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# WELCOME!

**ADVENTURE AWAITS IN INDIANA. AND THIS 2023 EDITION** of the Indiana Travel Guide will point you in the right direction, from the banks of the Ohio River to Indiana Dunes National Park. You'll find inspiration for fun-filled road trips on every page.

The Hoosier State is diverse in experiences. From hiking scenic trails or discovering plunging waterfalls, our scenery is perfect for outdoor adventures (see pgs. 11, 14, 28). There are hundreds of Indiana festivals and events—read about some of the best on p. 10. And remember to check out our signature dishes like the breaded-pork tenderloin sandwich, sugar cream pie and others found on p. 6.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a resident, there are travel opportunities to fit almost every itinerary. For more ideas, go to [VisitIndiana.com](http://VisitIndiana.com).

On behalf of the Indiana Destination Development Corporation, we hope to see you soon IN Indiana.

*Best wishes and safe travels,*

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Indianapolis' **Soldiers and Sailors Monument (C)** awash in fall colors. Photo by [@lukemacg](https://www.instagram.com/lukemacg)



The verdant rolling hills of **Brown County State Park (UP)**. Photo by [@indianadnr](https://www.instagram.com/indianadnr)



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Cliff-diving and swimming at **White Rock Park (C)** in St. Paul. Photo by [@whiterockpark](https://www.instagram.com/whiterockpark)



*It All Awaits*

# IN INDIANA

## *In Focus*

Looking for the unexpected? You've come to the right place. Because no matter where you travel in Indiana, you'll encounter one-of-a-kind experiences sure to surprise and delight. Let these pages guide the way, introducing you to parks and trails with amazing views, quirky museums and grand historic homes, award-winning craft beverages and inspired dining. Time to discover something new—IN Indiana.



Henry Moore's *Large Arch* at Columbus' Cleo Rogers Memorial Library Plaza

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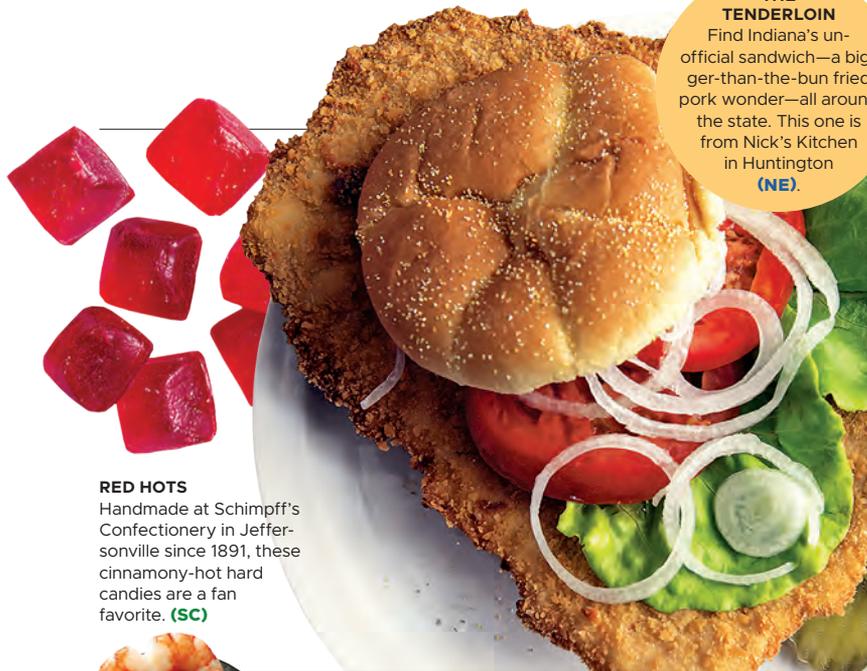
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**THE TENDERLOIN**  
Find Indiana's unofficial sandwich—a bigger-than-the-bun fried pork wonder—all around the state. This one is from Nick's Kitchen in Huntington (NE).

**RED HOTS**  
Handmade at Schimpff's Confectionery in Jeffersonville since 1891, these cinnamon-hot hard candies are a fan favorite. (SC)

**CRAFT BEER**  
Discover award-winning breweries across the state, like 3 Floyds Brewing Co. in Munster, known for its "extreme" hoppy brews. (NW)



**TRIPLE XXX ROOT BEER**  
Buy it bottled, or drink it in a frosty mug at Triple XXX Family Restaurant in West Lafayette. (MN)

**PERSIMMON PUDDING**  
Sample the falltime dessert starring a native Indiana fruit at Nashville General Store & Bakery in Nashville. (UP)



**ST. ELMO STEAK HOUSE'S SHRIMP COCKTAIL**  
Named the world's spiciest food by The Travel Channel. (C)

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Crunchy, salty and made in Indiana since 1858. (SW)



**A MILE-HIGH REUBEN**  
Shapiro's Delicatessen in Indy is famous for this stacked delicacy. (C)

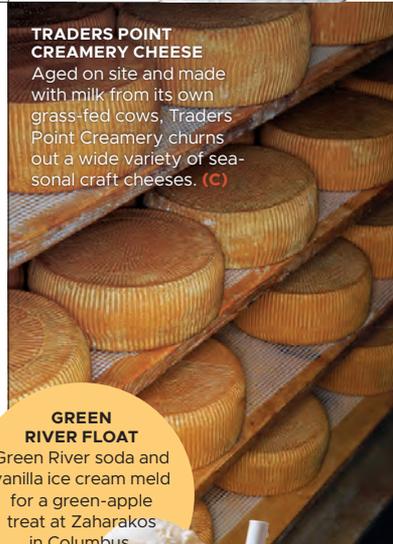


# TASTE OF THE STATE

*From breakfast to dessert, Indiana's claims to culinary fame include tempting sweet and savory options.*

**TRADERS POINT CREAMERY CHEESE**  
Aged on site and made with milk from its own grass-fed cows, Traders Point Creamery churns out a wide variety of seasonal craft cheeses. (C)

**GREEN RIVER FLOAT**  
Green River soda and vanilla ice cream meld for a green-apple treat at Zaharakos in Columbus. (UP)



**ALBANESE GUMMY BEARS**  
Squishy, fruity, super-soft and known as the world's best. If you can't make it to the factory in Merrillville, pick up a bag at major grocery stores. (NW)



**SUGAR CREAM PIE**  
Savor Indiana's official pie at Mrs. Wick's Bakery and Cafe in Winchester. (EC)

**TOMATO JUICE**  
Sip a glass at West Baden Springs Hotel where it was purportedly invented in 1917. (SC)



**CINNAMON CARAMEL DOUGHNUT**  
Trust us: You'll want a dozen of Rise'n Roll Bakery's signature ring, the 2022 Underground Donut Tour's "Overall Fan Favorite." (NW) (NC)(NE)(C)



**THE BRATZEL**  
Try Indiana's #1 sandwich—a jumbo pretzel topped with bratwurst—at The Schnitzelbank in Jasper. (SW)



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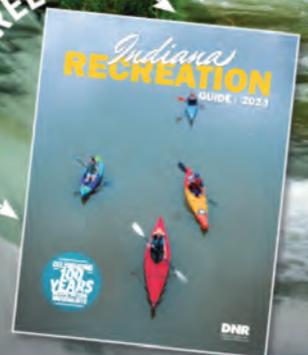
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# JOY RIDES



FIND A NEW PERSPECTIVE BY EXPLORING VIA BICYCLE. WHETHER YOU PREFER A QUIET, RURAL RIDE OR ONE THAT TAKES YOU THROUGH THE HEART OF A CITY, THESE FIVE TRIPS OFFER A SAFE, FUN WAY TO SEE THE SIGHTS. *by Laura Kruty*

## 1 OHIO RIVER GREENWAY (SC)

You'll get a nice, succinct tour of a stretch of Southern Indiana riverbank on this completely paved, 7½-mile, multi-use path that hugs its namesake tributary. Along the way, cyclists come across skyline views, lively downtowns, historic homes and green spaces. Our suggestion: Start in **Jeffersonville**. Park near **Big Four Station Park**, an energetic gathering spot close to restaurants and cafes for a pre-ride meal. If needed, borrow a two-wheeler from **LouVelo's** bike-rental kiosks in the area. Set out toward **Clarksville**, and if you're in the mood for a scavenger hunt of sorts, stop at **Falls of the Ohio State Park** to scour its fossil beds. The route then veers woody and takes riders around the **Loop Island Wetlands** before reaching **New Albany**. There, recharge at any number of eateries and explore its downtown before heading back. Time it right, and you might be able to catch an evening show at Jeffersonville's **Riverstage** amphitheater.

