS



Bring your bicycle to the Indiana Dunes via train. For Bike-Friendly Trains and Times, visit mysouthshoreline.com/bikes



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QUINCY KOETZ ON HIS ADVENTURES AT THE DUNES

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indianadunes.com/wilderness-wonderland

RENTAL INFO

Camp Stop General Store

Located in the heart of the dunes, this store rents bikes, kayaks, and paddleboards. 9am–9pm Monday–Sunday, spring–fall
2 W. Dunes Hwy. (U.S. 12), Beverly Shores
219-878-1382

Find them on Facebook
Map: T4



Chesterton Bicycle Station

A multi-service store for bicycles, skateboards, and accessories, that includes clothing, helmets, shoes, and sunglasses. Factory-trained service technicians are onsite, and bicycle rentals are available.
116 S. 4th St., Chesterton
219-926-1112

chestertonbicycle.com
Map: N11



Prairie Duneland Trail

This twelve-foot wide, multi-use paved trail runs from Chesterton to Hobart for just over 10 miles and has many access points and water fountains. Inline skates are welcome.
5250 U.S. 6, Portage
219-762-1675

inportageparks.com
Map: B18



Steel Wheels BMX Track

This indoor and outdoor track, located in Imagination Glen Park East, hosts ABA-sanctioned races and is open on select days to the public. The facility includes a dirt-racing track, concession area, announcing tower, staging area, and finish line. Be sure to call ahead for detailed information on public riding.
2190 N. State Rd. 149, Portage
219-406-9833

usabmx.com
Map: I13



To find more bike routes for your adventures, check out
indianadunes.com/bicycling

BIRDING

Cowles Bog Trail

Considered a globally significant Important Bird Area (IBA), this site supports several nesting wetland birds that are species of conservation concern in Indiana, including American Bittern, Sandhill Crane, Little Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Virginia Rail, American Black Duck, and a large population of Marsh Wren.

1450 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Dune Acres

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: L7



Indiana Dunes State Park

The park attracts breeding birds more commonly found farther south (including WatchList species Prairie Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush), as well as more northerly species (Canada and Blackburnian Warblers). Migration sightings include such WatchList species as Kirtland's, Golden-winged, and Bay-breasted Warblers. The west lot observation area is known for several state record species counts.

There is a small entrance fee.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton

219-926-1952

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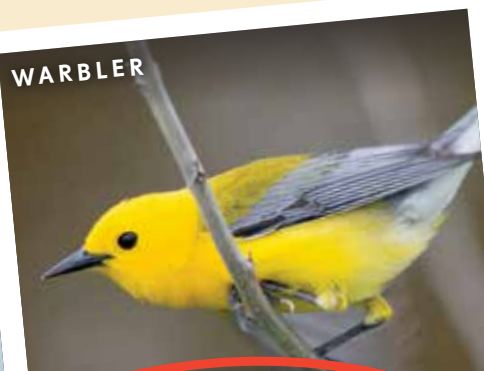


BACKPACKS FOR BIRDERS

This free program gives birders access to equipment and information for birding in the Indiana Dunes area. Learn more at indianadunes.com/birding



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Great Marsh Trail

Just a short stroll to an accessible observation platform provides a great view of this recently restored wetland. Wading birds like herons and egrets, and songbirds, such as warblers and red-winged blackbirds, are again abundant. During migration periods, see flocks of ducks and geese. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope for the best views.

500 S. Broadway Ave.,

Beverly Shores

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: T4



Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary

A wetland and former garbage dump, Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary is being restored as a shorebird sanctuary. The sanctuary will also provide space for permanent wildlife residents, native flora, as well as amenities for their human friends.

1150 S. 11th St., Chesterton

219-477-8247

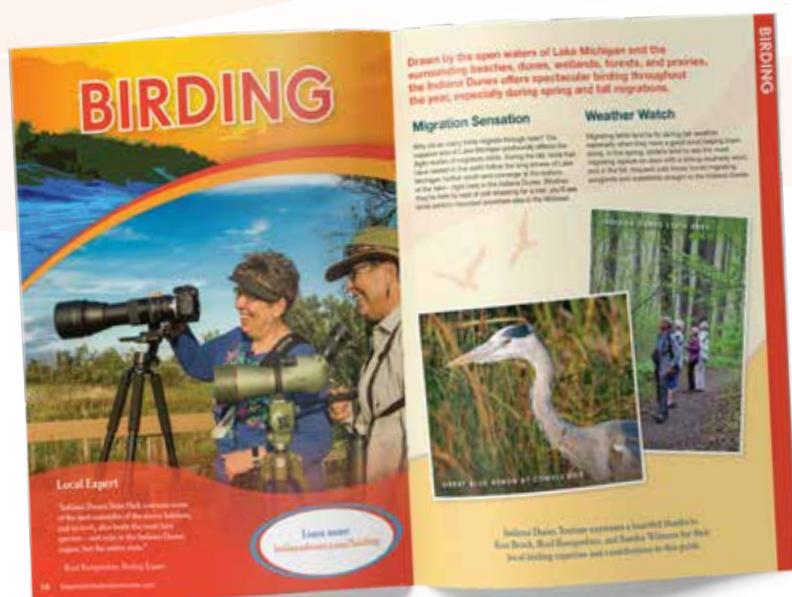
westchesterbird.org

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ADVENTURE AWAITS

There are plenty more outdoor adventures in the Indiana Dunes area. Visit indianadunes.com/destination-guides to download our Outdoor Adventures guide.



FISHING

Kankakee River Water Trail

Farthest south in the region lies the Kankakee River, also known as the Everglades of the North, where northern pike, catfish, walleye, bass, and bluegill are common. The Kankakee River was once a vital link between French Canada and the Mississippi River. Relatively straight and easy paddling makes this waterway a place to enjoy the rural area surrounding the river. The largest public access point is at Dunn's Bridge County Park.

500 East and the Kankakee River, Kouts
219-465-3586

kankakeeriverwatertrail.org

Map: V53

Lake Michigan Water Trail

With 43 miles of shoreline in Indiana, Lake Michigan is a fishing adventure waiting to happen. The most common catches include coho and chinook salmon, steelhead, lake trout, yellow perch, and smallmouth. Experienced kayakers with a sea kayak can paddle more than 75 miles of coastline.

Various access points.

Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk
6150 U.S. 12 (100 Riverwalk Dr.), Portage
219-763-6060

nirpc.org

Map: D9



Rogers-Lakewood Park

Nestled on 122 acres of rolling woodlands, Rogers-Lakewood Park offers picnic pavilions, a sledding hill, a disc golf course, and a skateboard park. Two lakes also offer fishing, boating, and wildlife viewing with paddle boat, rowboat, and fishing pole rentals available.

5320 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N21



Little Calumet River

With significant stretches in both Indiana and Illinois, the Little Calumet River has helped link cities and towns throughout the Chicago region for centuries. The East Branch Little Calumet offers paddlers over 11 miles of varying natural scenery with two paddling trips possible. The main access point is a marina, so practice safety and make yourself visible to boats.

Deer Trail Park

This small park offers hiking, cross-country skiing, and fishing access on the Little Calumet River, which has notable runs of Skamania steelhead trout, bass, and salmon. Along the trail, you'll see bottomland forest in a state of recovery as well as interpretive panels explaining the restoration process.

Ameriplex Dr., three-fourths of a mile east of State Rd. 249, Portage
219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: E11

Little Calumet River Trail

Located in the Indiana Dunes National Park, this trail is part of a 3.9-mile network of hiking trails connecting Bailly Homestead, Chellberg Farm, and the Dunes Learning Center. The trail passes through the Mnoke Prairie, skirts the Little Calumet River valley, and follows a boardwalk through wet bottomlands before climbing to a hardwood forest and pine plantation.

Howe Rd., three-fourths of a mile south of Oak Hill Rd., Porter
219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: L10





Indiana Dunes National

Park sites are open
6am–11pm daily
unless noted. For more
information, visit
nps.gov/indu
or call 219-395-1882.



HIKING

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve

This beautiful 167-acre preserve is a relaxing place to walk or picnic with water features, a shelter, and a five-mile trail through restored prairie, creek, wetlands, and woodlands. Educational programs are available during select times and cross-country skiing is available during the winter. 2401 Village Point, Chesterton 219-926-1842

coffeecreekwvc.org

Map: O14



Cowles Bog Trail

This is where Henry Chandler Cowles conducted his landmark study of the dunes' vegetation succession. Pass through wooded dunes and wetlands until you reach a quiet beach on Lake Michigan. This trail has an ecologically rich landscape that offers excellent plant and wildlife viewing. 1450 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: L7



Deep River County Park

Deep River County Park offers a mix of history, natural beauty, and pure fun within its 1,200-acre site. Park visitors can explore Wood's Grist Mill and the neighboring Deep River Visitor Center, housed in a 1904 church. Trails lead from here to lovely natural areas throughout the park. 9410 Old Lincoln Hwy., Hobart 219-769-7275

lakecountyparks.com

Map: C26



Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Gabis is a popular location for birding enthusiasts and offers more than 300 acres of dog-friendly walking trails, gardens, woodlands, and wetlands. Their award-winning attraction is a half-mile model railway garden complete with waterfalls, elaborate bridges, and an impressive 14-foot change in elevation. There is an entrance fee. 450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso 219-462-0025

pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum

Map: G29



Glenwood Dunes Trail

Cross over two ancient dune ridges created as Lake Michigan receded 11,000 years ago. This trail is used for hiking, horseback riding (March–December), and cross-country skiing in the winter. Bring your own horse or skis.

1475 N. Brummitt Rd., Chesterton 219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: R7



Imagination Glen Park

Imagination Glen Park has two playgrounds, picnic shelters, and plenty of open play space. The park is home to soccer and softball complexes, two volleyball courts, a BMX racetrack, and a 10-mile Outback Mountain Bike Trail. Salt Creek runs through the center of the park, and woodlands cover much of the property.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage 219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: H14

Indiana Dunes State Park

The park offers 16.5 miles of hiking trails, including The 3 Dune Challenge and Trail 9, which was featured as the best place to hike in Indiana by USA Today. There is a small entrance fee.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton

219-926-1952

on.in.gov/indianadunes

Map: N6

**Paul H. Douglas Trail
(Formerly Miller Woods)**

Black oaks dominate savanna woodlands that are home to 287 recorded species of plants and animals. Hike or ski the 0.9-mile Miller Woods loop trail, which leads past an overlook of marsh that teems with wildlife, including rare blue-spotted salamanders and western chorus frogs.

100 N. Lake St., Gary

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

**Stoney Run County Park**

Stoney Run County Park encompasses 316 acres of oak-hickory woodlands, ponds, ravines, and open meadows. Visitors can picnic by the water and hike or ski on eight miles of trails. A trail around the park's perimeter is also open to horseback riding. The park's Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors U.S. citizens who fought in the Vietnam War and the 261 Lake County servicemen who died during that conflict.

9230 E. 142nd Ave., Hebron

219-769-7275

lakecountyparks.com

Map: B38

**Sunset Hill Farm County Park**

This lovely 235-acre park was once a working dairy farm. There are several miles of trails through woodlands and prairies with picnic and play areas, as well as an outdoor amphitheater and primitive campground. Winter events include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and a popular holiday lights display.

775 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso

219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: N18

Tolleston Dunes Trail

This scenic trail leads up and down the high ridges of the Tolleston Dunes, formed about 10,000 years ago when Lake Michigan was 25 feet higher than it is today. In just 2.6 miles, this trail in the Indiana Dunes National Park traverses a number of different, beautiful, and wildlife-rich habitats, including black oak savanna, and remnants of the Great Marsh. Black oak savanna along the trail hosts plenty of wild lupines.

5800 Dunes Hwy., Portage

219-395-1882

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Map: C11

**West Beach**

A bathhouse, a huge swath of sand, and a stationed summer lifeguard make this beach one of the most popular Lake Michigan spots. For inland fun, climb the 250+ stairs of the Diana of the Dunes Dare and Dunes Succession Trail with interdunal ponds and a mile-long boardwalk.

376 N. County Line Rd., Gary

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3294 N. U.S. 41, Morocco

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nature.org/kankakeesands



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PADDLING

East Branch Little Calumet River Trail

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nps.gov/indu



Dunn's Bridge County Park

You'll find the only public boat access to the Kankakee River in Porter County at this park. An excellent spot to canoe or kayak, the river is spanned by a bridge you can cross on foot. Local lore suggests that the arches of this bridge came from the first Ferris wheel at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and it is now placed on the National Register of Historic Places. *500 East and the Kankakee River, Kouts*
219-465-3586
portercountyparks.org



Kankakee River Water Trail

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219-465-3586
kankakeeriverwatertrail.org
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Lake Michigan Water Trail

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219-763-6060
nirpc.org



Long Lake Public Access

An excellent location for fishing and easy paddling with access to Canada Lake. Calm waters surrounded by private lakeside homes and wildlife make for a relaxing experience. This public access area also offers a small, concrete boat launch, and motorboats are permitted with a maximum speed of 10 mph. *West Long Lake Rd. just north of 600 North, Valparaiso*
219-879-5710
fishing.IN.gov

Portage Public Marina (Sammie L. Maletta Public Marina)

This marina offers seasonal and transient slips, ramps for daily boat launches, and a store with boating supplies, ice, snacks, and beverages. There are picnic tables and charcoal grills, as well as public and private restrooms and a handicap lift. They also offer a free Season Launch Pass to disabled veterans. You must show proof of disability with a VA card. *1200 Marina Way, Portage*
219-763-6833
portagein.gov



RENTAL INFO

Camp Stop General Store & Beach Stop

2 W. Dunes Hwy. (U.S. 12), Beverly Shores
219-878-1382

Find them on Facebook
Map: T4



Miller's Marine Center

1305 State Rd. 249, Portage
219-762-8767 mwmarina.com
Map: E11



WANDERING

Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

This 650-acre parcel conserves a mix of wetlands, black oak barrens, and sand prairie, offering wildlife viewing, hiking, and hunting. Aukiki is part of the Indiana Grand Kankakee Marsh Restoration Project.

State Rd. 49, Wheatfield
219-285-2184

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: P49



Brookdale Park

This small developing park has mowed pathways circling an agricultural field that lead back to a large catch-and-release fishing pond. The pond is home to large-mouth bass, bluegill, crappies, and carp. The grassy area has picnic tables.

919 N. 50 West, Chesterton
219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: O16



Dale B. Engquist Nature Preserve

Located adjacent to the Heron Rookery unit of Indiana Dunes National Park and Reynold's Creek State Game Bird Habitat, an area of nearly 2,000 contiguous acres of protected land, creates a boon to the abundant wildlife which live here.

E. 1300 North, Chesterton

219-242-8558

heinzetrust.org

Map: T10



Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park

This 2,069-acre park, located along the historic Kankakee River, provides an ideal wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife. Hunting, biking, hayride tours, paddling, and wildlife and bird viewing are just some of the recreation activities.

21690 Range Line Rd., Hebron

219-769-7275

lakecountyparks.com

Map: A47



Heron Rookery Trail and Reynold's Creek

Though the heron rookery is no longer active, the 1.6-mile trail is a good spot for viewing other bird species. In springtime, the woods along the trail are carpeted with wildflowers, including trillium, Dutchman's breeches, hepatica, and mayapple.

1320 N. 600 East, Michigan City

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: X5



Meadowbrook Conservation Center and Nature Preserve

This 154-acre property has five miles of marked trails that feature woods, wetlands, streams, and prairie pockets. It provides habitat for wildlife, including migrating birds and bats, and an outdoor amphitheater and lodge provide activity venues.

109 W. 700 North, Valparaiso

219-242-8558

heinzetrust.org

Map: M19



Ogden Gardens Park

Four acres featuring perennial gardens, annual displays, native and ornamental trees, a gazebo, and a Japanese garden including a Teahouse, shaded trails with bridges crossing streams, and a 22,000-gallon koi pond.

451 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso

219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N25



Pinhook Bog & Upland Trail

A floating boardwalk traverses the landscape where you'll see insect-eating plants and the most unexpected environments in the dunes. While the Upland Trail is open year-round, the bog is only accessible on select days with a ranger.

946 N. Wozniak Rd., LaPorte

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: N/A

Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Impressive restoration work continues to make this former dumping site a shorebird sanctuary, suitable for migrating birds to rest, feed, and prepare for their continued journeys. A parking lot, picnic shelter, and benches have all been recently added.

1150 S. 11th St., Chesterton

219-477-8247

westchesterbird.org

Map: M13



Zona Wildlife Sanctuary

This sanctuary's looping trails are an easy walk or run, especially for families with little ones. Picnic tables and interpretive signage are located along the trails, and the park welcomes dog walking.

601 E. 950 North, Westville

219-465-2407

zona-wildlife.edan.io

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Indiana Dunes Area



Chesterton—Enjoy art galleries, boutique clothing stores, and a charming downtown with small restaurants.



Portage—There is boating, fishing, and paddling at **Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk** and the public marina. **Bass Pro Shops** is also one of our Must See and Do locations.



Porter—Fun fact: Porter is a hit with train enthusiasts who travel to watch trains go by on the tracks to Chicago.



Burns Harbor—A little gem hidden in the middle of industry. There's fishing along the **Little Calumet River**, a weekly food truck square in the summer, and outdoor recreation at **Lakeland Park**.



Beverly Shores—Favorite spots for locals include **Lake View Beach** and the **Goblin & the Grocer**. Get your beach gear at the **Camp Stop General Store**.



Valparaiso—Fit for a foodie. Dining options range from gourmet tacos to wood fired pizzas and other flavors from around the world. Bring your appetite!



Hebron—Part of the Kankakee Region. Grab a bite to eat at **The Country Kitchen** and hunt for vintage finds at **Goodbyes Second Hand Shop**.



Kouts— Start your morning with coffee and pastries at **Birky Family Farms Country Gourmet**, and then to **Dunn's Bridge County Park** for your Kankakee River adventures.

COMMUNITY MURAL SEARCH

Down at the Farm

This mural is located on **Valpo Velvet Ice Cream Shoppe, 55–57 Monroe St., Valparaiso**, and it pays tribute to the dairy products used to make ice cream.

Lovely Landscapes

A series of four murals showcasing the beautiful landscapes of the Indiana Dunes live on the back of Brown Tire, **2404 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso**.

Making a Scene

On the exterior of **Lifestyles**, a store which has an art gallery and much more, see a mural depicting a fictional streetscape, which shows some real folks from the town. Find it at **122 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso**.

Seeing Stars

This mural showing celebrities like Marilyn Monroe and John Wayne is on the side of **Northside Diner, 100 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton**, which was named best breakfast in Indiana's Cool North.



MUST SEE & DO



INDIANA DUNES

49er Drive-In Theatre

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49erdrivein.com

Map: P20



Bass Pro Shops

This 130,000-square-foot store has everything for outdoor enthusiasts, including boats, fishing gear, and hunting equipment. There is also a giant fish tank, arcade shooting range, and dozens of natural wildlife displays. 6425 Daniel Burnham Dr., Portage 219-787-6800

basspro.com

Map: E12



Broken Wagon Bison

Get up close and personal with our country's largest native land mammal at this family-owned bison farm. Take a wagon tour to see a herd of more than 100 bison. Afterward, purchase a variety of bison meat products and gifts. Scheduled one-hour tours are offered on Saturdays from June to September. Call or see website for tour times. A tour fee applies. 563 W. 450 North, Hobart 219-759-3523

brokenwagonbison.com

Map: E23

Chesterton's European Market

Chesterton's European Market is a French-inspired artisans and farmers market located in historic downtown Chesterton. Vendors create a high-quality, eclectic marketplace featuring handmade art, pastries, freshly prepared food, farm-grown produce, jewelry, accessories, clothing, fresh soap, and more. Broadway and Third St., Chesterton 219-926-5513

dunelandchamber.org/european-market

Map: O11



Emagine Portage

This Midwest-based theater strives to create a movie-going experience like no other, complete with advanced ticket sales, plush power recliners and/or premium rockers, expanded concessions, digital projection & sound systems, and great loyalty program options.

6550 American Way, Portage

219-706-3400

emagine-entertainment.com

Map: F17



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pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum

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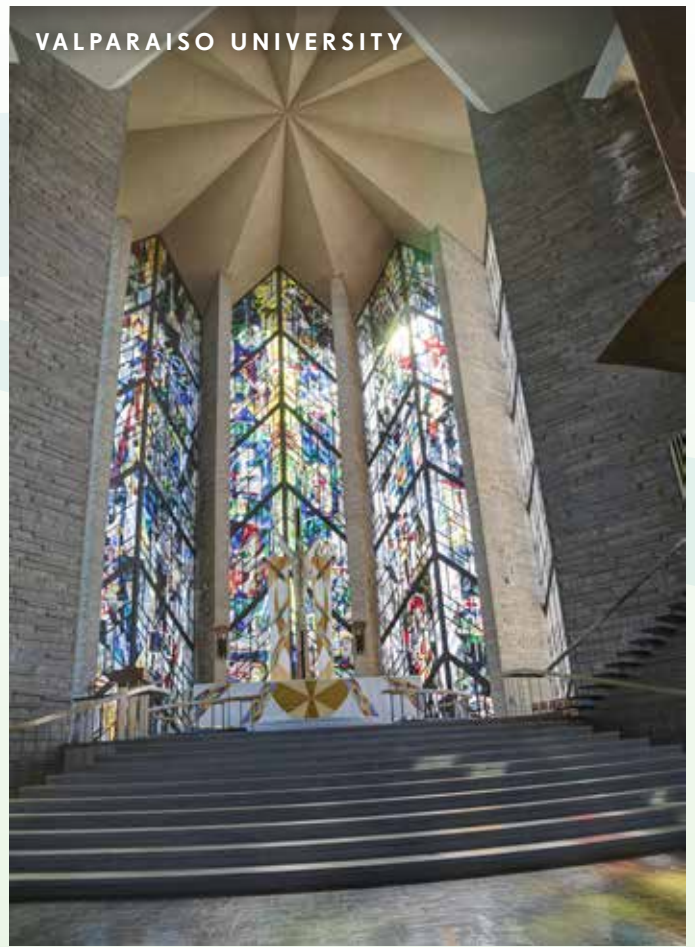


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Memorial Opera House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this local theatre offers patrons and visitors modern amenities along with a Mainstage Season of Broadway musicals featuring the local theatre community, nationally recognized concert acts, a Lunchtime Cabaret series, LimeLights Youth Theatre program, special events, and venue rentals.

104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso
219-548-9137

memorialoperahouse.com

Map: N27



Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse)

Once the sheriff's residence and local jail, the Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse) is now home to Northern Indiana's most extensive collection of area history and treasure. Exhibits are displayed throughout the building and change regularly.

153 S. Franklin St., Valparaiso
219-465-3595

pocomuse.org

Map: N27



The Port Drive-In

A visit to the Indiana Dunes area isn't complete without a visit to The Port Drive-In—a Chesterton icon since 1957. Dine inside or let carhops come directly to your vehicle to enjoy American fare like chili dogs or homemade root beer in frosted mugs from this blast from the past.

419 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-926-3500

theportdrivein.net

Map: N10



Valparaiso University

Home to the renowned Chapel of the Resurrection, which was named one of the 30 most beautiful college cathedrals in the world, Valparaiso University is at the center of the area's cultural and artistic landscape.

1700 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso

219-464-5000

valpo.edu

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Valpo Velvet Ice Cream Shoppe

People from all over have been traveling to Valpo Velvet Ice Cream for the same homemade, rich, creamy, old-fashioned ice cream treats made by The Brown Family since 1947. They also serve homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, and daily food specials; offering many vegetarian and vegan options. Valpo Velvet is a great option for all ages!

55-57 W. Monroe St., Valparaiso

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Zao Island Amusement Center

An adventureland for grown-ups and kids alike with two miniature golf courses, go-karts, bumper cars, a game room, batting cages, a giant slide, laser tag, an on-site pizzeria with beer and wine, and even baby alligator feeding.

1050 Horseprairie Ave., Valparaiso
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Chesterton Art Center (CAC)

The CAC is located in historic downtown Chesterton, highlighted by its well-known red doors. They provide access to the art through classes/workshops for all ages, community outreach programs, member-created artisan gifts, and monthly exhibitions. They also host the annual Chesterton Art Fair in August. 115 S. 4th St., Chesterton 219-926-4711 chestertonart.org Map: O11

Holly Jackson Art Studio and Gallery

This artist’s vivid, contemporary pieces are reminiscent of cheerful Van Goghs and evoke life in an eye-catching way. Don’t miss Jackson’s Dunes-inspired paintings, which “speak so uniquely to this area.” 103 S. 2nd St., Chesterton 219-926-8290 [Find them on Facebook](#) Map: O11



Depot Museum and Art Gallery

Fondly referred to as “The Depot,” this intimate museum and gallery is open May through October. Their mission is to preserve the stories of Beverly Shores, feature shows by regional artists, and connect communities and people through events. The Depot also offers a gift shop with unique artisan items that make perfect gifts. 525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores 219-250-2290 thedepotmag.org Map: T4

Montague/Urschel Gallery (MUG)

This 1,500-square-foot, climate-controlled, accessible space presents many different art collections. 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso 219-465-3595 pocomuse.org/mug Map: N27



MAKE YOUR OWN ART

Art Barn School of Art

Established in 1977, this not-for-profit organization is located in a restored country barn on 69 acres. Yearly exhibitions, juried shows, classes, and events are featured throughout the year.

695 N. 400 East, Valparaiso

219-462-9009

artbarnschool.org

Map: T20

Artsmith Studio

This company offers individualized art instruction in a group setting.

They offer Open Art Studio, Creativity & Cake, Create Your Own Masterpiece, and Palette & Cork parties. Check their website for upcoming events, or contact them to set up an appointment.

325-1 S. Calumet, Chesterton

219-405-0614

artsmithstudio.org

Map: O11



Moth Wing Studio

This do-it-yourself art studio inside of Hopkins' Ace Hardware features large spaces for ceramic painting, spin art, and fused glass creations.

325 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-926-3737

mothwingstudio.com

Map: O11

Three Moons Fiberworks

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402 Broadway, Chesterton

219-841-5387

threemoonsfiberworks.com

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Moth Wing Studio





LIVE THEATER

4th Street Theater

This award-winning community theater produces musicals and plays that are amusing and entertaining as well as classic and sometimes provocative. Call or check their website for events and scheduling.

125 N. 4th St., Chesterton

219-926-7875

4thstreetncca.com

Map: N11



Chicago Street Theatre

Since 1955, Chicago Street Theatre has brought cutting-edge drama-comedy, musicals, Shakespeare, and family productions to Northwest Indiana. Their One Night Jam concert series features singer-songwriters performing their own music. Their Shakespeare in the Park is performed every year at Central Park Plaza. And their education program has thrived. They are proud to be home to the only Team Ensemble in Northwest Indiana.

154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso

219-464-1636

chicagostreet.org

Map: N26



Concert Association of Valparaiso

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Various locations, Northwest Indiana

219-462-5305

valpoconcerts.com

Memorial Opera House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Memorial Opera House's old-school charm is married to top-notch modern amenities as it presents live Broadway musicals and plays, national music acts, live comedy, and a monthly cabaret series. Call or check the website for a schedule.

104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso

219-548-9137

memorialoperahouse.com

Map: N27



What's your favorite live entertainment spot?

"Hands down, the Memorial Opera House," says Colin Roberts. "They have a lot of great musical acts in addition to their plays."

Portage Township Live Entertainment Association

This company brings professional musicians, dancers, acrobats, magicians, and more to the community. Check the website for details and show locations.

Various locations

219-762-5025

portagemusic.com



ASK
A LOCAL

MOVIE THEATERS

49er Drive-In Theatre

Experience a blast from the past at a place that has been chosen as one of the top drive-ins in the nation. Open weekends in April, May, and September. Open every night Memorial Day weekend to the third week in August. The show starts at dusk; the box office opens one hour prior. 675 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso 219-462-6122

49erdrivein.com

Map: P20

Cinemark 12 at Valparaiso

Catch the latest movie on one of this theater's 12 screens, and don't forget to grab your favorite treat from the concession stand. 700 Porters Vale Blvd., Valparaiso 219-464-0260

cinemark.com

Map: R26



Imagine Portage

This Midwest-based theater strives to create a movie-going experience like no other, complete with advanced ticket sales, plush power recliners and/or premium rockers, expanded concessions, digital projection & sound systems, and great loyalty program options. 6550 American Way, Portage 219-706-3400

emagine-entertainment.com

Map: F17



SUMMER CONCERTS

CHESTERTON

June and July

Chesterton Bandstand Concert and Family Film Series

Enjoy live music followed by a family-fun film under the stars.

Thomas Centennial Park & Chesterton Bandstand

Calumet Rd. and Broadway, Chesterton 219-926-7696

wpl.lib.in.us

VALPARAISO

June

Summer Outdoor Movies

Watch some of the biggest hits from the past and present underneath the moon and the stars at The Porter Health Amphitheater in Central Park Plaza. Every Tuesday at dusk.

Central Park Plaza

Central Park, 68 Lafayette St., Valparaiso

219-464-8332

valparaisoevents.com

July—August

Summer Concert Series

This concert series features many talented artists—each with their own unique style and sound on select Thursday nights in the summer.

Central Park Plaza

Central Park, 68 Lafayette St., Valparaiso

219-464-8332

valparaisoevents.com

PORTAGE

June—August

Summer Music in the Park

Enjoy a free public concert each Tuesday night at Woodland Park.

Woodland Park—Sycamore Hall or Oakwood Grand Hall

2100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage 219-762-5025

inportageparks.com

June—August

Zao Island Summer Concert Series

Enjoy live music every Friday and Saturday night, featuring talent from the area's hottest musicians.

Zao Island Amusement Center 1050 Horse Prairie Ave., Valparaiso

219-462-1194

zaoisland.net

Visit indianadunes.com/events
for the latest events



ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

ABOVE, ON, & UNDERWATER

Whether you are looking to fly, boat, or scuba dive in the dunes, there are rentals to help you find the perfect experience. Check online for seasonal hours.

CMS Marine Boat and Jet Ski Rentals

Make a reservation to rent a boat or jet ski for the day.
6159 Dune Harbor Dr. (at Marina Shores), Portage
219-508-3195
cmsmarinerentals.com
Map: D11

Doynes's Marine

This marina offers boat storage, docks, slip rentals, and a launch ramp. Launch fee includes parking for your towing vehicle.
1340 N. Crisman Rd., Portage
219-762-7622
doynesmarine.com
Map: E11

Marina Shores at Dune Harbor

Seasonal and transient slips are available as well as a full-service fuel station, store with snacks, picnic area with grills, Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities. You'll also have access to sandy beaches and waterfront dining.
6159 Dune Harbor Dr., Portage
219-762-5700
marinashoresindiana.com
Map: D10

Miller's Marine Center

Rent kayaks and canoes at this marina, which also provides boat slips, sales, services, and storage.
1305 State Rd. 249, Portage
219-762-8767
mwmarina.com
Map: E11

Portage Public Marina (Sammie L. Maletta Public Marina)

This marina offers seasonal and transient slips, ramps for daily boat launches, and a store with boating supplies, ice, snacks, and beverages. There are picnic tables and charcoal grills, as well as public & private restrooms and a handicap lift. They also offer a free Season Launch Pass to disabled veterans. You must show proof of disability with a VA card.
1200 Marina Way, Portage
219-763-6833
portagein.gov
Map: E10



DISCOVER A SHIPWRECK

The J.D. Marshall Preserve, located in Lake Michigan near the Indiana Dunes State Park, preserves the site of a 1922 shipwreck. Scuba divers can dive to "take only pictures and leave only bubbles." Information and artifacts are available at the State Park's Nature Center. Visit indianashipwrecks.org for more information.



FROM THE AIR

To enhance your Indiana Dunes adventure, enjoy a relaxing one-hour flight over the entire Indiana Dunes area. Begin your journey at Porter County Regional Airport.



Eagle Aircraft

Fly over the dunes. Eagle Aircraft's discovery and scenic flights allow you to fly where you want with FAA-certified full-time flight instructors, who are on-site daily. Hourly aircraft rentals are available all day, every day. Check their website for prices. 4001 Murvihill Rd., Valparaiso 219-464-0132 jseagle.com/discovery-flights Map: R29

Region Flyers

If you want to see the beauty from the sky, get some hands-on experience in a plane, and/or meet some really great people, Region Flyers will give you an experience you'll never forget. Find details on their website or call. 4601 Murvihill Rd., Valparaiso 844-435-9694 regionflyers.com Map: R29

CHARTER BOATING

Hook up with one of our charter boat captains and head out on Lake Michigan for some great fishing or sightseeing.

Brother Nature Charter Fishing

Get the ultimate salmon and trout fishing experience. Captain Mike limits passenger loads to four or fewer anglers with affordable outing prices. Brother Nature leaves from Lake and Porter County Marinas.

Various locations
877-725-6665

brother-nature.com

Rainmaker Charters

This U.S.C.G. licensed Captain launches from the Burns Waterway. Fish for coho salmon, chinook, steelhead, brown trout, and lake trout from late March through September and ultra-light tackle charters in March and April. 6676 Lakewood Ave., Portage 219-762-9336 or 800-762-9336 lakemichigansportfishing.com

Schellfish Sportfishing Charters

This U.S.C.G. licensed captain has been fishing for salmon and trout in the southern part of Lake Michigan for over 30 years. Charter for perch, king salmon, coho salmon, brown trout, steelhead trout, and lake trout in Illinois and Indiana from Chicago, Illinois to Michigan City, Indiana. 24610 Stone Ridge Ln., Crete, IL 708-672-4454 or 708-372-8201 schellfishcharters.com

Triplecatch Lake Michigan Sportfishing Charters

Captain Rich Sleziak is a full-time charter captain on Lake Michigan specializing in Salmon and Trout. Two boats are run on regular charter trips out of Portage, Indiana at Marina Shores. The Triple Catch offers a "No Fish, No Pay" guarantee for all customers. 2245 Randolph St., Lake Station 219-588-5929

[Find them on Facebook](#)



FAMILY FUN

For even more indoor activities,
check out our **Arts & Entertainment**
and **Museums** sections.

FAMILY FUN

Duneland Family YMCA

This community center features family activities, youth sports, soccer, T-ball, basketball, volleyball, hip-hop, cheerleading, and an outdoor pool. Call or check the website for open swim times. Guest passes are available for purchase at the courtesy desk. 215 Roosevelt St., Chesterton 219-926-4204

dunelandymca.org

Map: P11



RAINY DAY GUIDE

Just because it's raining doesn't mean your adventure has to stop. Here are some family fun activities that are perfect for having a sunny day inside while it's raining outside.