## 2 FORT WAYNE RIVERGREENWAY (NE)

Three different pathways—each named after **Fort Wayne's** trio of rivers, the St. Joseph, St. Marys and Maumee—make up

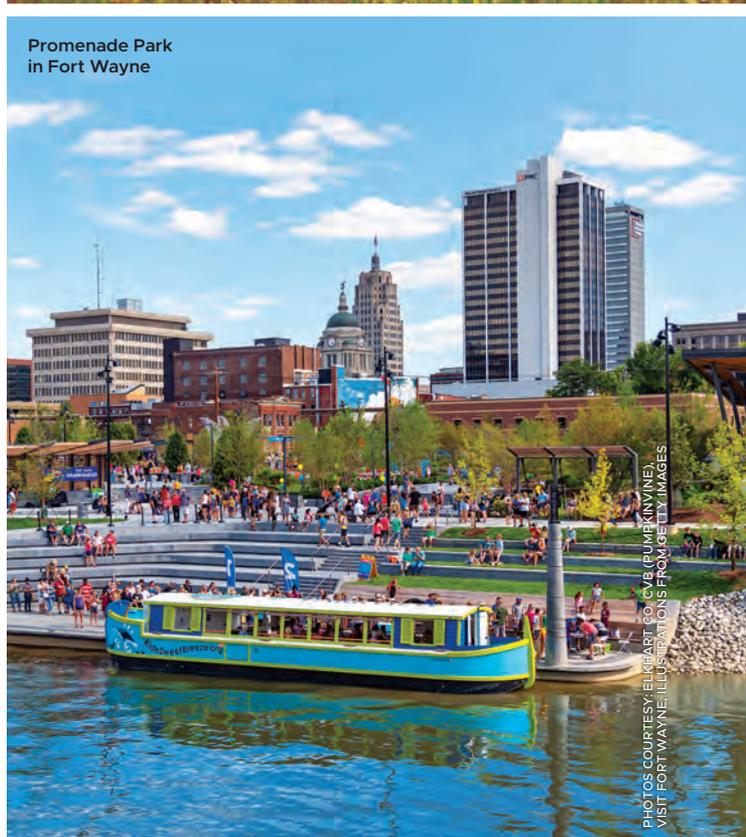
the **Rivergreenway**, a 25-mile-long trek through Indiana's second-largest city. Consider setting off from **Foster Park** on the city's south side to follow the St. Marys River up to **Swinney Park**. There, you can detour east on city streets to downtown (perhaps for an iconic dog at **Fort Wayne's Famous Coney Island** or a drink at one of **The Landing's** restaurants) or continue around the oxbow. You'll definitely want to stop at **Promenade Park**, especially if kids are with you. Attractions are on both sides of the water, including a cafe, swings, an accessible playground, kayak rentals and boat rides. Nearby **Headwaters Park** hosts lots of festivals and events and is also a great place to take a break. Visit **The Old Fort** for a local history lesson.

## 3 CARDINAL GREENWAY (EC)

Once an oft-used line by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, the **Cardinal Greenway** is now the state's longest rail-trail, running 62 miles through east central Indiana and connecting **Marion, Gas City, Muncie, Richmond** and points in between. Because of its length and long sweeps through fairly rural areas, this trail may be best for more experienced cyclists. Those ready to tackle this Rails to Trails Conservancy Hall of



Pumpkinvine Nature Trail



Promenade Park in Fort Wayne

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Howard Park  
in South Bend

*Parks and attractions  
abound on the Indiana  
+ Michigan River  
Valley Trail.*



Famer are rewarded with a mix of small towns, larger cities and expanses of patchworked farm fields. There are over 20 trail-heads, but trail headquarters, **Wysor Street Depot** in Muncie, is an ideal setting-off point. Aim north to **Gaston**, where a 15-mile county-road stretch takes you to **Jonesboro** and, beyond that, **Marion**. Or start by heading south from Muncie, taking a break at **Prairie Creek Reservoir**. You'll eventually come to **Richmond** (try to snag a look at **Thistlethwaite Falls** as you near the city), whose historic **Depot District** is a welcome respite with restaurants and taprooms. Among other Greenway events, fall's **BikeTOURberfest** is a great way to familiarize yourself with the trail amid beautiful scenery.

your outing than a hearty meal at **Blue Gate Restaurant & Bakery** in Shipshewana. Bike rentals are available nearby, too, as well as in Goshen. Tread west, and come to Middlebury's **Krider World's Fair Gardens**, featuring a display from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. By the time you reach Goshen, it's probably time to refuel—consider **Venturi** for pizza or **Goshen Brewing Company** for elevated pub grub. Here, Pumpkinvine turns into the **Maple City Greenway** and, later, the **Mapleheart Trail** that leads you into Elkhart. Check out the **Gateway Mile**, a hub of eateries, boutiques and museums along the **Elkhart River**.

## 5 INDIANA + MICHIGAN RIVER VALLEY TRAIL (NC)

A network of connected trails runs for 17 miles, allowing you to travel between **Mishawaka** and **South Bend** with plenty of food and drink and attractions to experience along the way. Consider starting in Mishawaka, departing from **Central Park** and cruising along the **Mishawaka Riverfront** that hugs the St. Joseph River. Stay on the north side of the waterway to wander around the **Indiana University South Bend** campus and the **South Bend Farmers Market**, whose roots date back to 1924. Dine at the market's cafe for a true farm-to-fork meal, then continue along the river, breaking at **Howard Park** if needed. While it's not directly on the route, the **University of Notre Dame** is a worthy side trip, its many on-campus trails taking you to **Notre Dame Stadium** and **Touchdown Jesus**. Intrepid cyclists will want to keep going north, with **St. Patrick's County Park** the last major stop this side of the state line. **J**

## 4 PUMPKINVINE NATURE TRAIL (NC)

This whimsically named pathway (formerly used by the Pumpkin Vine Railroad) connects **Shipshewana**, **Middlebury**, **Goshen** and **Elkhart** via linking with the **Maple City Greenway** and **Mapleheart Trail** for a total jaunt of 23 miles. Most of it is paved, with some crushed-stone and county-road parts. You'll pedal through the heart of Indiana's **Amish country**, past farms dotted with animals and barns, beneath leafy canopies, alongside open fields and clusters of colorful wildflowers and to towns with plenty of pit stops to catch your breath. There may be no better start to



Cardinal  
Greenway



Ohio River  
Greenway



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# BEST OF FESTS

OFFERING MUSIC, ART, FOOD, HISTORY AND MORE, THESE ARE 16 OF INDIANA'S TOP FESTIVALS. *by Emily Udell*

**1 PIEROGI FEST**

**July 28-30** // This ode to Eastern Europe's famous dumpling in Whiting features music, dancing and eclectic events, such as the Polka Parade. **(NW)**

**2 MARSHALL COUNTY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**

**Aug. 31-Sept. 4** // Plymouth hosts a Labor Day weekend bash with music, games, carnival rides, a car show and plenty of blueberry-based foods. **(NC)**

**3 NAPPANEE APPLE FESTIVAL**

**Sept. 14-17** // A 7-foot apple pie is at the core of this fest, featuring rides, a parade, bushels of apple-based treats and apple-peeling and pastry-eating contests. **(NC)**

**4 ELKHART JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**June 22-25** // The city known as the "Band Instrument Capital of the World" shows off its top brass with more than 100 musicians at this four-day event. **(NC)**

**5 THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL**

**July 7-15** // Family-friendly events, such as bed races, river rides and a concert series, are only part of this nine-day Fort Wayne fest. **(NE)**