Fireflies Fun Zone

This giant indoor space features laser tag and a playground with jumping, climbing, and sliding obstacles. They also have party rooms, an arcade, and food. 1505 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton 219-929-4300

firefliesfamilyfun.com

Map: O13



Hebron Lanes

This 16-lane bowling alley in Hebron has been in the area for generations, so you'll see all ages hitting the lanes. 725 State Rd. 2, Hebron 219-996-7271

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: C42



Inman's Fun & Party Center

Experience 32 lanes of bowling, a video game arcade with ticket redemption, go-karts, miniature golf, paddleboat soakers, billiards, and air hockey. Enjoy the food at the Old Prospect Pub or the Panhandlers Pizza & Snack Bar. Banquet and party rooms are available. 3201 Evans Ave., Valparaiso 219-462-1300

inmansvalpo.com

Map: Q25



Mission: Escape

Mission: Escape offers physical adventure games in which players solve a series of puzzles using clues, hints, and strategy to complete objectives and escape the room. One locked room. One hour. Can you escape? Call to book your next adventure. 1050 Broadway, Ste. 3, Chesterton 219-983-1577

missionescapedunes.com

Map: M11





YMCA



FIREFLIES FUN ZONE



ZAO ISLAND AMUSEMENT CENTER

Pleasant Township Pool

Best kept secret in Southern Porter County. Outdoor public swimming pool. Family-friendly facilities with a friendly staff. Open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There is an admission fee. Punch cards, family memberships, private pool parties, rentals, swim lessons, and acrobatic classes are available.
812 W. Sunset Dr., Kouts
219-766-3794
[Find them on Facebook](#)
Map: P44

Zao Island Amusement Center

An adventureland for grown-ups and kids alike with two miniature golf courses, go-karts, bumper cars, a game room, batting cages, a giant slide, laser tag, an on-site pizzeria with beer and wine, and even baby alligator feeding.
1050 Horseprairie Ave., Valparaiso
219-462-1194
zaoisland.net
Map: N28



Valparaiso Family YMCA

This indoor facility has exercise equipment, two full basketball courts, and one 25-yard lap pool as well as a warm water leisure pool and slide. Call or check the website for open swim times. Guest passes are available for purchase at the courtesy desk.
1201 Cumberland Crossing Dr., Valparaiso
219-462-4185
valpoymca.org
Map: O24



KIDS GUIDE

For even more family fun activities, pick up a kids guide at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, and see where the Indiana Dunes Discovery Kids will take you.



GARDENS

Brincka Cross Gardens

Once a private residence, this architecturally unique home and garden includes a wide variety of trees and plants—including 400 different types of hostas, 450 varieties of daffodils, 25 kinds of crabapple trees, 40 cultivars of ornamental grasses, and 25 varieties of forsythias. Schedule a tour for more exploration of the home to see why experts and enthusiasts from across the country come to marvel at the gardens.

427 E. Furness Rd., Michigan City
219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: T6



FUN FACT

Sign up for a tour at Brincka Cross to see the inside of the building. Check out the red bathroom upstairs—it's the quirkiest bathroom in the Indiana Dunes (maybe even in the state).

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve

This beautiful 167-acre preserve is a relaxing place to walk or picnic with water features, a shelter, and a five-mile trail through restored prairie, creek, wetlands, and woodlands. Educational programs are available during select times, and cross-country skiing is available during the winter.

2401 Village Point, Chesterton

219-926-1842

coffeecreekwc.org

Map: O14



Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Gabis is a popular location for birding enthusiasts and offers more than 300 acres of dog-friendly walking trails, gardens, woodlands, and wetlands. Their award-winning attraction is a half-mile model railway garden complete with waterfalls, elaborate bridges, and an impressive 14-foot change in elevation. There is an entrance fee.

450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso

219-462-0025

pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum

Map: G29



Ogden Gardens Park

These four acres of professionally maintained botanical gardens feature perennial gardens, annual displays, native and ornamental trees, a gazebo, and a Japanese garden. The Japanese garden also includes a Teahouse, shaded trails with bridges crossing streams, and a 22,000-gallon koi pond.

451 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso

219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N25



CENTURY OF
PROGRESS HOMES



HISTORIC SITES & TOURS

Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm

These two historic sites sit nearly side-by-side. Bailly Homestead is named for Joseph Bailly, the first known non-native region resident, who set up a fur-trading post here around 1820. After viewing the homestead, hike to nearby Chellberg Farm, which looks like it did in the early 1900s, and explore the restored Mnoke Prairie on the Little Calumet River Trail. 618 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: L10



Century of Progress Homes

Originally constructed for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, these homes were built to show modern architectural design, experimental materials, and new technologies like air conditioning and dishwashers. Drive or walk past them year-round, or get a look inside during the annual tour in the fall. Lake Front Dr., between Dunbar Ave. and Derby Ave., Beverly Shores 219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu/historyculture/centuryofprogress.htm

Map: S3

Chaos Haunted & Historical Tours

Chaos Haunted & Historical Tours has been offering ghost tours of Northwest Indiana for over 20 years! Haunted Bus Tours leaving from Crown Point, Valparaiso, and Chesterton take you to haunted locations rich with history, lore, legends, and ghostly tales. They also offer haunted walking tours, haunted pub crawls, ghost hunting tours, midnight stays, and much more! Visit the website or call for more information..

Various locations

219-714-3761

chaostrips.com

Downtown Valparaiso

Walking Tours

Learn the architectural history of Valparaiso on one of six self-guided walking tours. See elegant houses on Washington Street, and marvel at the impressive courthouse square. Visit the website to print self-guided tour brochures.

Various locations in Valparaiso

219-462-1161

ci.valparaiso.in.us

Map: N27

Midwest Rail Rangers

Hop aboard the South Shore Line and learn about the people, places, and history passing by outside your window. Onboard educational programs are presented by Midwest Rail Rangers Interpretive Guides on select weekends year-round. The narration is free to all ticket-holding passengers. Programs are presented in one car of the train with seating on a first come/first serve basis. Check their website for dates.

Various locations on the

South Shore Line

847-271-1979

railrangers.org or dunetrain.com

Map: N7



The Indiana Dunes National Park and State Park

Check indianadunes.com/events for information about guided tours and ranger-led hikes.



MUSEUMS

Countryside Park and Alton Goin Museum

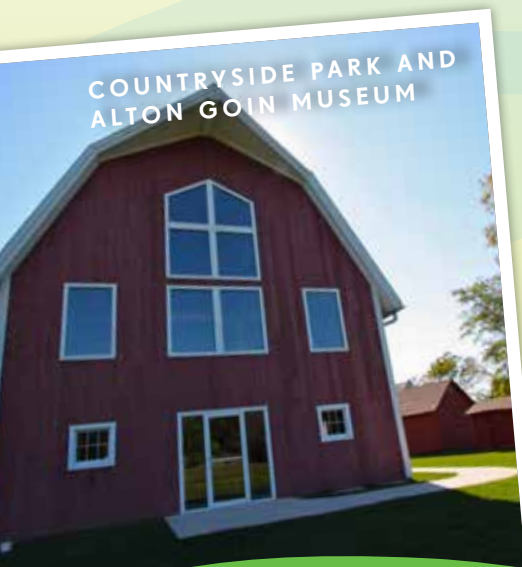
This 33-acre park is home to an 18-hole disc golf course, fishing pond, playground, shelter, trails, and Portage's largest winter sledding hill. The museum houses cultural artifacts from the Portage region, and the historic Trager farmhouse and outbuildings are nearby.

5250 U.S. 6, Portage

219-762-8349

inpchs.com/the-places/the-alton-goin-museum

Map: C18



Depot Museum and Art Gallery

Fondly referred to as "The Depot," this intimate museum and gallery is open May through October. Their mission is to preserve the stories of Beverly Shores, feature shows by regional artists, and connect communities and people through events. The Depot also offers a gift shop with unique artisan items that make perfect gifts.

525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores

219-250-2290

thedepotmag.org

Map: T4



The "Hour Glass" House Museum

The museum focuses on the history of Ogden Dunes and the art of local artists, including material about Dale Messick, Dorothy Buell, a 1920s ski jump, and even a shipwreck. View exhibits by appointment.

8 Lupine Ln., Ogden Dunes

219-763-0658

odhistory.org

Map: C9



Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse)

Once the sheriff's residence and local jail, the Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse) is now home to Northern Indiana's most extensive collection of area history and treasure.

Exhibits are displayed throughout the building and change regularly.

153 S. Franklin St., Valparaiso

219-465-3595

pocomuse.org

Map: N27



Stagecoach Inn & Panhandle Depot

The Stagecoach Inn, built in 1849, features period items and community artifacts, while the Panhandle Depot houses railroad memorabilia and an exhibit on military service. Both are available for tours. Call ahead to check times. They are open all year by appointment. The Stagecoach Inn is owned by the Hebron Parks Department and was donated by the Alyea Family.

127 N. Main St., Hebron

219-996-4641

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: C43

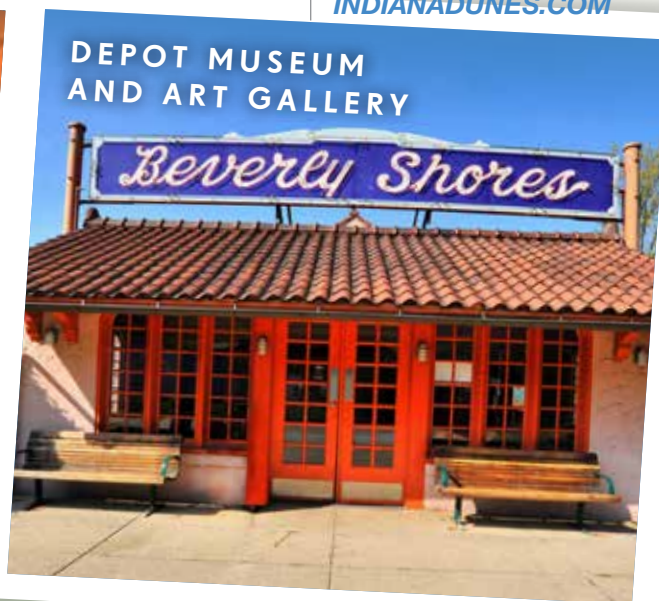


WESCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM





PORTER COUNTY MUSEUM



DEPOT MUSEUM
AND ART GALLERY

Task Force Tips Fire Museum

This museum offers a fascinating view of firefighting from the age of leather buckets to the modern era of gasoline fire trucks. Guided tours of the museum and adjoining Task Force Tips fire suppression equipment company are available. Call to reserve a group tour.
3701 Innovation Way, Valparaiso
1-800-348-2686

tft.com

Map: R29



Westchester Township History Museum

Located in an elegantly restored 1885 Victorian home, the museum houses exhibits tracing the area's history from the glacial era to today. It also features works by local artists and offers research assistance for genealogy and local history. Tour the exhibits or take a guided tour of the house. The gift shop features items of local interest and items made by local artisans. Call for regular hours or to make an appointment
700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton
219-983-9715

wpl.lib.in.us/museum

Map: N12



ASK A LOCAL

What's your favorite part of the Indiana Dunes area?

"Rich in culture and attractively located in a rural setting, the city of Valparaiso is a hot spot for arts, cuisine, and entertainment."

-Blogarama

"...I love learning about and experiencing the past. This was the best part about visiting the Indiana Dunes—you don't just read about or visit historical sites, you experience them."

—Ashley Buchanan



STAGECOACH INN &
PANHANDLE DEPOT



PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Butterfly Meadows and Caterpillar Crossing

This butterfly-themed playground with a unique music station is nestled among a small prairie and is a designated Monarch waystation. Restrooms are available, and a two-mile paved trail connects to Rogers-Lakewood Park. 3210 Campbell St., Valparaiso 219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N23



Central Park Plaza

As the center of downtown Valparaiso, Valparaiso's Central Park Plaza has year-round outdoor fun. Enjoy farmers markets, concerts, and events, as well as a splash pad, an Orville Redenbacher statue, and live theatre. In the winter, visitors can also enjoy ice skating and hockey. 70 Lafayette St., Valparaiso 219-548-4888

centralparkplazavalpo.com

Map: N27



Chesterton/Friendship Land Park

The park has playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, and restrooms, as well as a summer splash pad, baseball field, and shelter that can be reserved for events.

5th St. between Morgan Ave. and Porter Ave., Chesterton 219-926-3000

chestertonin.org

Map: N11



Countryside Park and Alton Goin Museum

This 33-acre park is home to an 18-hole disc golf course, fishing pond, playground, shelter, trails, and Portage's largest winter sledding hill. The museum houses cultural artifacts from the Portage region, and the historic Trager farmhouse and outbuildings are nearby.

5250 U.S. 6, Portage

219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: B18

Founders Square Park and Hannah's Hope Playground

This popular location for community events is home to Hannah's Hope Playground, a playground for children of all abilities. The neighboring splash pad is also the perfect place for young kids to cool off on a hot summer day.

6300 Founders Square, Portage

219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: E15

Hawthorne Park

A local park complete with a playground, community center, shelters, volleyball, basketball, baseball, nine-hole disc golf course, and a footpath back to the Little Calumet River for shoreline fishing.

500 Ackerman Dr., Porter

219-983-1042

townofporter.com

Map: M10



@brooke3705
"Park day"



Imagination Glen Park

Imagination Glen Park has two playgrounds, picnic shelters, and plenty of open play space. The park is home to soccer and softball complexes, two volleyball courts, a BMX racetrack, and a 10-mile Outback Mountain Bike Trail. Salt Creek runs through the center of the park and woodlands cover much of the property. In the winter, there are three miles of marked cross-country skiing trails ranging from beginner to advanced.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage
219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: G14

Lakeland Park

Lakeland has lifeguard-supervised swimming, as well as fishing, rowboat, and paddleboat rentals. There's also a walking path around the lake, horseshoes, sand volleyball, basketball, playgrounds, sports fields, and a dog park. There is an entrance fee during the summer months.

1200 Lakeland Park Dr., Burns Harbor
219-787-8126

burnsharbor-in.gov/253/Park-Department

Map: J11



Rogers-Lakewood Park

Nestled on 122 acres of rolling woodlands, Rogers-Lakewood Park offers picnic pavilions, a sledding hill, a disc golf course, and a skateboard park. Two lakes also offer fishing, boating, and wildlife viewing with paddleboat, rowboat, and fishing pole rentals available. Native wildflowers and Lakewood Link, a two-mile foot/bike trail connecting the park to Foundation Meadows, make the park a great destination for nature enthusiasts.

5320 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N21



Sunset Hill Farm County Park

This lovely 235-acre park was once a working dairy farm. There are several miles of trails through woodlands and prairies with picnic and play areas, as well as an outdoor amphitheater and primitive campground. Winter events include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and popular holiday lights display.

775 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: N18



Thomas S. Drazer Memorial Park

A quiet, shady place to have a picnic or just sit and visit with friends. There is a shelter equipped with tables and grills, tennis courts, basketball courts, a large playground, and a lighted community ball field.

909 West Daumer Rd., Kouts
219-766-3312

koutsindiana.org/parks-recreation

Map: Q44



ValPLAYso

This giant playground was built by the Valparaiso community, and more than 2,600 children and adults shared in the experience. There are restrooms and picnic areas available.

1400 Glendale Blvd., Valparaiso
219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: P25

Woodland Park

Woodland Park is 64 acres and houses a multi-purpose gymnasium with access to the Iron Horse Trail. The park is also home to a Veterans Memorial, two playgrounds, a gazebo, picnic shelters, a sledding hill, an oak savanna habitat, a community garden, and a dog park.

2100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage
219-762-1675

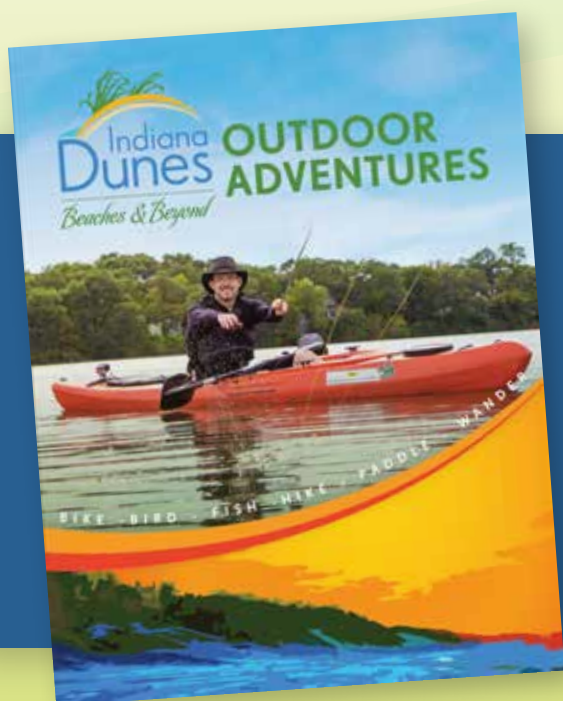
inportageparks.com

Map: D13



MORE RECREATION

Hop online and request a copy of our Outdoor Adventures Guide to be sent right to your front door. It has even more recreation locations to explore in the Indiana Dunes area. Just visit indianadunes.com/destination-guides.





SPORTS

Blastcamp Paintball & Airsoft

Built on a former Army base with 28 acres of bunkers, trenches, and towers, this paintball range has open play on weekends, and groups can reserve it during the week.
563 W. 600 North, Hobart
219-947-7733
blastcamp.com
Map: D21

Blythe's Sport Shop and Shooting Range

Unleash your inner sharpshooter at this indoor gun range. Everyone on staff is an enthusiast and will be able to answer any and all questions you "shoot" their way. Ammunitions, targets, and hearing protection are available on site.
2810 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso
219-476-0026
blythesgungear.com
Map: P24

The Courts of Northwest Indiana

Keep your game skills up at the biggest gym center in the area. Basketball courts, tennis courts, gymnastics equipment, outdoor sand volleyball, and batting cages are available for the ultimate sports enthusiast.
127 E. U.S. 6, Valparaiso
219-465-1111
thecourtsofnwi.com
Map: P18



Creekside Golf Course and Training Center

Whether you're a beginning golfer or a veteran hitter looking for a more intimate green experience, Creekside Golf Course has a three-hole and nine-hole course to perfectly suit your needs. Each pristine, manicured course has different tee boxes for different skill levels. If the weather isn't cooperating, you can still swing away at the indoor golf simulator.
2355 Clifford Rd., Valparaiso
219-477-7888
valparaisogolf.com
Map: L26



Forest Park Golf Course & Welter Room

This challenging 18-hole golf course has been honored as one of the best public courses in Northwest Indiana. In the winter, Harrison Boulevard hosts tubing and sledding.
1155 Sheffield Dr., Valparaiso
219-531-7888
valparaisogolf.com
Map: M25



Rio's Indoor Golf

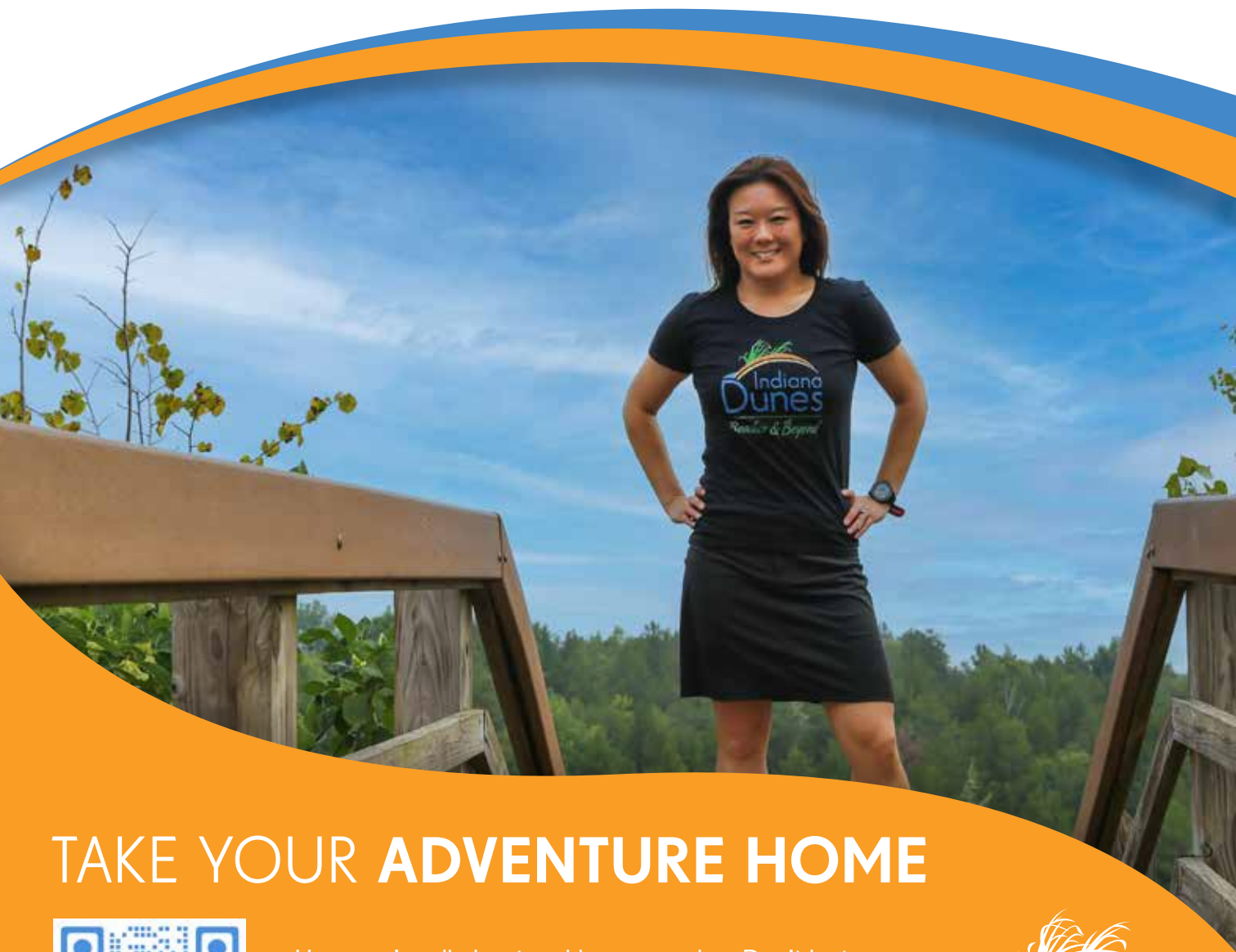
Rio's has a retail shop where you can pick up clubs and apparel. It also has two golf simulators so you can call for a tee time and play golf in the winter. Professional instruction is also available.
3205 Cascade Dr., Valparaiso
219-465-5200
[Find them on Facebook](#)
Map: Q26



Looking for a great course? Check out these Professional Golfers' Association of America members.

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See you soon in the dunes!

EVENTS

Check indianadunes.com/events for the most up-to-date event information.

May–October

Chesterton's European Market
Broadway and Third St., Chesterton
219-926-5513
dunelandchamber.org/european-market



July

Bark in the Park
220 Broadway, Chesterton
219-617-1742
dunebig.com



BOARDING

Ruff Luxury Inn
55 E. Morthland Dr., Valparaiso
219-242-8820
ruffluxuryinn.com
Map: O28



PLACES TO GO

Anderson's Winery and Vineyard
430 E. U.S. 6, Valparaiso
219-464-4936
andersonswinery.com
Map: U18



Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve
2401 Village Point, Chesterton
219-926-1842
coffeecreekwc.org
Map: O14



Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest
450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso
219-462-0025
pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum
Map: G29



Indiana Dunes State Park
1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton
219-926-1952
on.in.gov/indianadunes
Map: N6



Indiana Department of Natural Resources



Does your business love pets too?
We want to know! Email us at
julie@indianadunes.com.



BARK RANGER

Join the BARK Ranger program by completing the BARK Ranger activity guide to receive a collectible dog tag!

Indiana Dunes National Park

Various locations

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu/index.htm



Sunset Hill Farm County Park

775 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso

219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org

Map: N18



ValPAWraiso Dog Park

2902 Campbell St., Valparaiso

219-462-5144

valpoparks.org

Map: N24



Woodland Park

2100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage

219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: D13



Zona Wildlife Sanctuary

601 E. 950 North, Westville

219-246-2407

zona-wildlife.edan.io

Map: X15



SHOPPING

Bass Pro Shops

6425 Daniel Burnham Dr., Portage

219-787-6800

basspro.com

Map: E12



Chesterton Feed & Garden Center

400 Locust St., Chesterton

219-926-2790

chestertonfeed.com

Map: N10



Furry Babies Portage

6636 U.S. Hwy. 6 W., Portage

219-734-6165

furrybabiesinc.com

Map: F18



Healthi Paws

2912 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso

219-286-7062

healthipaws.com

Map: P23



Hungry Hound

64 Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-286-6393

hungryhound.com

Map: O27



Jake's Feed & Garden

326 S. State Rd. 49, Valparaiso

219-477-4174

jakesfeed.com

Map: Q40



Pet Supplies "Plus"

6030 Central Ave., Portage

219-763-0697

petsuppliesplus.com

Map: D15



2410 LaPorte Ave., Valparaiso

219-531-0622

petsuppliesplus.com

Map: P27



Tammie's Dog Services and Training

6313 Central Ave., Portage

219-841-9100

tammiesdogservices.com

Map: M26



Woof Life

3907 Calumet Ave., Ste. 200

219-286-3644

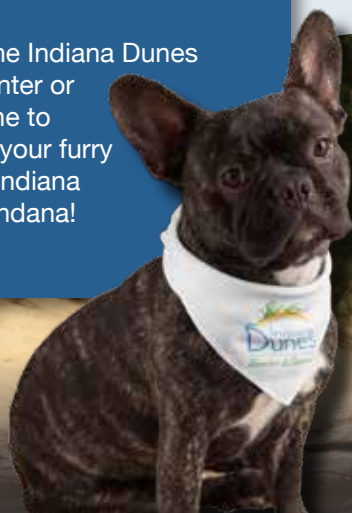
wooflife.com

Map: P23



DOG BANDANA

Stop by the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center or shop online to purchase your furry friend an Indiana Dunes bandana!



Please remember that pets should be kept on a leash when hiking. Help keep our trails clean by picking up after your pet. Thanks!

SHOPPING



PORTER COUNTY
EXPO CENTER EVENT

ANTIQUES & VINTAGE

Alley Kat's Curiosity Shoppe

Alley Kat's is home to over fifty local artists and curators of vintage, furniture, fashion, gifts, toys, and collections. Family-friendly and fun for all ages, we are open every weekend Thursday through Sunday. 1515 Roosevelt Rd., Valparaiso 219-252-2386 alleykatshoppe.com Map: P25

BJ's Coins and Jewelry

BJ's Coins opened in 1978. They sell U.S. Mint collectable coins and buy and sell gold and silver bullion. They are licensed and bonded with the City of Portage. 5896 U.S. 6, Portage 219-762-1193 [Find them on Facebook](#) Map: D17



Chelle's Boutique & Garage

Chelle's products consist of socially conscious women's apparel and accessories, intimates, home furniture and décor, beauty and gifts, paint, and paint accessories. They sell local artisan wares and all-natural paint. They also offer affordable gently used items under their label, Second Love. Classes are available to help transform old and ugly items into beautiful and usable pieces. 209 Broadway, Chesterton 219-928-3001 chellesonline.com Map: O11

Goodbyes Second Hand Shop

This second-hand shop acquires entire estates, bringing antiques, furniture, and more to its store. 402 W. Sigler St., Hebron 219-996-3312 goodbyeesshop.com Map: B42

Kathy's Antique Shop

This upscale dealer specializes in fine antiques and jewelry. They've got a licensed appraiser on staff if you have questions about particular items. They also conduct estate sales. 1599 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton 219-926-1400 [Find them on Facebook](#) Map: O13

Marc t. Nielsen Interiors

This comprehensive interior design firm specializes in personal design services that solve problems and create amazing spaces. They have a large antique shop and gallery with furniture, accessories, lighting, and artwork from many cultures. Come see the world at Marc t. Nielsen Interiors! 734 Old Suman Rd., Valparaiso 219-462-9812 marctnielseninteriors.com Map: S19

New Creation Resale Shop

This resale shop sells furniture, clothing, books, music, videos, collectibles, tools, and more. Proceeds fund programs that directly benefit homeless men in Porter County. All of the merchandise is donated. No consignments.
2102 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso
219-286-7061

newcreationresaleshop.com

Map: O27



O'Gara & Wilson Ltd. Booksellers

This local shop deals in used and rare books, documents, maps, art, photographs, collectibles, and small antiques from estate institutions, private collections, and academic libraries.
223 Broadway, Chesterton
219-728-1326

ogaraandwilson.com

Map: O11



Presbyterian Resale Shop

Selling gently used clothing for the whole family, books, toys, jewelry, linens, small household items, and seasonal items. All merchandise is donated and our staff is all volunteers. Proceeds are donated to local charities.
7 Lincolnway, Valparaiso
219-462-4281

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: O27

Renegade Resale Shop

They buy and sell anything from music to furniture, books, records, DVDs, sporting goods, hardware, appliances computers, and anything else that is legal.
108 N. Calumet, Chesterton
219-561-1218

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: O11

Russ & Barb's Antiques

Discover jewelry, art, pottery, china, and decorative glass at this local antique shop.
222 Lincoln Ave., Chesterton
219-926-4937

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: O12

Schoolhouse Shop & Antiques

This shop boasts an eclectic array of unique gifts, artisan foods, stylish clothes (at Dune Clothiers), and more. Dating from 1886, this former Porter County Schoolhouse now serves as a shopping destination in the Indiana Dunes.
278 E. 1500 North, Chesterton
219-926-1551

schoolhouseshop.com

Map: R7



Valpo Vintage

Art Deco, mid-century, retro, military, sports, artwork, kitchenware, and much more. The shop is stocked with items found at in-person estate sales which are guaranteed authentic items from their period.
208 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso
219-501-8979

valpovintage.com

Map: P27

Yesterday's Treasures Antique Mall & Artisan Gallery

Enjoy 20,000 square feet of heirloom antiques, furniture, hand-crafted artisanship, books, jewelry, glass, pipes, watches, and vinyl records from 70 different vendors.

700 Broadway, Chesterton

219-926-2268

chestertonantiquemall.com

Map: N11



Where can you find the best vintage pieces around?

"I love Yesterday's Treasures Antique Mall," says Brooke Allen. "They have a variety of vendors so I know I'll find something interesting that fits my style."



INDIANA DUNES MERCHANDISE

Looking for a way to commemorate your Indiana Dunes vacation? Visit the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center or our online store for the perfect gift.

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IndianaDunes.com/Shop





FARM FRESH & GARDENING

Acorn Acres

Acorn Acres is a local family farm. They raise “good” food with natural and sustainable practices. You will find natural healthy meat, produce, eggs, and honey.
360 Indian Boundary Rd.,
Chesterton
219-214-1309
acornacresfarm.com
Map: O11



Birky Family Farms Country Gourmet & Catering

This Kouts staple offers naturally raised meat, locally roasted coffee, homemade gourmet products, baked goods, ice cream cones, and delicious pork burgers.
205 S. Main St., Kouts
219-766-3851
birkyfarms.com
Map: Q43

Broken Wagon Bison

Get up close and personal with our country’s largest native land mammal at this family-owned bison farm. Take a wagon tour to see a herd of more than 100 bison. Afterward, purchase a variety of bison meat products and gifts. Scheduled one-hour tours are offered on Saturdays from June to September. Call or see website for tour times. A tour fee applies.
563 W. 450 North, Hobart
219-759-3523
brokenwagonbison.com
Map: E23

Central Park Plaza

As the center of downtown Valparaiso, Valparaiso’s Central Park Plaza has year-round outdoor fun. Enjoy farmers markets, concerts, and events, as well as a splash pad, an Orville Redenbacher statue, and live theatre. In the winter, visitors can also enjoy ice skating and hockey.
70 Lafayette St., Valparaiso
219-548-4888
valparaisoevents.com
Map: N27



Chesterton Feed & Garden Center

Known for their pleasant and knowledgeable staff, their commitment to customers never stops growing. Whether you’re looking for help with landscape plants, lawns, pets, wild bird feeding, water gardening, or garden décor, they offer the quality products and guidance to make your home and garden beautiful.
400 Locust St., Chesterton
219-926-2790
chestertonfeed.com
Map: N10



Chesterton’s European Market

Chesterton’s European Market is a French-inspired artisans and farmers market located in historic downtown Chesterton. Vendors create a high-quality, eclectic marketplace featuring handmade art, pastries, freshly prepared food, farm-grown produce, jewelry, accessories, clothing, fresh soap, and more.
Broadway and Third St., Chesterton
219-926-5513
dunelandchamber.org/european-market
Map: O11



Coffee Creek Farmers Market

This local, "produce only" farmers market means that all vendors grow, make, produce, or create their products. Vendors include local farmers, specialty food producers, food trucks, and artisans.

178 E. Sidewalk Rd. Chesterton
219-707-9327

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: P14

County Line Orchard

Spend your day picking apples, running through corn mazes, visiting the kid's farm, listening to barnyard jams, and eating donuts. Make a wedding, birthday, or anniversary memory and more at the County Line Orchard.

200 S. County Line Rd., Hobart
219-947-4477

countylineorchard.com

Map: A19

Creme de la Crop

In 2002, Creme de la Crop started growing organic produce for the community on their seventy-acre, family farm. The operation now provides a wide range of locally produced and small-batch goods, in an on-site farm store. Handcrafted candles, skincare, and soaps are made in-house with the finest ingredients available. They simply share with you what they love.

208 N. 250 West, Valparaiso
219-462-9587

cremedelacrop.com

Map: I26

Olivezia

Great cooking begins with quality oil and vinegar. Their 70 flavors of oils and vinegar are imported from artisans and small-batch growers all over the world. Get lost in their wine room featuring 250 different wines, delicious cheese, and other gourmet foods. Gift items available and custom gourmet food gift boxes and baskets will make gifting a joy. Best of the Region voted them the #1 Gourmet Food Market & the Best Place to Buy Wine.

420 S. Calumet Rd.

219-926-3866

olivezia.com

Map: O12

WRF Nursery and Garden Center

A garden center that grows one of the largest selections of perennials, shrubs, and trees in the area. They also offer WRF-grown produce, pumpkins, and fresh evergreen wreaths, and winter arrangements made in-house! Check out their website for events and sale notifications. Open March through December.

255 E. 150 South,
Valparaiso

219-462-8733

wrfnursery.com

Map: R32



For more information on local and farm fresh food, visit the Northwest Indiana Food Council at nwifoodcouncil.org



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"We absolutely LOVE going to the Chesterton's European market!"

GIFTS & UNIQUE SHOPPING

Aster & Gray

This unique boutique sells handcrafted goods by more than 90 artisans. Their merchandise includes curated home decor, houseware, bath and body care, jewelry, stationery, apparel, and more.

20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso

219-510-1114

asterandgray.com

Map: N27



The Blue Butterfly

A new age retailer carrying products and supplies for many spiritual paths from around the globe. They also have unique gifts, meditation tools, jewelry, crystals, candles, and much more.

5806 Central Ave., Portage

219-254-2397

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: D15

Bangles Boutique

Bangles is located in historic downtown Valparaiso. They are known for their unique, french country inspired look and their amazing boutique brands. They have everything the modern, romantic, and artistic woman would love.

7 Washington St., Valparaiso

219-462-8462

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: O27

Chesterton Toys

This shop is a wonderland of classic and wooden toys, as well as unique, modern playthings, all with a strong focus on “kid-powered” entertainment. Their goal is for children to grow their minds while actively engaging in play, without the need for batteries and computers.

Just like the good ole days!