**6 FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON**

**Sept. 23-24** // On the site of a 1700s-era fur-trading post in West Lafayette, see a reenactment and military demos, and enjoy historic foods. **(MN)**

**7 COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL**

**Oct. 13-22** // Tour Parke County's 31 covered bridges and browse vendors around Rockville's historic town square. **(WC)**

**8 CARMEL CHRISTKINDLMARKT**

**Mid-Nov.-Dec.** // Authentic German foods and vendors, mugs of glühwein and ice skating draw thousands to this fest that replicates those in Deutschland. **(C)**

**9 INDIANA STATE FAIR**

**July 28-Aug. 20** // Competitions, concerts, food vendors, animals and a midway help the fairgrounds come alive to celebrate the best of Hoosier agriculture and more. **(C)**

**10 RILEY FESTIVAL**

**Oct. 5-8** // As a tribute to Indiana's famed poet, James Whitcomb Riley, vendors, food and entertainment surround Riley's statue in front of the Greenfield courthouse. **(C)**

**11 BILL MONROE'S BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**

**June 14-17** // This top pick of bluegrass fans includes performances and camping at Bill Monroe Music Park in Bean Blossom. **(UP)**

**12 MITCHELL PERSIMMON FESTIVAL**

**Sept. 23-30** // A parade, exhibits and persimmon pudding pay homage to the falltime fruit that's native to Southern Indiana. **(UP)**

**13 MADISON CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL OF ART**

**Sept. 30-Oct. 1** // A juried arts and crafts show draws some 250 artisans offering paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry and more. **(SE)**

**14 JASPER STRASSENFEST**

**Aug. 3-6** // Don your lederhosen to honor the city's German heritage with entertainment, games, pageants and food. **(SW)**

**15 WEST SIDE NUT CLUB FALL FESTIVAL**

**Oct. 2-7** // One of the largest street fests in the country, this Evansville affair includes parades, competitions, food and rides. **(SW)**

**16 ABBEY ROAD ON THE RIVER**

**May 25-29** // "Come together" in Jeffersonville for five days of appreciation for The Beatles and '60s music with bands from around the world. **(SC)**



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# OUTSIDE EXPECTATIONS

Scuba diving in Indiana? It's true! Tackle that and other outdoor activities that you may be surprised to learn are offered here. **BY EMILY UDELL**

## SANDY SUMMITS

Dominate Indiana Dunes State Park with a hike that comprises 1½ miles and 550 vertical feet of sandy climbing with views of Lake Michigan. The route, known as the **3 Dune Challenge (NW)**, traverses a loop that includes the summit of Mt. Tom, Mt. Holden, and Mt. Jackson, the tallest sand formations. Start at the park's nature center in Chesterton, where you can also view interactive exhibits about the unique plants, animals and ecosystem of the area.

## DOWN-UNDER DESTINATION

Although Indiana isn't known for its coastal experiences, yes, you can scuba dive in the Hoosier State. Don your wetsuit to explore Indiana's only underwater nature preserve around the shipwreck site of the **J.D. Marshall (NW)**, which sank in Lake Michigan on June 11, 1911, off the coast of what is now Indiana Dunes State Park. Contact local scuba stores for special training to become certified. In Logansport, Indy Dive Center offers opportunities to explore **France Park (MN)**, home to myriad dive attrac-

tions, cliff formations and aquatic life for observing.

## BACKCOUNTRY BIKING

Hilly Brown County has become a world-class destination for singletrack mountain biking with its scenic trails and technical challenges created by mountain bikers themselves. Nearly 40 miles of trails in **Brown County State Park (UP)**—with names like Hesitation Point Trail and Hobbs Hollow—cater to beginners and experts alike. The nearby **Hoosier National Forest** adds nearly 200 more miles of multiuse trails to shred, all surrounded by picturesque terrain.

## UNDERGROUND EXPLORATION

Get spelunking at two different locations for cave adventures. **Indiana Caverns (SC)** offers underground walking and boat tours in the Binkley Cave System in Corydon. At **Bluespring Caverns (UP)** near Bedford, you can also take tours and learn about cave creatures, such as blind fish and spotted

salamanders. There are also seasonal opportunities for kayaking and spending the night on subterranean bunks.

## URBAN RAPIDS

Did you know you can ride a 6-foot wave in the heart of South Bend? Rolling rapids on **East Race Waterway (NC)** present an adjustable challenge for rafters from beginner to professional level. This seasonal, manmade whitewater course is the first of its kind in North America, running about 1,900 feet with a drop of up to 12 feet, depending on the flow of the St. Joseph River.

## SOARING AND DIVING

The main lake at **White Rock Park (SE)** in St. Paul has four platforms of different heights—the highest being nearly 33 feet tall—for cliff-jumping off the walls of an old quarry. Ziplines and rope swings also cater to summertime thrill-seekers. Scuba divers can sink down to explore a school bus, boat, car and motorcycle that have been submerged. **J**



3 Dune Challenge at Indiana Dunes State Park

# PLACE SETTINGS

PULL UP A CHAIR AT THESE RESTAURANTS WHOSE ATMOSPHERES—INSIDE AND OUT—ARE AS APPEALING AS THEIR FOOD AND DRINK. *by Rebecca Berfanger*



## ZAHARAKOS ICE CREAM PARLOR

Since 1900, Zaharakos has been a mainstay in Columbus, serving drinks from a 1904 soda fountain, housemade ice cream and tenderloins while a restored Welte orchestra provides lively background music. **(UP)**



## GERST HAUS

In Evansville, an ivy-covered 1890 brick building that was once a hardware store has been transformed into a bier hall-like setting for authentic German cuisine—spaetzle, schnitzel, strudel and plenty of draft beer. **(SW)**



## FIREHOUSE BBQ & BLUES

Not just a clever name for a barbecue joint, this Richmond spot dishes up smoked pork, beef brisket and chicken, with a side of national, regional and local blues and rock acts. It's housed in Richmond's first fire station, built in 1860. **(EC)**



## ZYDECO'S CAJUN ACTUAL

For over 20 years, Zydeco's has served Cajun cuisine in Mooresville: jambalaya, gumbo, po'boys, even gator bites and frog legs, amid just the right amount of twinkle lights and Mardi Gras masks to feel like you're on Bourbon Street. **(C)**



## THE INFERNO ROOM

In Indianapolis, experience what the owners claim is one of the largest collections of Papua New Guinea native art outside of a museum, while sipping on a tropical rum drink and snacking on Asian-inspired bites. **(C)**



## TWIGS & SPRIGS

Fresh herbs and edible flowers are the stars of the lunches at Twigs & Sprigs, the seasonal, rustic restaurant at Stream Cliff Herb Farm and Winery in Commiskey. Gardens and the greenhouse provide a charming backdrop for midday meals. **(SE)**



## LADY TRON'S

Folks from both sides of the Ohio River flock to this 1950s prefabricated diner in New Albany for chef Summer Sieg's seasonal soups and sandwiches in a sci-fi-influenced space decorated with *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* memorabilia. Try the Leia, a sweet grilled cheese. **(SC)**



## TIPPECANOE PLACE RESTAURANT

The elegant 1880s Studebaker family mansion still looms large in South Bend, now as a home to an eatery featuring high-end steak and seafood, casual dining at Studebaker Brewing Co., and a Sunday-brunch menu. **(NC)**



## THE OYSTER BAR

The Oyster Bar has held steady in Fort Wayne since the year Benjamin Harrison was elected president. (That would be 1888.) Inside the snug dining room, briny bivalves are—unsurprisingly—the main event, sharing the spotlight with surf-and-turf entrees and plenty of martini options. **(NE)**

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**BOULDERING BUFFS CAN** find 300 technical climbing challenges at **Muscatatuck Park** in North Vernon, where limestone rock formations make a great spot for the extreme sport. **(SE)**



**HOLIDAY WORLD & SPLASHIN' SAFARI** in Santa Claus offers family-friendly fun, but still has high-flying roller coasters, such as the steel Thunderbird (pictured), wooden Voyage and water coaster Cheetah Chase. At nearly 70 mph, they'll all get your heart pumping. **(SW)**



**THE Indy Racing Experience** lets you zoom around the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway at 180 face-melting miles per hour and experience g-forces in an IndyCar driven by a certified operator. **(C)**



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**LEAVE YOUR FEAR** of heights behind for the up-in-the-air experiences at **eXplore Brown County's** ziplines in Nashville **(UP)** and **Go Ape's** (pictured) ziplines, bridges and tree canopy-level obstacles at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis. **(C)**



**TAKE ON THE ULTIMATE CAVING** challenge during the **Deep Darkness** adventure, in which participants climb, crawl and kayak beneath the earth at Indiana Caverns, the state's longest cave system, in Corydon. **(SC)**

**ASCEND 370 FEET** at **Conner Prairie** in Fishers inside one of the country's four tethered helium balloons to commemorate the 1859 voyage of the Jupiter, which completed the U.S.'s first airmail delivery. **(C)**



**EXCITING**

**JOIN THE PACK** at Battle Ground's **Wolf Park** Howl Night, where you're encouraged to howl along with the resident canines at this unique preserve while learning about how the animals communicate. **(MN)**



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# A LASTING LEGACY

*The Origins Cabin in Conner Prairie's Promised Land as Proving Ground*

Compelling exhibits, interactive experiences and public art illuminate Indiana's African-American heritage. **BY REBECCA BERFANGER**

In Fishers, living-history museum **Conner Prairie (C)** fully debuts its newest exhibit, **Promised Land as Proving Ground**, this summer, providing a look at several centuries of African-American history in Indiana. Through augmented reality, hands-on and audio-visual experiences, visitors will learn about African-American faith traditions, cultural groups that were enslaved in the United States, migratory patterns to Indiana and the importance of the land and gardens in celebrations and traditions. Supported by the Smithsonian Institution, the exhibit aims to answer whether Indiana really was the promised land for Blacks seeking a new life—and how the state acted as a proving ground for challenging and developing African-American faithways. Promised Land as Proving Ground is integrated into 1836 Prairietown, where you can also visit with shopkeepers and skilled tradespeople.



## MORE TO EXPLORE

### MURALS, MURALS

Discover stories-tall murals of three Black icons in downtown Indianapolis **(C)**: world-champion cyclist and Indy native **Marshall "Major" Taylor** (1878–1932), painted by Shawn Warren; hair-care product entrepreneur **Madam C.J. Walker** (1867–1919) by Tasha Beckwith; and poet and founder of the Black Arts Movement **Mari Evans** (1919–2017) by Michael Jordan.

### ON EXHIBIT

At the **Carnegie Center for Art and History (SC)** in New Albany, learn about Lucy Higgs Nichols, an escaped slave and nurse for the Union Army, through artifacts, maps and documents, and hear tales of courage by enslaved and free people of diverse backgrounds in *Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage*.

### LESSON PLAN

The museum at **Lyles Station (pictured) (SW)** in Princeton, set in the town's 1922 schoolhouse, is a window into the past for the rural, self-sustaining African-American town of 800 residents that flourished in the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

### HISTORY KEEPER

A cultural center and gathering space, the **Evansville African American Museum (SW)** preserves the heritage of the city's Black families and communities. Pick up a brochure for the Baptist-town Walking Tour, part of the Evansville African American Heritage Trail, and take a self-guided trip around the history-rich area. **J**



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**RAINBOW BRIGHT**

*Colorful murals adorn shipping containers and a rehabbed water tank in the NoCo Arts and Cultural District in Jeffersonville*

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**DISCOVER VIBRANT PUBLIC ART, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, LOCAL BOUTIQUES AND RESTAURANTS AND MUCH MORE IN INDIANA'S 12 OFFICIAL CULTURAL DISTRICTS.**

**BY BAILEY BRISCOE**

### *On the Banks*

**THOUGH SMALL, THE Madison Arts & Cultural District's (SE)** history and entertainment calendar rivals that of its neighboring cities, Cincinnati and Louisville. Early-American architecture, antiques shops, drum circles, multiple wineries, folk art and live music beckon—usually all in the same day. Also along the Ohio River is Jeffersonville's **NoCo Arts and Cultural District (SC)**. You'll know you've crossed north of Court Avenue—NoCo—when you spot the artistically refurbished water tank. Beyond that, there's an art center, a museum featuring historic fire engines and a brilliant “pocket park.” Everything is colorful and whimsical and, thus, inspiring.

### *Southern Charm*

**HOME TO THE FAMOUS** modernist Miller House, an Eero Saarinen project, the **Columbus Arts and Entertainment District (UP)** is a gem of history and architecture. Take in the grounds at Irwin Gardens, tour both modern and

# STATE OF THE ARTS



Columbus Arts and Entertainment District



SOUND SPACE

Catch a concert by local, national and global touring acts at the amphitheater in Fishers' Nickel Plate District.

Victorian buildings and seek out myriad public art installations. Don't leave without visiting the vintage ice cream parlor Zaharakos. Travel west on winding roads with a view of tree-covered hills to the rustic **Arts Village Brown County (UP)**. There, wineries, homey restaurants, small shops, artists' studios and folksy art galleries dot the main drag. For fans of handcrafted goods and art, Nashville is a must-see.

Take another short drive west where 60 city blocks of the **Bloomington Entertainment & Arts District (UP)** showcase performing arts venues, art galleries, boutique hotels, local shops and public parks. The entertainment is enhanced by the abundance of delicious eats, from traditional Indian cuisine to Irish pub grub. Also in this stretch of the state, close to the western border, is **Terre Haute 41/40 Arts and Cultural District (WC)**, where the city's downtown, brewery district and Indiana State University campus all converge. The area surrounding the historic intersection of U.S. Highways 40 and 41 brings together local artists and the community by way of



Pearl Street Mural Alley in Arts Campus Fort Wayne

museums, galleries, public art, performance venues and both traditional (81-year-old Saratoga) and modern (Bar Botics arcade) eateries.

## Center Stage

**PACKED INTO 50 BLOCKS** of the **Noblesville Cultural Arts District (C)** are two public parks—Federal Hill Commons, which boasts an amphitheater, and Seminary Park—in addition to independent boutiques, artists' studios and quaint restaurants. Just south of Noblesville, the **Nickel Plate District**

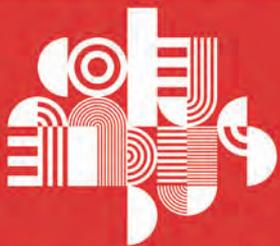
in Fishers **(C)** pays homage to the train line that once ran through it. This area has seen major transformation in recent years to include an amphitheater, a multiuse rail-trail, boutiques, restaurants and a brewery. About 15 minutes west of Fishers, visit the bustling **Carmel Arts and Design District (C)** to bike or walk the Monon Greenway, hop from store to store, sip a glass of wine on a patio and browse various art and design showrooms. See how many of the ultrarealistic statues scattered about you can find (no, that's not a *real* policeman).

## North Stars

**THE HILLS ARE ALIVE** with music and more in the **Wabash Cultural District (NE)**. Thanks to the rolling land, it's said you have a full view of the area from the district's entrance. Visit for one of the many events and festivals, or to bike or walk for miles on the community trails, experience interactive art pieces and appreciate well-preserved architecture while noshing at one of the many local canteens. A few miles northeast is **Arts Campus Fort Wayne (NE)**, a space community leaders first imagined back in the '60s. Today, it's a regional hub featuring city parks, gardens, museums and performance venues for live music, festivals and farmers markets.

Split harmoniously by the Wabash River in Lafayette, the **Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District (MN)** is perhaps the largest of Indiana's districts, spanning two downtowns. Purdue Boilermaker fans will want to gather in Chauncey Village on the campus's border. Art-lovers will enjoy the museums and theaters. And the outdoor-sy crowd should check out the pedestrian bridge and trail, followed by refreshments at Lafayette Brewing Company. ■

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BY AMY LYNCH



FOR MANY, the 1950s represent a cherished sweet spot of classic Americana that folks love to revisit, and there may be no better place to do so than Indiana. Step back in time and discover historic Hoosier attractions, classic eats worth reminiscing about and destinations that are sure to bring on waves of nostalgia at every turn.