201 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-728-3030

chestertontoy.com

Map: O11

Designer Desserts

You'll need a fork and possibly a friend to share in these decadent cupcakes available in over 100 flavors. It's hard to pick a favorite with flavors such as key lime pie, dark chocolate raspberry, and pink champagne along with unique seasonal flavors.

56 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-465-0008

designerdessertsbakery.com

Map: N26

Edie Boutique

Edie's is your one-stop-shop for jewelry, handbags, clothing, and gift items. Edie's is trendy, current, and well priced. There is something for everyone whether you are lucky enough to still be young or seasoned enough to be hip. They receive new merchandise weekly and their friendly staff is knowledgeable and ready to style you for any occasion.

1 Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-510-5245

shopedie.com

Map: N26

Evolution Artisan Confections

Confections creates chocolates and desserts that look like pieces of art. Their delectable macaroons are available every day. All confections are created by a “Culinary Institute of America” graduate and trained pastry chef.

901 Calumet Ave., Ste. 2, Valparaiso

219-707-7013

evolutionartisanconfections.com

Map: N26

The Flower Cart

Located in historic downtown Chesterton, The Flower Cart is owned and operated a worldwide floral competition design champion who showcases his talents through fresh flower designs, silks, and custom work. The Flower Cart offers specialty gifts and home decor along with a fabulous seasonal Christmas shop.

145 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-926-8615

flowercartchesterton.com

Map: O11

Hot Shop Valpo

This open glass blowing studio uses a rare and ancient art form to create unique glass art. Call to learn more about their beginner to advanced classes.

955 Joliet Rd., Valparaiso

219-477-7783

hotshopvalpo.com

Map: N27





Lifestyles

You'll feel like Alice in Wonderland in this eclectic, edgy store. Every inch of its 10,000 square feet is filled with one-of-a-kind gifts from glassware to handbags, kids' toys to kitchenware, and, of course, jewelry. 122 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 219-464-9167

lifestylesvalpo.com

Map: O27

Old World Market

This locally owned and operated market carries luxurious epicurean pleasures from around the world: cheeses, wines, breads, sauces, oils, pastas, and vinegars. Their fabulous cheese selection changes throughout the year, and their wine assortment contains everything from boutique vintages to great wines under \$15. 76 S. Washington St., Valparaiso 219-476-0700

oldworldmarketonline.com

Map: N27

Over Yonder Dunes Gift Shop

A unique mix of local artists' Dune-inspired work, Dunes Wear/gifts & curated vintage in a historic area of the Indiana Dunes. 12 E. Dunes Hwy., Beverly Shores 219-629-0046

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: T5

Pieces of Jayde Uncommon Goods

Discover Jayde's one-of-a-kind natural jewelry featuring Dune leaves, beach stones, real feather necklaces, and handcrafted rings. The shop also offers crystals, loose teas, local honey, artwork from fellow Duneland artists, books, handmade ceramics, fiber art, and glassworks. Classes and workshops are available.

1587 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-779-7625

piecesofjayde.com

Map: N11

Shelton Fireworks

Looking for fireworks? Shelton's has hundreds of varieties, including different kinds of bottle rockets, missiles, aerial rockets, firecrackers, multi-firers, sparklers, roman candles, aerial displays, and the entire 1.4-gram fireworks classification.

1601 W. U.S. 20, Porter

219-929-1045

sheltonfireworks.com

Map: J10

Sheep's Clothing

This local yarn shop features a wide variety of quality yarn and accessories to meet all of your knitting and crochet needs. They offer a wide variety of fibers including wool, alpaca, and silk. Stop in to squish some for yourself.

60 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-462-1700

sheepsclothingknitting.com

Map: N26

Six Cypress Boutique

A women's & men's clothing boutique for lovers of everyday staples, casualwear, and those who love seasonal trends. Shop with confidence; leave with new friends.

16 Washington St., Valparaiso

219-929-8094

sixpluscypress.com

Map: N26

Sweet Stitches Quilt Shop

Sweet Stitches Quilt Shop is your destination for fabrics, notions, and all things quilting. They carry a wide variety of brights, batiks, and reproduction fabrics as well as notions, patterns, books, and a full line of Elna and Janome sewing machines. Their large classroom offers students everything they need to learn and grow their quilting talents.

1575 S. Calumet, Chesterton

219-250-5942

sweetstitchesquiltshop.com

Map: O13

Wild Birds Unlimited

This company prides themselves on being able to give you the most accurate information and knowledge about your local birds. Based on more than 25 years of research and experience, their products have been designed to be the highest quality bird feeders and bird feeding equipment on the market today.

2902 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso

219-465-0508

valparaiso.wbu.com

Map: O27



LOCALLY MADE

Aftermath Cidery & Winery

Enjoy a variety of locally-made ciders with small-plate food pairings. This hotspot often has live entertainment on the weekends.

15 N. Washington St., Valparaiso

219-299-8463

aftermathcidery.com

Map: O27



Anderson's Winery and Vineyard

Anderson's Winery offers 24 different wines, dry to sweet, in red, rose, and white. Their kitchen serves a variety of lunches and snacks, and there is live music on the weekends. Indoor space is available for rent, and events are held throughout the year.

430 E. U.S. 6, Valparaiso

219-464-4936

andersonswinery.com

Map: U18



Dagger Mountain Roastery

These local, all-vegan coffee roasters strive for a premium, uncompromising coffee experience. They source, roast, and drink only the "best coffees they can possibly find" from various regions around the world.

3205 Cascade Dr., Ste. F, Valparaiso

219-286-6287

daggermountain.com

Map: Q26



Hoosier Bat Company

The third-largest manufacturer of regulation-quality wood bats in the world. You can order a customized bat or pick up some baseball-themed jewelry and stools.

1556 W. Lincolnway,

Ste. 2, Valparaiso

877-711-0410

hoosierbat.com

Map: S26



Misbeehavin' Meads

Offering handcrafted meads and ciders that explore different fruit, honey, and unusual ingredients, this downtown meadery offers a new take on one of the world's oldest beverages. Grab some food from one of the many nearby restaurants to bring in and enjoy as you explore the ever-changing selection.

65 Franklin St., Valparaiso

219-242-8616

misbeehavinmeads.com

Map: O27



Resawn Relics

With over 45 years of combined experience, Resawn Relics takes vintage and antique pieces, such as barn wood and bowling alley lane material, to create original furniture pieces characterized with a warmth that can't be purchased anywhere else.

5605 Old Porter Rd., Portage

219-552-1870

resawnrelics.com

Map: B13



Running Vines Winery

Explore wines for the entire palate with excellent food pairings at this local family-owned business. All wines are made in Chesterton and include many unique blends.

101 Broadway, Chesterton

219-390-9463

runningvines.com

Map: O11



Saylor Basket Place

This small family business is run by 4th generation owners and has been manufacturing concrete statuary for over 70 years. They also offer wind chimes, goose clothes, pottery, and other home decor items.

1300 W. U.S. 20,

Porter

219-926-1599

Find them
on Facebook

Map: J8



When you visit a business that's part of Indiana Grown, you're eating and buying local. Indiana Grown businesses are certified by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and represent honest to goodness Indiana products.

Third Coast Spice Cafe

With a menu inspired by the owner's travels around the globe, visitors can enjoy omelets made with cage-free Indiana eggs, Indiana-raised bison burgers, and plenty of other locally-sourced, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options for almost any diet.

761 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton

219-926-5858

thirdcoastspice.com

Map: P10



Valpo Velvet Ice Cream Shoppe

People from all over have been traveling to Valpo Velvet Ice Cream for the same homemade, rich, creamy, old-fashioned ice cream treats made by The Brown Family since 1947. They also serve homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, and daily food specials; offering many vegetarian and vegan options. Valpo Velvet is a great option for all ages!

55-57 W. Monroe St., Valparaiso

219-464-4141

valpovelvet.com

Map: N27



WELLNESS

BASE Spa & Wellness

BASE Spa & Wellness is a full-service medspa and day spa. They offer services from botox and filler to lashes and facial. They specialize in treatment-driven results but still love a good relaxing spa day.

442 Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-281-2431

basespawellness.com

Map: O12

Evexia Salt Cave

Evexia Salt Cave will take you back to the year 1839 when the first salt mine health resort was opened in Poland. We have created a simulated "cave" surrounded by 20,000 pounds of Pink Himalayan Salt. Relax in a zero gravity chair while listening to meditating music for the 45-minute Dry Salt Therapy session as the 84-trace minerals the salt carries are absorbed into your skin.

1583 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-728-6791

evexasaltcave.net

Map: O12

Float Sixty

Imagine your body is weightless and effortlessly floating in perfectly warmed water mixed with Epsom Salts. Floating in the silky salty solution is great for reducing stress, relaxing, improving sleep, and soothing aching muscles. Float Sixty Chesterton offers Float Tanks, Localized Cryotherapy, Cryo Facials, Infrared Sauna, and Cold Plunge to help improve your physical and mental health.

851 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton

844-356-2860

floatsixty.com

Map: Q9

The Retreat at Serendipity Province

This small, unique bodywork massage and facial treatment center is open six days and three nights a week by appointment only. Their highly trained professionals are dedicated to ensuring you become the very best you can be using all-natural, organic treatments with no needles, poisons, or downtime.

332 W. U.S. 30, Ste. D, Valparaiso

219-548-8089

serendipityprovince.com

Map: I27

Thrive Healing Center

Thrive Healing Center is a holistic health & wellness clinic offering acupuncture, herbal medicine, shiatsu, massage, reiki, BARS & nutritional counseling. Contact them for a virtual herb consultation.

368 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton

219-728-1891

thrivehealingcenter.com

Map: O11



WINTER ACTIVITIES

When the cold winds blow and the snow falls, a whole new world of adventure opens up in the Indiana Dunes area.

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve

With five miles of winding trails, this preserve has plenty of adventures in store for a cross-country skier. Bring your own skis.

2401 Village Point, Chesterton

219-926-1842

coffeecreekwc.org

Map: P14



Countryside Park and Alton Goin Museum

This 33-acre park is home to an 18-hole disc golf course, fishing pond, playground, shelter, trails, and Portage's largest winter sledding hill. The museum houses cultural artifacts from the Portage region, and the historic Trager farmhouse and outbuildings are nearby.

5250 U.S. 6, Portage

219-762-1675

inportageparks.com

Map: B18

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Gabis' quiet, gently-sloping woodlands, fascinating wetland views, and huge expanse of prairie make the nearly four miles of trails perfect for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and bird watching.

There is an entrance fee.

450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso

219-462-0025

pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum

Map: G29



Indiana Dunes National Park

Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available on many of the park trails. The Glenwood Dunes Trail has a warming shelter and loops ranging from one to 6.8 miles. Bring your own gear.

1475 N. Brummitt Rd.,
Chesterton

219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu

Map: R7, C11



Indiana Dunes State Park

Hiking trails transform into cross-country skiing and snowshoeing paths once the snow falls. If you enjoy sledding, hit Devil's Slide, a sand dune that becomes a fun sledding and tubing hill. Be sure to view the majestic mountains of shelf-ice that form along Lake Michigan in the winter. It is free to enter the state park during winter weekdays, otherwise there is a small fee.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton
(State Rd. 49, north of U.S. 12)

219-926-1952

on.in.gov/indianadunes

Map: N6





Imagination Glen Park

Once the snow falls, winter enthusiasts can set off on three miles of cross-country trails that loop through this 256-acre park. The trails are clearly marked and are divided by difficulty from beginner to advanced. 2275 McCool Rd., Portage 219-762-1675 inportageparks.com Map: G14

Rogers-Lakewood Park

The park has nearly four miles of cross-country skiing trails and a huge sledding hill. Atop the hill, there's a winter shelter and concession stand. There's also ice fishing on the park's lakes. 5320 N. Meridian Rd., Valparaiso 219-462-5144 valpoparks.org Map: N21



Sunset Hill Farm County Park

Enjoy cross-country skiing, see the holiday lights, and enjoy snowshoe and workout classes (fee applies and equipment is provided; call to register). 775 Meridian Rd., Valparaiso 219-465-3586 portercountyparks.org/sunset-hill Map: N18



William E. Urschel Pavilion and Ice Skating Rink

Located in the heart of downtown Valparaiso, this 12,000 square foot open-air pavilion provides the perfect setting for a variety of events and activities. During the winter, it's converted into an outdoor ice rink with a towering arched roof and state-of-the-art sound system. The holiday music and colorful changing lights set the stage for a memorable ice skating experience for all ages and abilities. 70 Lafayette St., Valparaiso 219-548-4888 or 462-5144 centralparkplazavalpo.com Map: N27

WRF Nursery and Garden Center

A garden center that grows one of the largest selections of perennials, shrubs, and trees in the area. They also offer WRF-grown produce, pumpkins, and fresh evergreen wreaths, and winter arrangements made in-house! Check out their website for events and sale notifications. Open March through December. 255 E. 150 South, Valparaiso 219-462-8733 wrfnursery.com Map: R32



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#1 Best Wait Staff

Lucrezia

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This gorgeous restaurant looks like it popped straight out of a storybook. If you're looking for a charming, picture-perfect restaurant with killer Italian cuisine, sophisticated wines, and tasty craft cocktails, you'll fall in love with Lucrezia. Housed in an historical house, within the walls of this trattoria, portions are large, service is impeccable, and you'll fit in whether you're sunburned and sandy or dressed for a romantic evening on the town. Lucrezia has been awarded numerous consecutive titles of #1 Italian Restaurant, #1 Best Chef, #1 Best Wait Staff for Northwest Indiana's Best of the Region, and numerous Neighbors' Choice Awards, and was selected as one of the top restaurants in the Midwest Magazine's Living Culinary Tour and in the Top 15 Indiana Restaurants You Must Try! It's a hidden, historical gem and a local favorite since 1998.

Although it would be easy to fill up on signature dishes like lamb shank, three meat lasagna, chicken piccata or stuffed eggplant, you'll want to save room for the sinfully-delicious homemade desserts like their famous tiramisu, decadent flourless chocolate cake, drool-worthy zuccotto filled with white chocolate mousse and fresh pistachios or creamy cheesecake.

Visiting during good weather? Don't miss dining alfresco on the brick-paved outdoor patio. It's shielded from the street by a wall of topiary-like bushes and the largest Japanese maple tree in Porter County! You'll feel like you've been invited to relax in the private garden of a wealthy contessa. Don't forget to visit their other locations in Crown Point and Culver, near the shores of Lake Makinkuckee!

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Kelsey's Steak & Seafood

A butter knife cuts through the tender, char-grilled steaks, which are paired with favorites like twice-baked potatoes and seafood. Save room for the cow-shaped chocolate cake, and don't forget to check out the famous giant cow statue out front.

2300 U.S. 30, Valparaiso

219-465-4022

kelseyssteakhouse.com

Map: P28

Blackbird Café

Blackbird Cafe and Eatery offers fine coffees, teas, fresh pastry, and a full breakfast and lunch menu served all day. Their bakery is known for its homemade pies and quiches.

114 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-548-2811

blackbirdvalpo.com

Map: O27



Craft House

This family-friendly smoke-free bar/restaurant serves craft beers, signature cocktails, and healthy food options with desserts large enough to share. They have 17 beers on tap, over 50 craft bottles, 27 flat-screen HD TVs, and one gigantic big screen.

711 Plaza Dr., Chesterton

219-929-5570

crafthouse.beer

Map: O10

dish Restaurant

Serving modern American cuisine in a fusion of casual and fine dining, you'll find plenty of signature dishes, including their Gorgonzola chips appetizer, to-die-for mac 'n' cheese, and homemade pies and shortcakes.

3907 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso

219-465-9221

dishrestaurant.net

Map: P23



Don Quijote Restaurant and Imports

Owners Carlos Rivero and Elena Jambrina, natives of Spain, serve authentic tapas, paella, desserts, and Spanish wines at this can't-miss eatery often called, "The best and most authentic Spanish restaurant outside of Spain." Call or check their website for hours.

119 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-462-7976

donquijotevalpo.com

Map: O27



Fuji Japanese Restaurant

Enjoy artfully prepared sushi or try one of their other main courses, including several noodle dishes.

5942 U.S. Hwy. 6, Portage

219-763-4131

[Find them on Facebook](#)

Map: D18

Industrial Revolution Eatery & Grille

Known for its burgers and steelworker-themed decor, the Industrial Revolution is a tribute to the American spirit. Dig into the hearty meat-and-potatoes fare the builders of America ate.

1084 Linwood Ave., Valparaiso

219-465-1801

industrialrevolutioneatery.com

Map: P27



Lucrezia Café

Northern Italy cuisine inspires Lucrezia's award-winning, made-from-scratch menu. Savor creations like rigatoni with smoked chicken, braised lamb shank, and three meat lasagna. Also, be sure to check out their cocktail and wine list while relaxing beneath the area's tallest Japanese maple. Voted #1 Italian Food, Best of the Region, year after year.

428 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-926-5829

lucreziacafe.com

Map: O12

Main+Lincoln

Colorful, sumptuous meals stand out against the simplicity of this turn-of-the-century building. The menu and extensive beverage program consist of dishes that celebrate ethnicities that have impacted America's evolving cuisine.

210 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

219-510-5548

mainandlincoln.com

Map: O27



What are some of your favorite local eateries?

"I love the atmosphere of **Wagner's Ribs** and the food is great. They really do have some of the best BBQ sauce I've ever tasted."