## TASTY Treats!

IF YOUR SWEET TOOTH TENDS TO lean toward old-fashioned treats, great news: You'll find lots of satisfying ice cream, chocolates and retro penny candy all around Indiana.

Famous for its breaded tenderloin sandwiches, the charming **Yoho General Store (UP)** has been a Solsberry staple since the 1930s. Stop in for a meal and stick around for a slice of homemade pie a la mode. After the giggles die down, belly up to the soda fountain at **Butt Drugs (SC)** in Corydon for a classic Black Cow soda, a signature Peanut Butter Prescription Butt Shake or a 35-cent cup of coffee.

Hand-dipped milkshakes and sundaes, ice cream sandwiches, Coke floats—everything old is new again at **Antiqology (NE)** in Huntington. While you're making up your mind about what to order, browse the largest collection of craft sodas in the Midwest. Still operating out of its original 1912 Goshen storefront, the **Olympia Candy Kitchen (NC)** stirs up sweet memories with a selection of caramel apples, hot cocoa, turtles, hand-dipped chocolates and other goodies. With two locations in Northern Indiana, **Wakarusa Dime Store (NC)** stocks a delicious inventory of treasures that includes gummies in all shapes and colors and jumbo jelly beans.

Right at home in the adorably renovated historic Franklin Depot, **Hoosier Cupboard Candy, Snacks and Ice Cream (C)** scoops up 25 flavors to serve in cups and cones, along with fudge, taffy and candy sticks. **Martinsville Candy Kitchen (C)** produces old-fashioned candy canes year-round using the same equipment the original owner relied on when he first opened the shop back in 1919.

### Sweet Memories

FROM LEFT, TOP ROW: Hoosier Cupboard Candy, Snacks and Ice Cream; Yoho General Store; Olympia Candy Kitchen. SECOND ROW: Butt Drugs, flavored sodas and a root beer float at Antiqology. THIRD ROW: Wakarusa Dime Store, Hoosier Cupboard



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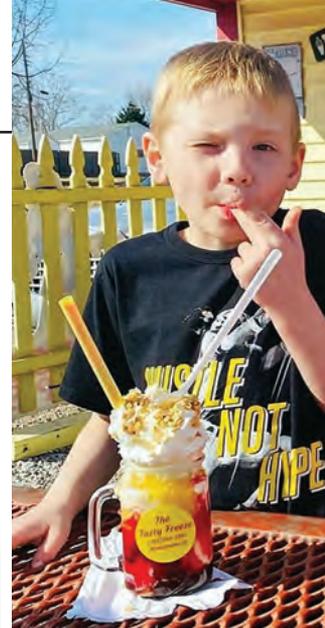
# Nifty SIGHTS

**BACK IN THE EARLY 1950S**, THE BIG-  
gest pop culture name to know was James  
Dean. Born in Marion, Indiana, and raised  
by his aunt and uncle in Fairmount a dozen  
miles to the south, the iconic heartthrob  
moved to Los Angeles as soon as he  
graduated from high school. Once he hit  
Hollywood, Dean quickly became a bona  
fide movie star thanks to leading roles in  
*East of Eden*, *Giant* and *Rebel Without a  
Cause* before a tragic car crash in 1955.

Film buffs and fans still make pilgrim-  
ages to visit a number of dedicated James  
Dean sites throughout Grant County (EC),  
from his birth location where the House of  
Seven Gables once stood to the **Fairmount  
Historical Museum** and the memorabilia-  
packed **James Dean Gallery**, a combo  
museum and gift shop. Conclude your tour  
at Dean's grave in **Park Cemetery**, where  
you're likely to see lipstick kisses firmly  
implanted on the humble stone marker.  
If you can, time your visit to coincide with  
the annual **Remembering James Dean  
Festival** and the **James Dean Run Car  
Show** held in Fairmount each September.

For architecture aficionados, Indiana  
offers plenty to admire. Right at home in  
a city famous for its midcentury-modern  
aesthetic, the **Miller House** in Columbus  
(UP), designed by Eero Saarinen, is consid-  
ered to be one of the most well-preserved  
examples of residential modernism in the  
country. To the north, West Lafayette  
claims the **Samara House** (MN), a classic  
Usonian-style structure created by Frank  
Lloyd Wright in 1954. On the heels of an  
extensive multimillion-dollar restoration,  
the property is currently slated to reopen  
for public visits starting this spring.

With classic cars, live music and a cos-  
tume parade, Lebanon's **Back to the Fifties  
Festival** (C) held each September pro-  
vides the perfect excuse to dust off your  
saddle shoes and iron your poodle skirt. Or  
reserve a lane for some duckpin bowling  
at the historic **Fountain Square Theatre**  
in Indianapolis (C) any time of the year for  
retro fun the whole family can enjoy.



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CAR SHOW, THE MUG, SAMARA, DUCKPIN BOWLING BY TONY VALAINIS



## CRUISE- IN *Cuisine*

### ROLLERSKATING CARHOPS NO

longer deliver food from the kitchen to your vehicle, but other than that, not much has changed through the years at Indiana's tried-and-true drive-in eateries. And that's just the way loyal customers like it. Most establishments close up shop during the winter months due to the inclement Midwestern weather, so you'll have to catch 'em open while you can.

In northwestern Indiana near Chicago, hungry diners roll into Michigan City's **Carlson's Drive-In (NW)** for hot dogs, hamburgers and frosty mugs of house-made root beer. Locally owned and operated, **Dog N Suds (NW)** has been a Purdue tradition in Lafayette since the 1950s, adding a second post in West Lafayette in 2005 to keep up with demand for its Boilermaker Burgers and "world-famous" coney dogs served curbside.

Embodying the concept of "old-school cool" in Georgetown, **Polly's Freeze (SC)** stakes its reputation on its cooked-to-order sandwiches, soft-serve ice cream cones, shakes, malts and orange sherbet. Home of the Big Square Burger, **Walls' Drive-In (SC)** in Cannelton also cooks up outstanding chili and mouthwatering barbecue for customers craving something a little bit different.

Grab a seat at the counter if you can and ask for the house-special onion burger or a breaded tenderloin and fries to wash down with a cherry Coke at the little **Lemon Drop (EC)** in Anderson. John Mellencamp fans are often thrilled to find out there really is a **Tasty Freeze** in Indiana, and you'll find it in Montezuma **(WC)** north of Terre Haute. (Yes, they really do serve chili dogs.) Not far from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, **Mug n' Bun (C)** on Indy's near-west side is a popular summer stop for coneys, burgers and hand-dipped onion rings. Take home some signature root beer to sip later. By sourcing its meat, poultry and produce from regional Indiana farms, **The Mug (C)** in Greenfield takes a "slow food" approach to elevate standard drive-in cuisine into something truly memorable.

### Feeling Nostalgic

FROM LEFT, TOP ROW: Mug n' Bun's original neon sign, the patio at the Tasty Freeze, Walls' Drive-In. SECOND ROW: Dog N Suds, James Dean Run Car Show, The Mug's massive tenderloin. THIRD ROW: Samara House's exterior, duck-pin bowling at Fountain Square Theatre

**DARLING**  
*Diners*

**DEFINED BY UNFUSSY DOWNHOME** comfort food and kitschy decor, Indiana's classic diners represent a true culinary blast from the past. Settle onto a stool at the counter, order up a cup of coffee and dig into a taste of traditional Americana.

With just 15 seats to work with, cozy **Cindy's Diner** in Fort Wayne (**NE**) is known for its "Garbage" plate, a much-more-delicious-than-it-sounds breakfast preparation of eggs scrambled with potatoes, cheese, onion and ham. Just around the corner, and one of the best lunch values in town, **Fort Wayne's Famous Coney Island** (**NE**) counts on sauce made using a secret recipe that's more than 100 years old to keep its devoted clientele coming back. Or, travel up to Goshen to order the signature Philly Chili served in a whimsical tall soda glass at the '50s-era **South Side Soda Shop** (**NC**).