Midwest Living editors happily ate their way through the Indiana Dunes area to uncover the best restaurants. They selected the most memorable eateries to guide you on a culinary adventure:

Octave Grill

Burgers are taken to a new level at this kitschy restaurant where grass-fed beef is topped with local cheese and more than 25 toppings. Using fresh local ingredients, their sauces, dressings, and desserts are all homemade, along with their vegan black bean burgers and perch cakes. 105 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton 219-395-8494 octavegrill.com Map: O11



Meditrina Market Cafe

Color and flavor unite in this tiny Mediterranean restaurant serving lean fresh meals, including paprika chicken, combination plates, and more. This is where health and happiness come together. 24 N. Washington St., Valparaiso 219-707-5271 meditrina-market-cafe.com Map: N26



Parea Restaurant & Lounge

This spot lives up to its name: "parea," which means gatherings of friends and family to enjoy good meals. Enjoy steak, chicken, and seafood with a Mediterranean influence in their elegant dining or lounge area. Outdoor seating and private events of up to 175 people are also available. 69 S. Franklin St., Valparaiso 219-510-5428 parearestaurant.com Map: N27

Tao Chen's

Save the airfare and get a taste of China and Thailand at Tao Chen's, where the owner uses traditional recipes and fresh ingredients to create authentic dishes with a unique ambiance for a truly enjoyable dining experience. 532 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton 219-926-2542 taochenschinese.com Map: O11

Third Coast Spice Café

With a menu inspired by the owner's travels around the globe, visitors can enjoy omelets made with cage-free Indiana eggs, Indiana-raised bison burgers, and plenty of other locally-sourced, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options for almost any diet. 761 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton 219-926-5858 thirdcoastspice.com Map: P11

Tomato Bar Pizza Bakery

House-made dough is prepared daily for fresh pizza and calzones. Tomato Bar features menu items that satisfy the cravings of meat lovers, vegetarians, vegans, and those that are gluten-free. Their bar also features both wine and beer, including some of the area's most popular microbrews. 2310 LaPorte Ave., Valparaiso 219-462-7499 tomatobarpizza.com Map: P27

Wagner's Ribs

This friendly, no-nonsense restaurant is known for the most award-winning fall-off-the-bone ribs in Indiana! So, about the only reason you'll need a menu is to choose between delicious sides like BBQ baked beans or waffle fries. 21 and over. 361 Wagner Rd., Porter 219-926-7614 wagnerribs.com Map: M10





DINING



















Key	 Cafés & Coffee
	 Casual Dining
	 Cultural Dining
	 Fine Dining
	 Pizza
	 Sweet Treats
	 Wines & Brews
	 Pet-friendly
	 Outdoor Dining
	 Rose Award Winner













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Beverly Shores

GOBLIN & THE GROCER A restaurant, market, and takeaway serving midwestern fare.. 100 S 3rd St. 219-827-7666 219taproom.com Map: U4		BL D		N	C	\$\$	
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(219) TAPROOM A "traditional" taproom featuring 16 carefully-curated taps. 100 S 3rd St. 219-827-7666 219taproom.com Map: O11		S		C	\$	✓
AARON'S MORTGAGE INN Serving Italian beef, burgers, pizza, and drinks. 1400 Broadway 219-926-3113 Find them on Facebook Map: M11		LD		C	\$	✓
ABBIOCOCCO ITALIAN CUISINE Fresh pasta, steak, and celebrated Italian classics. 600 Gateway Blvd., N. 219-748-1442 abbioccoats.com Map: P15		LD		AC	\$\$\$	
CHESTERTON BREWERY A veteran-owned brewery with custom-crafted microbrews. 1050 Broadway Ste. 36 219-728-6558 chestertonbrewery.com Map: M12		LD		C	\$\$	
CRAFT HOUSE Craft beers, signature cocktails, and a delectable menu. 711 Plaza Dr. 219-929-5570 crafthouse.beer Map: O11		D		C	\$\$	
DUNELAND DISTILLERY A veteran-owned distillery that gives back to vets in need. 124 N. 8th St. 330-881-0161 dunelandstill.com Map: M11		LD S		C	\$\$	✓
DUNELAND PIZZA Pizza with a variety of crusts and 25 different toppings. 520 Broadway 219-926-1163 dunelandpizza.com Map: N11		D		C	\$	
DUNELAND STATION DELI Deli sandwiches and more! 1050 Broadway, Ste. 2 219-265-1293 Find them on Facebook Map: M12		LD		C	\$	
EL CANTARITO MEXICAN CUISINE Mexican cuisine with the finest, freshest ingredients. 709 Plaza Dr., Ste. 4 219-728-6962 elcantaritocuisine.com Map: O11		LD		C	\$	
EL SALTO MEXICAN RESTAURANT Traditional and creative Mexican dishes and mixed drinks. 757 Indian Boundary Rd., #10 219-395-9890 elsaltoreastaurant.com Map: P11		LD		C	\$	
FAT BURRITO Cuisine inspired by Puebla and Mexico. 3097 Village Point Rd. 219-250-2452 Find them on Facebook Map: P15		LD		C	\$\$	
FLANNERY'S TAVERN A popular historical downtown establishment with affordable food and friendly staff. 125 Calumet Rd. 219-926-2614 flannerys-tavern.com Map: O11		S			\$	✓
FLOUR SHOPPE BAKERY Bakery offering 100 percent gluten free, vegan and keto baked goods. 540 Indian Boundary Rd. 219-728-1403 Find them on Facebook Map: O11		S		C	\$	
FUSE BAR Trendy cocktails, delicious lunch and dinner, live DJs, karaoke, and Sunday Tea Dance. 791 Indian Boundary Rd. 219-728-1047 Find them on Facebook Map: O11		LD		C	\$\$	
GELSOSOMO'S PIZZERIA & PUB Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, banquet facilities, and bar. 371 Indian Boundary Rd. 219-926-6363 gelpizza.com Map: O11		LD		CD	\$\$	
GEORGE'S GYROS SPOT Gyros, Chicago hot dogs, Italian beef, and more. 325 N. Calumet Rd. 219-926-5435 georgesgyrosspot.com Map: O11		LD		C	\$	
GOLDEN LEAF CIGARS & SPIRITS Good company, engaging conversation, and great cigars are hallmarks of The Golden Leaf. 3093 Village Point Rd. 219-250-5656 goldenleafcigars.com Map: P14		S			\$\$	✓

HUNTER'S BREWING Nano-brewery with traditional and creative hand-brewed beers. 1535 S. Calumet Rd. 219-728-6729 huntersbrewing.com Map: O12	LD		C	\$	✓
IVY'S BOHEMIA HOUSE & CATERING An eclectic menu filled with foods of Mediterranean, Eastern European, and Cajun influences. Upper level has a 21+ Absinthe Lounge. 321 Broadway 219-929-4319 ivysbohemiahouse.com Map: N11	LD		C	\$	
JOE'S DONWNTOWN TACOS Authentic street and American-style tacos as well as burritos, tamales, and a variety of specials. 139 S. Calumet Rd. 219-983-1844 Find them on Facebook Map: O11	LD	N	C	\$	
LEMON TREE MEDITERRANEAN GRILL Fast and fresh kabobs, shawarma, falafel, and beer/wine. 356 Indian Boundary Rd. 219-926-8733 lemontreegrill.com Map: O11	LD		C	\$	
LUCREZIA CAFÉ Fine Italian cuisine with alfresco dining. Wines, cocktails and martini bar. 428 S. Calumet Rd. 219-926-5829 lucraziacafe.com Map: O12	LD		C	\$\$	
LUNA KITCHEN + ROOFTOP COCKTAILS This rooftop bar above Abbiocco Italian Cuisine offers custom cocktails. 600 Gateway Blvd. N. 219-728-1442 abbioccoats.com Map: P15	D	N		\$	✓
MAIN STREET TAP HOUSE A friendly environment where friends go to gather and socialize while enjoying the best-crafted beverages. 119 S. Calumet Rd. 219-921-9988 mainstreettap.com Map: O11	LD			\$	
MUSASHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR Sushi, noodle dishes, and hibachi favorites. 757 Indian Boundary Rd., Ste. 1 219-728-1529 musashichesterton.com Map: P11	LD		C	\$\$	
NORTHSIDE DINER Classic American diner that serves breakfast and lunch all day. 100 N. Calumet Rd. 219-926-9040 Find them on Facebook Map: O11	BLS		C	\$	
OCTAVE GRILL Next level beef and vegan black bean burgers topped with local cheese and more than 25 toppings. Monthly dessert specials and drinks. 105 S. Calumet Rd. 219-395-8494 octavegrill.com Map: O11	LD		C	\$\$	
PEGGY SUE'S DINER This 50's-style automobile themed diner serves homemade breakfast and lunch favorites. 117 S. Calumet Rd. 219-926-8524 Find them on Facebook Map: O11	BL		C	\$	
THE PORT DRIVE-IN Dine inside or let carhops come to your car. Classic American fare including mugs of root beer. 419 N. Calumet Rd. 219-926-3500 theportdrivein.net Map: O11	LDS		C	\$	
RED CUP CAFE & DELI Local, organic, and gluten-free entrees, baked goods, and espresso drinks. 115 Broadway 219-929-1804 Find them on Facebook Map: O11	BLS	N	C	\$	
ROUND THE CLOCK RESTAURANT Family restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. 1607 S. Calumet Rd. 219-983-9900 roundtheclockrestaurants.com Map: O13	B LD		C	\$	
RUNNING VINES WINERY Explore locally-made wines for the entire palate with excellent food pairings. 101 Broadway, Chesterton 219-390-9463 runningvines.com Map: O11	S		C	\$	✓
SCHOOLHOUSE SHOP & ANTIQUES Summer patio plate lunches, weather permitting. 278 E. 1500 North 219-926-1551 schoolhouseshop.com Map: R7	L	N	C	\$\$	
SMOKEY'S SOUTHERN BARBEQUE Roadside smokehouse specializing in smoked meats. 375 U.S. Hwy. 20 219-336-3829 Find them on Facebook Map: R7			C	\$	
SUNRISE FAMILY RESTAURANT Family restaurant with daily homemade specials and soups. 475 Sand Creek Dr. 219-921-1488 Find them on Facebook Map: Q11	B LD		C	\$	
TAO CHEN'S Chinese and Thai traditional dishes made with fresh ingredients. 532 Indian Boundary Rd. 219-926-2542 taochenshinese.com Map: O11	LD		C	\$\$	

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THIRD COAST SPICE CAFE Organic coffee, breakfast dishes, and sandwiches. 761 Indian Boundary Rd., Ste. 6 219-926-5858 thirdcoastspice.com Map: P11	BL		C	\$	
VAL'S FAMOUS PIZZA & GRINDERS Pizza, calzones, wings, and grinders. 112 S. 11th St. 219-921-0056 valsfamospizzaandgrinders.com Map: N11	LD		CD	\$	
VILLA NOVA PIZZERIA & BISTRO Upscale bistro serving pizzas made from scratch with the finest ingredients. 213 Broadway 219-728-6648 Find them on Facebook Map: O11	D	N	CD	\$	

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THE COUNTRY KITCHEN Homestyle comfort foods and homemade pies. 120 N. Main St. 219-996-9221 Find them on Facebook Map: C43	B LD		C	\$	
TRES AMIGOS MEXICAN CUISINE High quality and authentic Mexican cuisine with a full bar and margaritas. 816 Country Square Plaza 219-509-3011 Find them on Facebook Map: C41	LD		C	\$	

Kouts

BIRKY'S FAMILY FARMS COUNTRY GOURMET & CATERING Homemade baked goods and packaged home-grown pork. 205 S. Main St. 219-766-3851 birkyfarms.com Map: Q43	BLD		C	\$	
DESSERTS BY JULIETTE A variety of delicious baked goods including keto, gluten-free, and sugar-free options. 401 S. Main St. 219-299-5824 dessertsbyjuliette.com Map: Q43		N	C	\$	

Michigan City

LEEDS PUBLIC HOUSE Eclectic vibe with an outdoor patio and fire pit. Local ingredients are crafted into delicious dishes. 401 Franklin St. 219-814-4530 leedspublichouse.com Map: N/A	LD		C	\$\$	
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Pines

JOE & FREDDY'S BAR & GRILL Wings, pizza, cool salads, burgers, and Italian beef. 2958 W. Dunes Hwy. (U.S. 12) 219-879-9336 Find them on Facebook Map: X2	LD S		C	\$	✓
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Portage

BEIJING CHINESE RESTAURANT Fresh, delicious Chinese food. Carry-out, delivery, and catering available. No dine in. 6214 U.S. 6 219-763-3288 beijingportage.com Map: E18	LD		CD	\$	
DIG THE DUNES TRAIL STOP Light bites, beer, wine, Dig the Dunes merchandise, and great views views of the lake. 1000 Riverwalk Dr. Find them on Facebook Map: D9	S		C	\$	
FUJI JAPANESE RESTAURANT Artfully prepared sushi and Japanese dishes. 5942 U.S. Hwy. 6 219-763-4131 Find them on Facebook Map: D18	LD		C	\$\$	
MARK O'S BAR & GRILL Cold beers and delicious food. 2385 Willowcreek Rd. 219-763-3779 markosbarandgrill.com Map: D14	LD		C	\$	✓
MOODS PUB Signature burgers, fish, chicken, italian beef, pizza, and a beer garden. 2548 Portage Mall 219-762-7305 Find them on Facebook Map: E15	BL D		C	\$	✓
TATE'S PLACE Family restaurant with homemade specialties. 3051 Willowcreek Rd. 219-764-8283 Find them on Facebook Map: D16	BL			\$	

Porter

SANTIAGO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT Authentic, freshly-made Mexican food. 124 Lincoln St. 219-926-6518 Find them on Facebook Map: M11	LD		C	\$	
SPEAKEASY AT THE SPA Enjoy classic cocktails, beer, and wine in a 1920s speakeasy setting. 333 N. Mineral Springs Rd. 219-841-6677 Find them on Facebook Map: L11	S			\$	✓
STEEL BARREL TAVERN Local pub with darts, pool, and outdoor seating. 212 Lincoln St. 219-926-3050 Find them on Facebook Map: M11	LD			\$	✓

UNO PIZZERIA AND GRILL Chicago deep dish pizza, made from scratch every day. 303 N. Mineral Springs Rd. unos.com Map: L10	LD		CD	\$\$	
WAGNER'S RIBS A full menu with specialty-pork ribs and BBQ. 361 Wagner Rd. 219-926-7614 wagnerribs.com Map: M11	LD		C	\$	✓

Valparaiso

THE ABERDEEN INN & THE ABBEY Upscale dining with premium infused steaks and seafood. 3158 S. State Rd. 2 219-465-3753 innataberdeen.com Map: J30	D		C	\$\$\$	
AFTERMATH CIDER & WINERY Enjoy a variety of locally-made ciders with small-plate food. 15 N. Washington St., Valparaiso 219-299-8463 aftermathcidery.com Map: O27	SD		C	\$	✓
ANDERSON'S WINERY AND VINEYARD Anderson's Winery and Vineyard offers 24 different wines. 430 E. U.S. 6 219-464-4936 andersonswinery.com Map: U18	S		C	\$	✓
BAO'S PASTRY This authentic French patisserie features delicious sweets and traditional desserts, inspired by the owner's time in France. 12 Jefferson St. 219-299-8693 baopastry.com Map: N26	S		C	\$\$	
BLACKBIRD CAFÉ Enjoy coffee, homemade sandwiches, and baked goods in a cozy setting. 114 E. Lincolnway 219-548-2811 blackbirdcafevalparaiso.com Map: Q27	BL D		C	\$	
BLOCKHEAD BEERWORKS This brewstillery and Asian fusion restaurant features a unique food and drink menu. 150 Washington 219-707-5749 blockheadbeer.com Map: N27	LD		C	\$\$	
BLUE POINT OYSTERS & SUSHI BAR Fresh seafood shipped daily along with steak, chicken, and pasta. 13 E. Lincolnway 219-286-7166 bluepoint-seafood.com Map: N27	LD		C	\$\$	
CAMPBELL ST. CAFÉ Enjoy delicious breakfasts and lunches at this local community center. 4245 Meridian Woods Dr. 219-531-1800 pinesvillage.org Map: N23	BL		C	\$	
COFFEE CABIN A local air roasted coffee shop with express service. 3538 Calumet Ave. 219-510-5601 illicoffeecabin.com Map: P23	BL		C	\$	
COLADA'S PIZZERIA Pizzeria inside Zao Island that serves wine and beer. 1050 Horseprairie Ave. 219-464-0075 zaoisland.net Map: M28	LD		C	\$	
DAGGER MOUNTAIN ROASTERY Premium, all-vegan coffee roaster and shop. 3205 Cascade Dr., Ste. F 219-286-6287 daggermountain.com Map: Q26	S		C	\$	
DESIGNER DESSERTS Huge, decadent cupcakes and desserts in the heart of Valpo. 56 W. Lincolnway 219-465-0008 designerdessertsbakery.com Map: N27	S		C	\$	
DISH RESTAURANT Gourmet salads, sandwiches, pastas, steaks, and sweets. 3907 N. Calumet Ave. 219-465-9221 dishrestaurant.net Map: P23	LD		C	\$\$\$	
DON QUIJOTE RESTAURANTE AND IMPORTS Authentic Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine. 119 E. Lincolnway 219-462-7976 donquijotevalpo.com Map: O27	LD		C	\$\$\$	
EVOLUTION ARTISAN CONFECTIONS Chocolates and desserts that look like works of art. 901 Calumet Ave. 219-707-7013 evolutionartisanconfections.com Map: N26	S		C	\$\$	
FLUID BOSCO SOUTH Hot spot in the heart of downtown Valpo serving specialty coffee pour overs and scratch recipe lattes alongside contemporary brunch dishes. 260 S. Franklin 219-510-1002 fluidcoffeelove.com Map: P28	BL D		CD	\$	