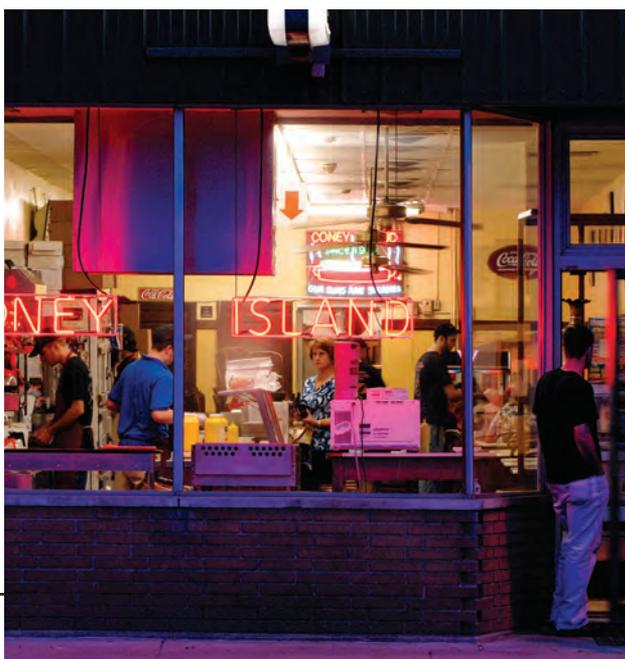
With three dozen or so varieties of freshly baked fruit, cream and pecan pies on the menu at any given time, you might be tempted to skip your meal entirely and proceed directly to dessert at **Mrs. Wick's Bakery and Cafe** (**EC**) in Winchester. Muncie's **Cammack Station** (**EC**), at home in a repurposed grocery store/filling station, excels at classic Hoosier tenderloins, burgers and a noteworthy grilled cheese sandwich.

Built in an original Mountain View Diner that was relocated from New Jersey to Indiana via railroad in 1954, Plainfield's fully restored, gleaming-steel **Oasis Diner** (**C**) shines bright like a beacon along U.S. 40. The **Rock Cola Cafe** (**C**) on Indy's southeast side dazzles diners with polished counter stools, plenty of neon, 1950s memorabilia and hearty breakfast/lunch fare.

Renowned for its root beer, **Triple XXX Family Restaurant** (**MN**) in West Lafayette claims to be Indiana's first and oldest drive-in eatery. Ever had a burger slathered with creamy peanut butter? If not, try the Duane Purvis, a longtime customer favorite. Venture south to Vevay on the Ohio River to load up on banana splits and hot fudge sundaes with all the trimmings at the adorable **Shell's Ice Cream & Grill** (**SE**).



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# Outdoor FLICKS

**IS THERE ANYTHING BETTER THAN** catching a movie under the stars on a warm summer evening? Seasonal drive-in theaters are alive and well throughout Indiana—load up the kids, hit the concession stand, then make yourself comfortable for a nice, long double feature. As a bonus, several theaters, including **Lake Shore Drive-In (MN)** in Monticello, let guests bring their well-behaved dogs along for the ride.

Family-owned since 1949, the **Melody Drive-In Theatre (NC)** in Knox sits pretty just across the road from Bass Lake. A thoughtful detail should it be needed—Valparaiso's cash-only **49'er Drive-In Theatre (NW)** offers free jumpstarts for your vehicle if the accompanying radio soundtrack happens to run down your battery during the screening. Wabash's Honeywell Arts and Entertainment recently took over management responsibilities for the historic **13-24 Drive-In (NE)** at the intersection of State Road 13 and U.S. Highway 24, presenting movies on one of the largest outdoor screens in the state.

On Indy's near-southwest side, **Tibbs Drive-In Theatre (C)** projects a solid lineup of first-run movies and the occasional classic on four different screens that stay open well into the fall. In addition to its regular season, Shelbyville's **Skyline Drive-In (C)** hosts fun themed events like the Super Monster Movie Fest and the horror-tastic Drive-In Massacre. All through the summer months, **Canary Creek Cinemas (C)** in Franklin dedicates the south parking lot of its multiscreen indoor complex to drive-in presentations.

When it reopened in 2018, the **Moonlite Drive-In Theater (WC)** brought drive-in movies back to happy Terre Haute patrons for the first time in 30 years. At the other end of the spectrum, Spencer's **Cinema 67 Drive-In (UP)** has been a local landmark for more than six decades running. One of the oldest existing original facilities of its kind in the country—and still going strong—the **Holiday Drive-In (SW)** in Rockport screened its very first film in 1955. 🍿

## Dinner & a Show

FROM LEFT, TOP ROW: Cindy's Diner, Melody Drive-In Theatre, Canary Creek Cinemas drive-in. SECOND ROW: Triple XXX Family Restaurant cheeseburger, 13-24 Drive-In. THIRD ROW: Fort Wayne's Famous Coney Island, South Side Soda Shop, Oasis Diner



# Outdoor ESCAPES



BOATING, SWIMMING, FISHING, BIKING—NO MATTER WHAT ACTIVITIES YOU AND YOUR TRAVELING PARTY WANT, INDIANA HAS A FRESH-AIR DESTINATION TO MATCH.

*by Laura Kruty*

# Just the Girls

GATHER YOUR CREW FOR A GETAWAY CENTERED ON BEACHES, WATER AND PURE RELAXATION.

## SUNNY BEACHES

TO CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION, YES, THERE is an **Indiana Dunes State Park** and an **Indiana Dunes National Park (NW)**. The national park is larger, about 15,000 acres, and it surrounds the state park, which is about 2,200 acres. Hugging Lake Michigan, each one offers activities for those in your group who only want to sit and read a book and for those who just can't sit still. For the former, miles of shoreline equate to miles of sandy beaches just waiting for you to plop down your chair and umbrella on a sun-filled day. Active types can take to 60-plus miles of hiking trails between the two parks, and try the 3 Dune Challenge, a route that connects the three tallest sand dunes. Everyone can rent a bike and hit the national park's 37 miles of interconnected cycling trails, or gather for dinner or brunch at the beachfront, newly restored Pavilion Restaurant & Grill.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets / Washington Park Zoo / Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa

## ON THE WATERFRONT

SOME OF INDIANA'S MOST UNIQUE LODGING can be found at **Patoka Lake (SC)(SW)**. Spend the night in a silo attached to Patoka Lake Winery, which has additional suites above its tasting room. On water, consider a two- or three-bedroom floating cabin for slightly larger groups, or even one of three houseboats. The winery dishes out samples of sweet, fruit-forward vino, while construction is underway on an onsite brewery. More treats are scattered about the property's 26,000 acres of land and 8,800-acre lake. Start your hiking adventure at the nature center, where you can pick up the aptly named Main Trail. Follow it to Totem Rock, a weathered sandstone formation that Native Americans and early settlers once used as shelter. The 6½-mile Main Trail connects to other pathways, so you can wander the woods as much or as little as you'd like. If you opt out of staying in a houseboat, at least book a boat outing. Wine cruises run on select summer Fridays, with a fall foliage option Saturdays in September and October,

and include food and tastings, while wildlife trips on Wednesdays from June through September ferry you around to see ospreys, eagles and other creatures.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** French Lick Resort / Marengo Cave / Schnitzelbank German restaurant

## LAKE & LODGE

ABOUT ONE HOUR SOUTHWEST of Indianapolis lies **Wasatch Lake (UP)**, a 400-acre rural getaway owned by an Indy real estate developer and classic car enthusiast. Though you won't find any vintage rides on the property, you will come across lots to do outdoors. Take your pick of kayak, canoe, paddleboard or rowboat to glide across the 50-acre lake, or walk or bike the 12 miles of wooded trails. And don't discount a wintertime visit. Wasatch Lake accommodates cold-weather fans with cross-country skiing, ice skating, sledding and wood-burning fireplaces in each cabin.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Exotic Feline Rescue Center / Lieber State Recreation Area / Cataract Falls



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# Couple Time

EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS TOGETHER AND ENCOUNTER WATERFALLS, COVERED BRIDGES AND OTHER ROMANTIC SCENERY.