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FLUID COFFEE ROASTERS Premium coffee, sandwiches, baked goods, and merchandise in a distinct atmosphere. 159 W. Lincolnway 219-510-1000 fluidcoffee.com Map: N27	BLD		CD	\$	
FOUR FATHERS BREWING A brewery focused on the four fathers of brewing: water, hops, yeast, and malt. 3705 Bowman Dr., Ste. B 219-464-9712 fourfathersbrewing.com Map: M26	S		C	\$	✓
FURIN JAPANESE RESTAURANT & BAR Japanese classic and modern rolls, steak, sushi, sashimi, ramen, teriyaki, and udon. 21 E. Lincolnway 219-286-6648 furinvalpo.com Map: N27	LD		C	\$\$	
GELSOSOMO'S PIZZERIA Pizza, pasta, and sandwiches with banquet facilities available. 2605 LaPorte Ave. 219-477-4255 gelpizza.com Map: Q27	LD		CD	\$\$	
INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION EATERY & GRILLE American fare in a unique setting. Enjoy pot roast, brick oven pizza, perch, tacos, and more. 1084 Linwood Ave. 219-465-1801 industrialrevolutioneatery.com Map: P27	LD		C	\$\$	
IRONWOOD BREWING CO. A craft brewery for people looking for great brews. 6 Roosevelt Rd. 219-405-4644 ironwoodbrewing.beer Map: P27	S		C	\$	✓
ISLAND NUTRITION SMOOTHIES & MORE These healthy smoothies are perfect for anyone on a diet. 1675 W. Morthland Dr. 219-242-8773 islandnutritionsmoothie.com Map: M28	SB LD		CD	\$	
KELSEY'S STEAKHOUSE An upscale prime rib, steak, and seafood eatery. 2300 Morthland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219-465-4022 kelseyssteakhouse.com Map: P28	D		C	\$\$\$	
LAMBSTONE CELLARS WINERY Family-owned boutique winery. 1555 W. Lincolnway, Ste. 1 219-510-5673 lambstonecellarswinery.com Map: M26	S		C	\$	✓
LINCOLN FLATS Top-notch wines, beers, and spirits in a relaxed environment. 1 Napoleon St. 219-510-5046 lincolinflatsvalpo.com Map: N27	D			\$\$	
MAIN + LINCOLN Traditional and new cuisine from all of America's cultures. 210 E. Lincolnway 219-510-5548 mainandlincoln.com Map: Q27	D		C	\$\$	
MALDEN OASIS BAR & GRILL Serving lunch, dinner, and drinks; beer garden. 394 S. State Rd. 49 219-462-2337 Find them on Facebook Map: Q36	LD		C	\$	✓
MARTINIS SCRATCH KITCHEN & LOUNGE Steak, seafood, and live entertainment. 1004 Calumet Ave. 219-464-0801 martinisinvalpo.com Map: Q26	LD		CD	\$\$	✓
MCGOWAN & SONS Fresh seafood and delicious delectables. 1607 Burlington Beach Rd. 219-299-2336 mcgowanandsons.com Map: P23	LD	N	CD	\$\$	
MEDITRINA MARKET CAFÉ Mediterranean and cultural cuisine in an intimate setting. 24 N. Washington St. 219-707-5271 meditrina-market-cafe.com Map: N26	LD S		C	\$\$	
MISBEEHAVIN' MEADS This downtown meadery handcrafts its own mead onsite. 65 Franklin St. 219-242-8676 misbeehavinmeads.com Map: Q27			C	\$	✓
OLD PROSPERS PUB This bar with pizza is inside Inman's Fun & Party Center. 3201 Evans Ave. 219-462-1300 inmansvalpo.com Map: Q25	SLD			\$	✓
PAREA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE Fine dining steak and seafood restaurant with a Mediterranean influence. 69 S. Franklin St. 219-510-5428 parearestaurant.com Map: N27	LD			\$\$	
PIKK'S TAVERN & INN 14-21 day aged steaks and chops in the heart of Valpo. 62 W. Lincolnway 219-476-7455 pikkstavern.com Map: N26	LD	N		\$\$	
PRIME SMOKED MEATS Modern Texan barbecue prepared using only wood fire and smoke. 55 University Dr., Ste. 100 219-242-8761 primesmokedmeats.com Map: P27	LD		C	\$\$	

RICOCHET TACOS A gourmet craft taco establishment. 55 S. Franklin St. 219-531-8888 ricochettacos.com Map: N27	LD		C	\$\$	
RISE'N ROLL BAKERY Amish style bakery offering donuts, cookies, pies, cinnamon rolls, and more. 1320 E. Lincolnway 219-825-4032 risenroll.com Map: Q27	SB		C	\$	
ROOTS MARKET CAFÉ Organic juices, smoothies, soups, salads, and bakery items. 108 E. Lincolnway 219-510-0002 rootsmarketcafe.com Map: N27	BL DS		C	\$	
ROUND THE CLOCK RESTAURANT American, Greek, and Italian cuisines along with homemade pastries and all day breakfast. 217 E. Lincolnway 219-462-6339 roundtheclockrestaurants.com Map: Q26	BL D		C	\$	
SANTO TACO Comfortable, fast, and casual taco and burrito joint. 2310 LaPorte Ave., Ste. 500 219-286-3986 mysantotaco.com Map: Q26	LD		C	\$	
SCARPE Authentic Italian food in a modern, romantic setting. 66 Lincolnway 219-242-8837 restaurantscarpe.com Map: N27	D		C	\$\$	
SHOE'S PIZZERIA Pizza, toasted subs, salads, appetizers, and wings. 3300 N. Calumet Ave. 219-476-7463 shoespizzeria.com Map: P23	LD		C	\$\$	
THE SPICE AND TEA EXCHANGE Spices, loose-leaf teas, and more. Tea bar to-go. 161 Lincolnway 219-615-3162 spiceandtea.com Map: N27	S		C	\$	
SUZIE'S CAFE & CATERING Great breakfast, lunch, and baked goods. 1050 Southpoint Dr. 219-462-5500 suziescafe.org Map: M28	BL			\$	
TOMATO BAR PIZZA BAKERY Stone-baked pizza, calzones, salads, hoagies, and craft beer. 2310 LaPorte Ave. 219-462-7499 tomatobarpizza.com Map: P27	LD		C	\$	
TONY'S PLACE Family-owned restaurant since 1955 with unique decor serving Italian cuisine and pizza. 218 E. Lincolnway 219-464-1018 tonysplacepizza.com Map: Q27	D		C	\$	
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VALPO POUR HOUSE Self-serve beer. They serve pizza but allow you to bring your own food. 54 Lincolnway 219-267-1123 Find them on Facebook Map: N27	D			\$\$	✓
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The Indiana Dunes area is also home to a wide array of national chain restaurants.

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1. Ask to borrow a backpack.
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Speakeasy at the Spa

Dinner, Drinks, and Music

SpeakEasy At The Spa offers a historic environment with live music to make your evening enjoyable. We have a wide selection of spirits and many craft beer selections.

There are four private spaces available for lunch, dinner or any other time like receptions, presentations, and more. In addition, the restaurant is available for breakfast & private hire as are all the other spaces.

Speakeasy at the Spa holds a rich history dating back to the colonization of Porter. The Spa Restaurant was originally opened by Harry Leroy Day in 1933 and over the course of the next couple centuries it had quite a reputation for being one of the best restaurants of its time in the Porter area. Unfortunately the Spa changed hands in ownership a few times and eventually sat vacant for a number of years.

Around 2018 a family invested in the Springhouse Inn and purchased the building. In 2021, the Spa building was purchased by the same family. Almost a century later, we are ready to keep the Spa legacy going. In the utmost respect to the original restaurant, we will continue to serve dinner for the first time in about two decades. Musicians will continue to fill the room with live entertainment every weekend. Great drinks will be poured. Laughs and conversations will continue in the walls that we wish could speak. Best of all, the history lives on.

333 N. Mineral Springs Rd.,
Porter, IN 46304
219-934-7677
thespaspeakeasy.com

Weekdays 4–10pm;
Weekends 4–11pm



Pizzeria Uno

Chicago's Original Deep Dish Pizza is now here in Indiana Dunes

The Uno story begins in downtown Chicago in 1943 when Ike Sewell invented deep dish pizza and opened a new type of restaurant at the corner of Ohio & Wabash. It was a pizza unlike any that had ever been served before. Buttery 'out-of-this-world' crust that had a tall edge like a fruit pie. He created a recipe that combined authentic Italian spices and quality tomatoes with more cheese than people could believe and then baked it for nearly an hour. When people tasted it, they wanted more of the same and the lines have been forming ever since.

Today, our guests are like family who become friends as well. We're crazy about 'all things food and drink' and we love putting together meals for them. We still draw our identity and inspiration from our origins. That will never change. Each restaurant still makes their deep dish pizza fresh, from scratch every day.

- Chicago Original Deep Dish Pizza
- Sandwiches
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WINERIES

Aftermath Cidery & Winery

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219-299-8463

[aftermathcidery.com](#)

Map: O27

Anderson's Winery and Vineyard

Anderson's Winery and Vineyard offers 24 different wines ranging from dry to sweet in red, rosé, and white, as well as snacks and flatbread pizzas. There is music on the weekends and special events in the evenings.

430 E. U.S. 6, Valparaiso
219-464-4936

[andersonswinery.com](#)

Map: U18



Lambstone Cellars Winery

Located on the edge of Valparaiso, this family-owned boutique winery specializes in handcrafted small-batch wines from local and west coast grapes. Stop in and experience the relaxed atmosphere of their tasting room, and find the wine that fits your day.

1555 W. Lincolnway,
Ste. 1, Valparaiso
219-510-5673

[lambstonecellarswinery.com](#)

Map: M26

Misbeehavin' Meads

This downtown meadery handcrafts its own mead onsite and features a tasting room with flights. Meat, cheese, fruit, and honey platters are available for pairings, and bottles and merchandise can also be purchased.

65 Franklin St., Valparaiso
219-242-8676

[misbeehavinmeads.com](#)

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Running Vines Winery

Explore wines for the entire palate with excellent food pairings at this local family-owned business. All wines are made in Chesterton and include many unique blends.

101 Broadway, Chesterton
219-390-9463

[runningvines.com](#)

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BREW PUBS

(219) Taproom

Pull up a stool! (219) features 16 taps with four to eight taps from one or more carefully-curated breweries with a personal connection to them.

109 S. 3rd St., Chesterton
219-827-7666

[219taproom.com](#)

Map: N11



Chesterton Brewery

A veteran-owned brewery giving back to veterans and local heroes with every pour of their crafted microbrews. A comfortable place with great food, drinks, and sports.
1050 Broadway, Ste. 36, Chesterton
219-728-6558
chestertonbrewery.com
Map: M11

Four Fathers Brewing

Their name was born from a love for our country and the four main ingredients in beer: water, hops, yeast, and malt. They are known for creating a revolving list of unique beers while honoring those who serve.
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219-464-9712
fourfathersbrewing.com
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**Hunter's Brewing**

Hunter's is a nano-brewery with hand-brewed beers that are both traditional and creative. They also serve eclectic guest taps as well as vegan and vegetarian-friendly food options.
1535 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton
219-728-6729
huntersbrewing.com
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Ironwood Brewing Co.

Beer at this woman-owned brewery are generally malt-forward but balanced with a nice variety of hops, Indiana honey, and malted barley and corn.
6 Roosevelt Rd., Valparaiso
219-405-4644
ironwoodbrewing.beer
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**Main Street Tap House**

A happy, friendly environment where friends go to gather and socialize, all while enjoying the best-crafted beverages.
119 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton
219-921-9988
mainstreettap.com
Map: O11

Valpo Pour House

Enjoy self-serve craft beer as well as wine and pizza, or you can bring your own food.
54 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso
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SPECIALTY BARS**Duneland Distillery**

A veteran-owned distillery that gives back to vets in need.
124 N. 8th St., Chesterton
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Map: M10

Golden Leaf Cigar & Spirits

Good company, engaging conversation, and great cigars are hallmarks of The Golden Leaf. Widely regarded as Indiana's premier cigar destination.
3093 Village Point Rd., Chesterton
219-250-5656
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Lincoln Flats

This local eatery provides innovative cuisine, impeccable service, and top-notch wines, beers, and spirits in a relaxed environment. They also collaborate with Journeyman Distillery and Trespass Vineyard of Napa Valley on a Journeyman rye.
1 Napoleon St., Valparaiso
219-510-5046
lincolnflatsvalpo.com
Map: N27

EVENTS

Corkscrew & Brew Festival — March
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Valparaiso Wine Festival — July
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Portage Brewfest and Taco Test — September
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Valpo Brewfest — September
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1202 Formula Dr. Ste. G, Valparaiso
219-476-4281

woodfiremeatmarket.com

PIZZA WARS

DUNELAND PIZZA—BEST PIZZA IN THE INDIANA DUNES AREA

What more can you ask for than delicious pizza and amazing Lake Michigan photography all in one place? Duneland Pizza has been open since 1972 as Chesterton's "Hometown Pizzeria." Three generations of family work at this pizzeria to ensure the best quality and service possible with many different styles of pizza.

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dunelandpizza.com

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401 Franklin St.,
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-814-4530
leedspublichouse.com

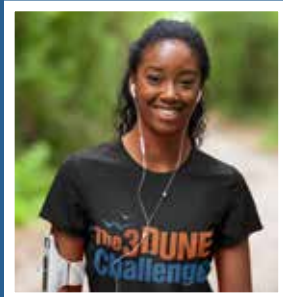
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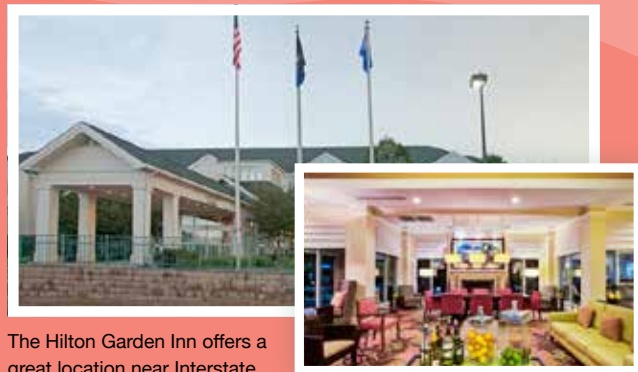


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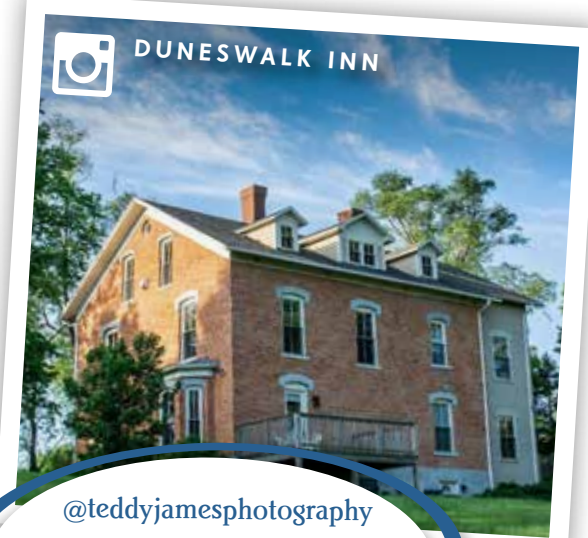
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AL & SALLY'S MOTEL INC. 3221 W. Dunes Hwy., Michigan City (Pines) 219-872-9131 alsallysmotel.com Map: X2	\$\$	16	OP		Y	N	
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AFFORDABLE SUITES OF AMERICA PORTAGE 1550 Olmstead Dr. 219-734-6111 affordablesuites.com Map: E12	\$\$	49		Y		♿
BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM PORTAGE  2323 Willowcreek Rd. 219-706-3058 wyndhamhotels.com Map: D14	\$\$	76	IP	CB	Y	N
BEST WESTERN PLUS PORTAGE HOTEL & SUITES 6200 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219-734-6727 bestwestern.com Map: D12	\$\$	100	IP	CB	Y	N
COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON - PORTAGE  1630 Olmstead Dr. 219-764-0021 countryinn.com/portagein Map: E12	\$\$\$	100	IP	CB	Y	N
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HAMPTON INN PORTAGE 6353 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219-764-1919 hilton.com Map: E13	\$\$\$	60	IP	CB	Y	N
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LAKE SHORE CAMP RESORT   5300 Old Porter Rd. 219-762-7757 lakeshorecampresort.com Map: B13	\$	125	OP			♿
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THE ABERDEEN INN & THE ABBEY  3158 S. State Rd. 2 219-465-3753 innataberdeen.com Map: J30	\$\$\$	10	OP	FB	Y	N
BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY INN AT VALPARAISO 760 W. Morthland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219-850-1100 bestwestern.com Map: M27	\$\$	53		FB	Y	N
COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON - VALPARAISO 2020 LaPorte Ave. 219-476-0000 radissonhotelsamericas.com Map: Q27	\$\$\$	59	IP	CB	Y	N
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HAMPTON INN & SUITES VALPARAISO 1451 S. Silhavy Rd. 219-531-6424 hilton.com Map: Q28	\$\$\$	77	IP	FB	Y	N
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES VALPARAISO 1251 Silhavy Rd. S. 219-464-9395 or 888-897-0084 ihg.com Map: Q27	\$\$\$	85	IP	FB	Y	N
PIKK'S TAVERN & INN 62 W. Lincolnway 219-476-7455 pikkstavern.com Map: N26	\$\$\$	2			Y	N
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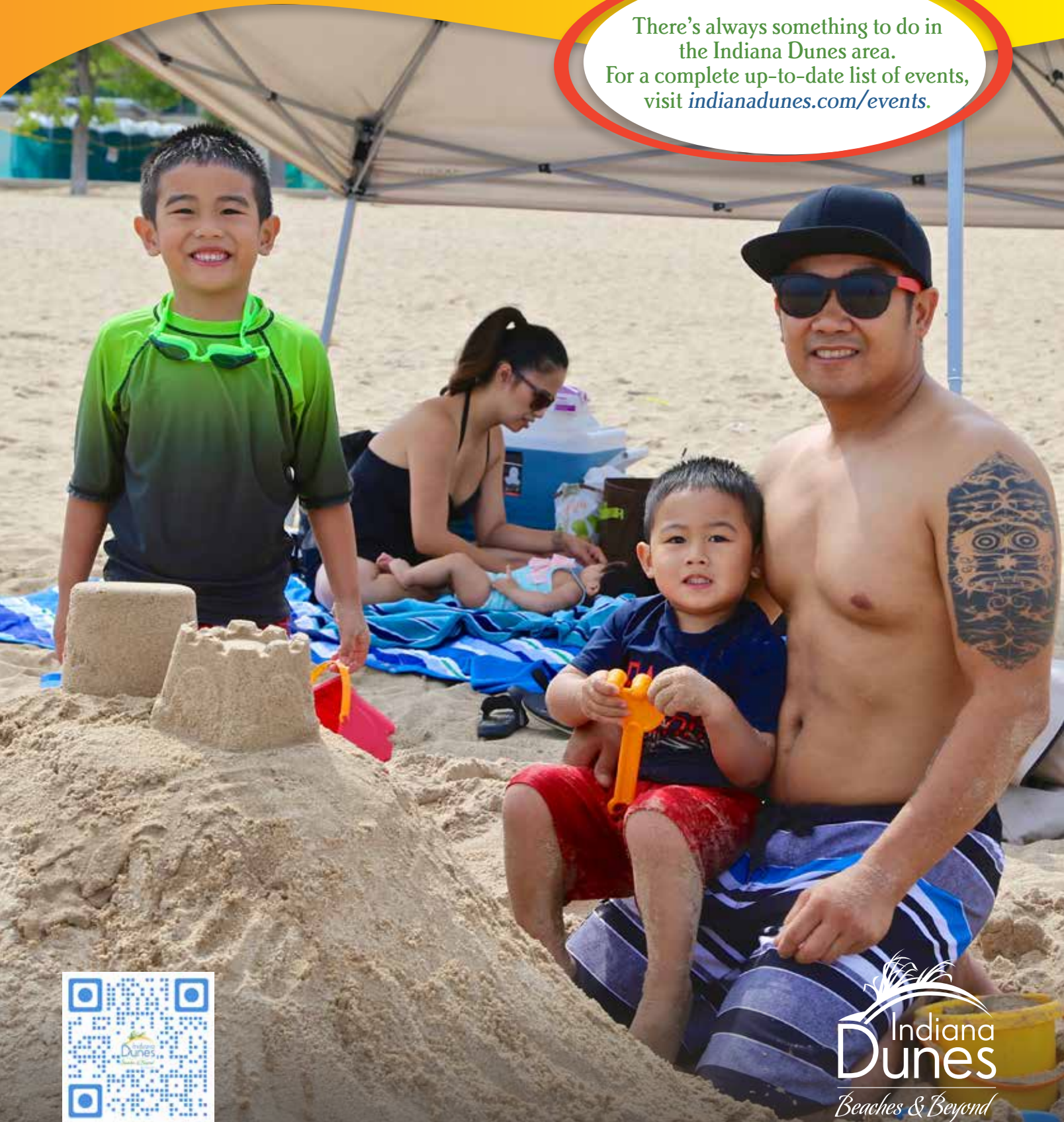
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February

Fish-On

The Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Sea Quest Lures, hosts its Annual Fishing and Outdoor Show. All outdoor events are showcased including hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, archery, kayaking, hiking, bird watching, and more. Seminars, booths, a children's area with Petey the Perch, and other activities are offered.

2100 Willowcreek Rd.,
Portage, IN 46368
219-762-3300
portageinchamber.com

March

Maple Sugar Time

Warm up with an early taste of spring. During this event, the historic Chellberg Farm is bustling with maple sugaring activities.

618 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter
219-395-1882
nps.gov/indu



May

Indiana Dunes Birding Festival

Celebrate the amazing spring migration on Lake Michigan's southern shore with field trips, presentations, live bird programs, young birder activities, and more. Check website for fees.

Indiana Dunes National
and State Parks
1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter
219-928-6905
indunesbirdingfestival.com

May–October

Chesterton's European Market

Every Saturday

An outdoor family artisanal market held in historic downtown Chesterton. Free admission.

Broadway and Third St., Chesterton
219-926-5513
dunelandchamber.org/european-market



June

Valparaiso Virtual Art Festival

This festival showcases the talents of more than 75 juried artists and artisans from across the nation and is staged and curated by renowned art organizer Amdur Productions, a nationally acclaimed art festival production company.

Downtown Valparaiso
Indiana Ave. at Lafayette St.
219-464-8332
amdurproductions.com

July

Annual Nativity Fest

Four nights of homemade food, live music, carnival games, rides, pull tabs, and bingo. There is also a big-money raffle, a beer garden, and much, much more.

Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2949 Willowcreek Rd.
219-762-4858
nativityofoursavior.org

Annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Whether building or not, come vote for your favorite sand sculpture. Contact the Nature Center for more information and specific rules. There is a fee to enter the State Park.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton
219-926-1390
on.in.gov/instateparkevents



Indiana Department of Natural Resources



Fireworks on the Lakefront

This family-friendly event features food merchants, a DJ, and, of course, fireworks. Be aware that there will be a high amount of traffic. Guests are asked not to bring any fireworks and alcohol is not permitted within the state park. There is a fee to enter the State Park.

Indiana Dunes State Park
1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton
219-926-5513

dunelandchamber.org

July–August**Porter County Fair**

Enjoy 10 days of delicious fair food; the summer's best grandstand entertainment; free stage and grounds acts for all ages; 4-H livestock barns and shows; and a top-notch Midway.

Porter County Expo Center
215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso
219-462-0321

portercountyfair.com

August**Prairie Magic Music Fest**

This festival is a celebration of rock, bluegrass, folk, and Americana music. The festival also highlights crafts, food, and beer vendors and is family-friendly.

775 Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-548-0219

portercountyparks.org

**Chesterton Art Fair**

Over 90 juried artists from across the country display their work in all mediums with a variety of price points. Food, live music, family art activities, and free, close parking is available. This event is accessible for all.

Dogwood Park
1100 North and 23rd St., Chesterton
219-926-4711

chestertonart.com

Aukiki River Festival

Experience life as it was from the mid-1700s to the 1930s. Interact with more than 35 encampments, see blanket traders, and explore the Collier's General Store. This festival offers historical musical entertainment, period-themed food, kids crafts, and more.

Collier Lodge
1097 Baums Bridge Rd., Kouts
219-766-2302

kankakeevalleyhistoricalsociety.org

Kouts Pork Fest

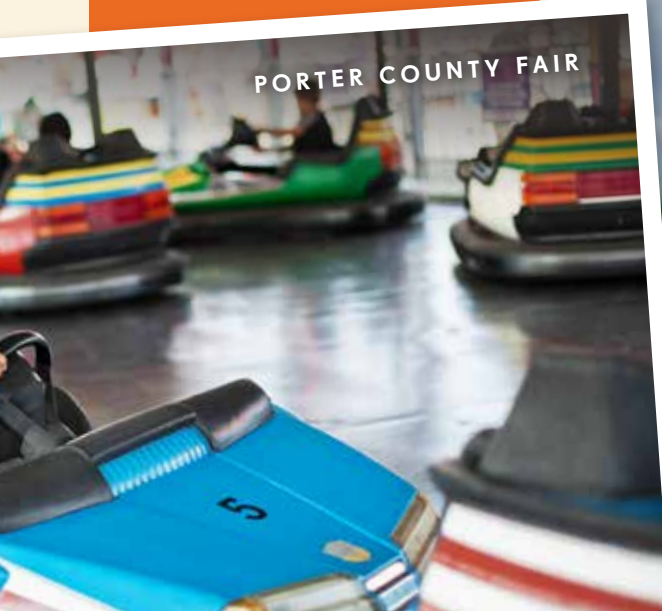
The parade kicks off right down Main Street, and the streets are filled with food vendors, arts and crafts, live entertainment, and contests. Free admission.

Downtown Kouts
State Rd. 8 and State Rd. 49, Kouts
219-405-1452

koutsevents.com/porkfest

TIME ZONE

The Indiana Dunes area uses Central Time, including daylight savings time. Be sure to double-check which time zone you are in, and, for the most up-to-date event information, visit us at indianadunes.com.



September

Bacon Fest

Come out to Founders Square Park and enjoy music, crafts, and, of course, bacon! Free admission.

Founders Square Park
6300 Founders Square, Portage
219-232-8599

baconfestportage.com



Hooked on Art—Live Street Art Festival

Join participants at Thomas Centennial Park to watch live street artists, using a variety of creative mediums, complete works of art from start to finish over the course of one day. All ages are welcome.

Thomas Centennial Park
109 Broadway, Chesterton
219-728-1638

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Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival

This festival showcases the region's natural and cultural significance through hiking, paddling, biking, and other activities such as geocaching, photography, birding, and orienteering. The festival has events for families, beginners, experts, and those with limited mobility.

Indiana Dunes Visitor Center
1215 N. State Rd. 49
219-395-1882

nps.gov/indu



Valparaiso Popcorn Festival

This festival continues to offer family-fun activities for all ages. Over 250 arts and crafts booths, 35 food booths, kids' games, a five-mile Popcorn Panic, two live music stages, and the nation's first Popcorn Parade are only the beginning of the excitement of this incredible festival.

Downtown Valparaiso
Lincolnway, Valparaiso
219-464-8332

valparaisoevents.com

World Cultural Festival

The World Cultural Festival is a celebration of art, food, dance, and music from around the world.

This family-friendly event features authentic cultural music and dancing, hands-on educational activities for children, and an opportunity to learn about cultural diversity.

Central Park Plaza
63 Lafayette St. Valparaiso
219-464-1122

valpovic.org

October

Annual Elvis FANTasy Fest

Since 1993, Elvis Fantasy Fest (EFF) has been a celebration of Elvis's music legacy and remembrance of his humanitarian ways by supporting a local charity. Join us for an amazing weekend of Elvis music while supporting our Special Olympic athletes.

2100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage
317-844-7354

elvisfantasyfest.com

November

Winter Lights Night Festival

This festival kicks off the annual winter lights display at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. Decorate holiday cookies, meet Santa, sing carols, enjoy wagon rides, and roast s'mores by the bonfire.

Sunset Hill Farm County Park
775 Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-465-3586

portercountyparks.org



December

Annual Kouts Christmas Open House

Homes, churches, and businesses open their doors to sell handcrafted unique gifts. Free admission.

Town-wide, Kouts
219-405-1452

koutsevents.com



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Chesterton Art Center



Chesterton Art Center is a vibrant hub of artistic and cultural activity in the Duneland area. The CAC widens access to art, arts education, and outreach while expanding our mission's impact and building a creative community that includes everyone. Located in downtown Chesterton, the Center has two main exhibition galleries, two classrooms, a member exhibition gallery, and an artisan gift store.

Emerging and established artists, as well as regional artists and artisan groups, are represented in the rotating exhibitions in the main galleries. There are also art classes and workshops for all ages in the education center.

The annual Chesterton Art Fair, the CAC's largest event, is the first full weekend of August. The two-day juried art fair features artists from all over the country, live music, regional food options, and family art activities. Located in Dogwood Park, 1415 S. 23rd Street in Chesterton.

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7. BEVERLY SHORES

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1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter
219-926-2255 indianadunes.com

2. DOWNTOWN CHESTERTON AND THE EUROPEAN MARKET

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Calumet Rd. and Broadway St., Chesterton
219-926-5513 dunelandchamber.org

3. SUNSET HILL FARM COUNTY PARK

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775 Meridian Rd., Valparaiso
219-465-3586 portercountyparks.org/sunset-hill

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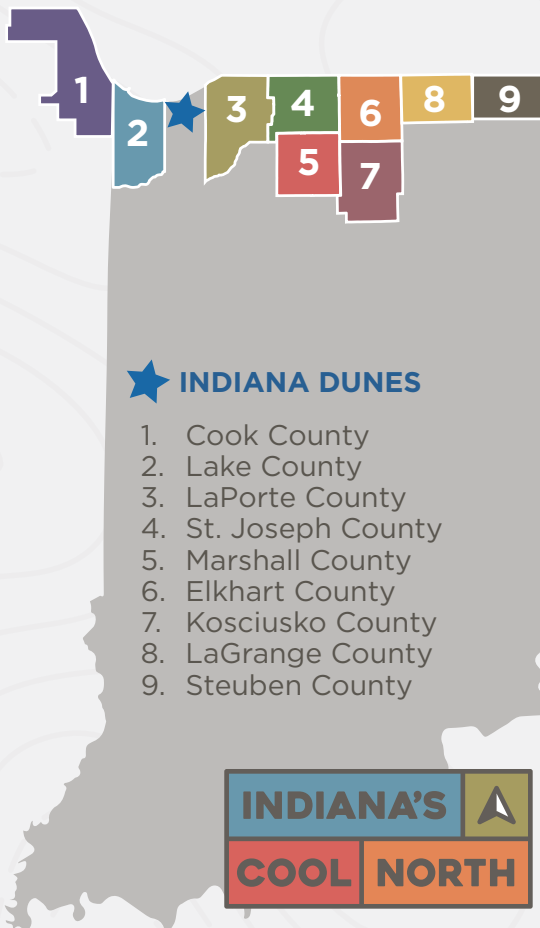
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2. Lake County
3. LaPorte County
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6. Elkhart County
7. Kosciusko County
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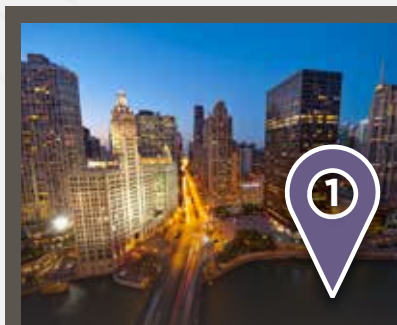
Stay in the Indiana Dunes area and then either drive or take the South Shore Line train to the big city. With towering skyscrapers, professional sporting events, world-class theatre, award-winning restaurants, must-see museums, and more, this hour journey makes the perfect day trip.

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South Shore Line

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2. Albanese Candy Factory, County Line Orchard, and the National Mascot Hall of Fame

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albanesecandy.com,
countylineorchard.com, and
mascothalloffame.com

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Visit Michigan City LaPorte

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219-872-5055

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4. University of Notre Dame

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5. Barn Quilt Trail

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6. Amish Acres & Quilt Gardens in Elkhart County

Elkhart's slogan is "Well Crafted," and here you'll explore a living patchwork quilt of varied downtowns and colorful experiences. The county is connected by the Heritage Trail as it weaves its way through country roads and varied landscapes.

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Quilt Gardens

The quilt gardens of Elkhart County combine intricate patterns and vibrant colors in a dazzling display. Enjoy several unique gardens along the Heritage Trail from May–October. 800-262-8161 quiltgardens.com

Elkhart County Visitors Center

For more information and other exciting adventures in Elkhart County, check out the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau. 3421 Cassopolis St., Elkhart 800-262-8161 visitelkhartcounty.com

7. The Village at Winona

The Village offers unique shopping, a variety of restaurant and dining options, live events and entertainment, and fun for the whole family near Winona Lake. villageatwinona.com

8. Shipshewana Flea Market

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9. Pokagon State Park/Trine State Recreation Area

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Dunes: Begin at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, where a knowledgeable Destination Ambassador will help you plan your trip, or visit IndianaDunes.com.

Book: Schedule your flight, dinner, and stay for \$329. Contact Eagle Aircraft at 219-464-0132.





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Today, our guests are like family who become friends as well. We're crazy about 'all things food and drink' and we love putting together meals for them. We still draw our identity and inspiration from our origins. That will never change. Each restaurant still makes their deep dish pizza fresh, from scratch every day.

- Chicago Original Deep Dish Pizza
- Sandwiches
- Chicago Thin Crust pizza
- Full Bar
- Wings
- Gluten-free menu items

333 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter, IN 46304
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Dinner, Drinks, and Music

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Speakeasy at the Spa holds a rich history dating back to the colonization of Porter. The Spa Restaurant was originally opened by Harry Leroy Day in 1933 and over the course of the next couple centuries it had quite a reputation for being one of the best restaurants of its time in the Porter area. Unfortunately the Spa changed hands in ownership a few times and eventually sat vacant for a number of years.

Around 2018 a family invested in the Springhouse Inn and purchased the building. In 2021, the Spa building was purchased by the same family. Almost a century later, we are ready to keep the Spa legacy going. In the utmost respect to the original restaurant, we will continue to serve dinner for the first time in about two decades. Musicians will continue to fill the room with live entertainment every weekend. Great drinks will be poured. Laughs and conversations will continue in the walls that we wish could speak. Best of all, the history lives on.

333 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter, IN 46304
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thespaspeakeasy.com

Weekdays 4–10pm;
Weekends 4–11pm





Indiana Dunes Tourism

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Spring House Inn

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"Very comfortable to stay here. Nice inn and nice restaurant next door. Very highly recommended friendly staff very nice location nice rooms."

Everett, U.S., Booking.com, Feb. 2022 ★★★★★

"I love this place...it has beautiful nature views from the rooms. Close to the national park."

Wilson, U.S., Booking.com, Jan. 2022 ★★★★★



"A quiet inn that puts you close to natural attractions. The facility was very clean, quiet, and the rooms were large. There is a lovely space to sit and visit and keep your distance. We wanted to visit the Dunes National Park so this location was excellent. Good breakfast."

Denowlin, U.S., Booking.com, Jan. 2022 ★★★★★