## ROCKS & HOLLOWES

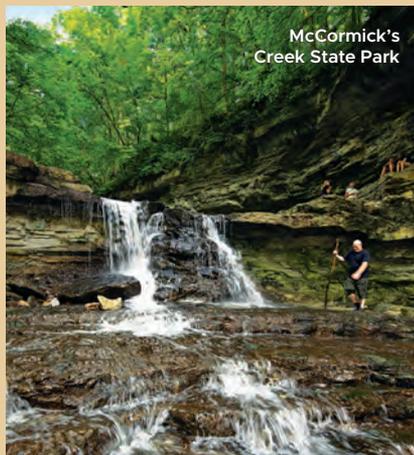
A BRIEF, SERENE 20-MINUTE DRIVE ALONG farmland separates **Shades State Park** in Waveland and **Turkey Run State Park** in Marshall (WC), destinations known for geologic wonders formed millions of years ago. Your home base could be a campsite at either park, or a room or a cabin at the Turkey Run Inn. Hiking easy-to-very-rugged trails is the most popular activity at each park (Shades offers 12 miles while Turkey Run has 14), and there are many occasions when you'll be glad to have a helping hand—such as crossing a streambed, ascending a ladder or rock-hopping as you traverse a deep sandstone canyon. Encourage each other as you tackle Turkey Run's 5 Mile Challenge. You'll have to cross a suspension bridge over Sugar Creek to access this loop of trails around and through Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve. Find a similar test with Shades' 6 Ravine Challenge, a 4½-mile trek through, you guessed it, a half dozen ravines. Incredible scenery—and a strong sense of shared accomplishment—are your rewards.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Parke County covered bridges / Clements Canoes Outdoor Center

## WONDER FALLS

AFTER A DAY OF HIKING, RETREAT TO THE restful sun porch at the Clifty Falls Inn at **Clifty Falls State Park** (SE) for sprawling views of the Ohio River. Hiking trails also offer peeks of the water at this Madison property best known for its four waterfalls. It's recommended to visit from December to June to see the falls when they're really roaring, although other times of the year are just as worth a trip for lush greenery, autumnal foliage and easier travel along pathways that mostly lean rugged. Pack a flashlight to illuminate your passage through the Railroad Tunnel.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** A national historic landmark district / Lanier Mansion State Historic Site / Ohio River Scenic Byway



## CANYON VISTAS

IN 1888, A PHYSICIAN SAW potential in the area of what is now **McCormick's Creek State Park** (UP), anticipating that the peaceful, scenic canyons and cliffs would attract patients in need of rest and relaxation. He was right. More than 100 years later, the Spencer park continues to draw visitors who appreciate its natural beauty, historic features and knack for helping people recharge. Take a horseback ride, climb the fire tower and trek along nearly 11 miles of trails to see a waterfall, the Old Quarry and Wolf Cave. The sanitarium where guests once recuperated is now the 76-room Canyon Inn, still a comfy pad for relaxing after a day outdoors. Nearby, **Cataract Falls State Recreation Area** (UP) boasts two waterfalls.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Bloomington / Owen Valley Winery / Exotic Feline Rescue Center



MCCORMICK'S CREEK, TURKEY RUN BY TONY VALANIS; CLIFTY BY BERNIE KASPER



## TRUE OR FALSE? HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW INDIANA'S LANDSCAPES?

1. Brown County State Park is Indiana's largest state park.
2. Pokagon State Park is named that because of wooded hills that "poke up" from the land.
3. You won't see any signs of glaciers that moved through the area that is now Turkey Run State Park.
4. Indiana Dunes became a state park in 1925, followed decades later by a national park designation in 2019.
5. No need to clean up after yourselves. Indiana's Department of Natural Resources employs teams that make regular sweeps of state parks and other properties, gathering trash and items left behind.

1. True. 16,000 acres make Brown County Indiana's largest state park.

2. False. Pokagon is named after Leopold Pokagon and his son, Simon.

3. False. The "Punchbowl" on Trail 3 was carved by glacial "erratics," also seen in Boulder Canyon off of Trail 9.

4. True. In the early 20th century, conservationists were successful in protecting the Dunes region, thus its state park designation. In 2019, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore became the U.S.'s 61st national park.

5. False. Guests should "Leave No Trace," which includes taking their trash and not removing artifacts.

### ANSWERS

# Family Fun

PARKS PACKED WITH AMENITIES ARE IDEAL FOR ACTIVE FAMILIES WHO WOULDN'T EVEN THINK OF TRAVELING WITHOUT BIKES AND BOATS IN TOW.

Falls of the Ohio State Park

## BOATING PARTY

A MASSIVE GLACIER LEFT ITS MARK ON Northern Indiana land thousands of years ago, leaving behind kettle lakes and topographical features seen in Glacial Esker Nature Preserve at **Chain O'Lakes State Park** in Albion (NE). Book a cabin or a campsite to make it a full weekend (or week), ample time for families who practically live on the water to paddle around the park's 13 lakes. Nine of them are connected via channels carved by melting ice; visit each one and take photos to complete the 9 Lake Challenge. Watercraft is available to rent, and fishing is permitted with a license. Together, you can explore dry land via 23 miles of trails, some of which traverse the nature preserve, and peek inside the 1915 Stanley Schoolhouse, open seasonally.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site / Mid-America Windmill Museum / Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

## PARKS & REC

A SIMILAR GLACIER-CARVED LANDSCAPE is found less than an hour from Chain O'Lakes State Park at **Pokagon State Park** (NE) in Angola. After a day filled with boating, fishing and swimming in Lake James and Snow Lake, crisscrossing the property on nearly 14 miles of trails, and cheering each other on throughout the 8-mile Hell's Point Challenge hike, retreat to the 126-room Potawatomi Inn with restaurants, a game room and an indoor pool. The park is well-suited for winter visits, too. At Pokagon's popular toboggan run, open Thanksgiving weekend through February, guests line up to zoom down refrigerated tracks at up to 40 mph. There are opportunities for cross-country skiing, sledding and ice skating, too, after which you'll want to grab a hot beverage and thaw out beside one of the inn's cozy fireplaces.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Trine University / Trine State Recreation Area / Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve

## HISTORIC GROUNDS

PARK YOUR CAMPER AT ONE of 110 sites at **Prophetstown State Park** (MN) just north of Lafayette, and you'll be centrally located for a unique state park experience. Prophetstown honors its past with a Native American village, which sits just south of the 1920s-era Farm at Prophetstown, a working farm you can tour. When temps heat up, cool down on a tube slide or in the lazy river at the park's aquatic center. Prophetstown's 9 miles of trails take hikers through restored prairie replete with wildflowers, and alongside the Tippecanoe and Wabash rivers. Explore via two wheels on the 5-mile bike path. The property is also a stop on the Indiana Birding Trail—see how many feathered friends your family can spot.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Wolf Park / Purdue University / Indiana Beach Amusement & Water Park Resort



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Brookville Lake



## BANK ON IT

**ABOUT 400 MILLION YEARS** ago, the area that is now **Falls of the Ohio State Park (SC)** was covered by a tropical sea teeming with marine creatures. When those died, they were buried under layers of sediment, which were carved away as Ice Age glaciers retreated. Now visitors are welcome to scour the exposed beds, especially from August to October, when the water level is at its lowest, for fossils. You can't take your finds with you. But consider it an opportunity for a little family-friendly competition for who can find the most. Fishing, hiking trails and large-scale musical instruments in the music garden are also offered.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Ohio River Greenway / Big Four Station Park / Derby Dinner Playhouse

## LAND OF LAKES

**THERE'S A LOT OF GROUND TO** cover at **Brookville Lake** in Brookville and **Whitewater Memorial State Park** in Liberty (**SE**). Serious boaters can hit the open water with ease thanks to 10 boat ramps and no horsepower limits. Nearly 43 miles of trails and a beach await when you're back on solid ground. At Whitewater, the 200-acre namesake lake is great for kayaking and canoeing. There are also trails, playgrounds and cabins and campsites.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** The historic canal town of Metamora / Whitewater Valley Railroad / Wolf Creek Habitat & Rescue

# Just the Guys

TEST YOUR SKILLS—AND ISSUE SOME NOT-SO-FRIENDLY CHALLENGES—IN MOUNTAIN BIKING, FISHING AND OFF-ROAD ADVENTURING.

## BIKE & BERM

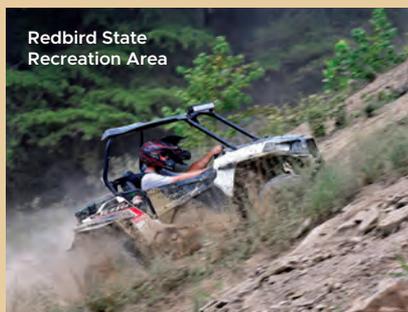
IF YOU'RE AN AVID MOUNTAIN BIKER, chances are you've heard about the trails at **Brown County State Park (UP)** and how the International Mountain Biking Association named them a Bronze Level Ride Center. (Translation: among the best in the world.) And if you haven't yet visited, consider this your nudge to finally check them out. Dedicated, persistent work by volunteers of the advocacy group Hoosier Mountain Bike Association, i.e., those who know what riders really need and want, has led to about 40 miles of trails that accommodate those just getting their wheels underneath them to those whose regular conversations are peppered with words like berms, tabletops and switchbacks. Many trails offer expansive views of Southern Indiana forestry (such as Hesitation Point), so take time to enjoy your surroundings. Brown County also offers fishing, hiking and horseback riding. Stay on site or book a place in nearby Nashville, whose outskirts feature numerous tucked-away cabins.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Brown County Music Center / Hard Truth Hills distillery / Yellowwood State Forest

## NO ROADS NEEDED

ROUGHLY HALF OF THE ACREAGE OF **Redbird State Recreation Area (UP)(WC)** is dedicated to off-road vehicle trails and technical areas. That means about 700 acres for owners of 4x4 trucks, SUVs, dirt bikes and ATVs to spread out and confront Redbird's easy-to-expert trails. You'll encounter slopes, hills of various sizes, tight turns, mud, boulders and tree roots—in other words, numerous challenges to see how your ride stacks up. Mountain biking, hiking, fishing and even foraging for mushrooms are also offered at Redbird, former coal-mining land that continues to undergo reclamation.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Shakamak State Park / Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area / Sullivan County Park & Lake



Redbird State Recreation Area

## GONE FISHIN'

SEPARATED BY LESS THAN 20 minutes, the double dip of **Salamonie Lake (NE)** and **J.E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Area (NE)** is one heck of a catch for anglers. Andrews' Salamonie Lake sprawls for nearly 2,700 acres and, along with the Salamonie River and property ponds, offers crappie, walleye, bass, bluegill and other species. You can also hunt, hike and bike, but most are there to fish, even in frigid temps for ice fishing. The namesake lake at J.E. Roush in Huntington is smaller, at 900 acres, but you'll find similar types of fish as at Salamonie. Just remember to get your fishing permit before setting out.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Wabash / Mississinewa Lake / Etna Acres Golf Course

**FISHING AND HUNTING PERMITS** are required, except for Free Fishing Days, May 7, June 3–4 and September 23, 2023. Visit [dnr.in.gov](http://dnr.in.gov) for rates and info.





# Go Solo

SOLO OUTINGS BRING A SENSE OF FREEDOM, LEAVING THE FOCUS SQUARELY ON YOUR TOTAL IMMERSION IN NATURE.

## ALL WHO WANDER

IT'S EASY TO LOSE YOURSELF (figuratively, of course; you'd be wise to have a map) in the **Hoosier National Forest (UP)(SW)(SC)**, which blankets over 200,000 acres in south central Indiana. Campsites, not cabins, for tents or RVs are the most common overnight accommodation across the vast acreage, where several lakes and ponds invite fishing, canoeing and kayaking, and over 260 miles of trail await hiking, biking and horseback riding. As expected from an area that has been continuously inhabited for thousands of years, history is part of the Hoosier National Forest story, too. Just south of Paoli, Pioneer Mother's Memorial Forest is home to towering old-growth trees that have been essentially untouched since before Indiana statehood. The box canyon Hemlock Cliffs, which you can access via a trail, features rock formations and waterfalls, as well as indications that Native Americans settled there about 10,000 years ago.

**ALSO IN THE AREA** French Lick Resort / Ferdinand and Martin state forests / Patoka Lake

## WATER & AIR

IF YOU'RE A FISHERMAN OR WOMAN WHO prefers casting in solitude, consider **Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area** in Linton (**UP**), a well-known destination for anglers and birders. Keen-eyed visitors to this stop on the Indiana Birding Trail have spotted over 260 species, among them sand-hill cranes, waterfowl and shore birds perched around nearly 5,000 acres of shallow wetlands. While fishing and birding are allowed, camping, swimming and biking are not, making Goose Pond a quieter option—in an equally quiet part of the state—for nature-lovers. ■

**ALSO IN THE AREA** Shakamak State Park / Gasthof Amish Village / The Big Peach market in Bruceville



Lake Lemon in  
Monroe County

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# South REGIONS

Wander historic towns along the Ohio River or paddle a lake surrounded by acres of dense forests. Taste-test at a winery tucked away off a winding country road or soar across a zipline before heading below Earth to discover Ice Age-era landscapes. Whether you're seeking heart-pounding adventures or more leisurely pursuits, activities for couples or the entire family, head to Indiana's Southern regions.



French Lick Springs Hotel

# Regional Highlights

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

## RIVER DRIVES

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

## SO MOD

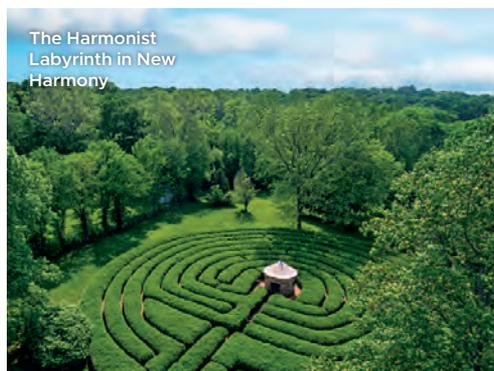
You've probably heard about **Columbus' modernist art and architecture 2**, which the American Institute of Architects ranked sixth in the U.S. Now

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

## SPRING AWAKENING

**French Lick Resort 3**,

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



The Harmonist Labyrinth in New Harmony

## DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE



### Good to Know

Be sure to check [hours and availability](#) before setting out.

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

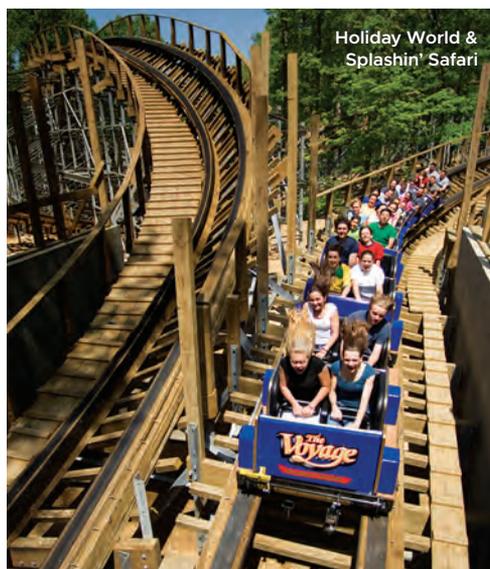
## TUNE TOWN

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

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Falls of the Ohio State Park



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

### LET IT RIDE

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

such as **Wautubee** and **Otorongo** give visitors fun-filled, water-logged ways to cool off on a hot day.

### COUNTRY ROADS

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

### THRILL OF THE HUNT

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

names like brachiopods and echinoderms.

### GO DEEP

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

*In addition to fossil-hunting, you can boat, fish and hike at Falls of the Ohio State Park.*

**Boone Caverns** ⑪ in Mauckport. Each is open for tours, either by foot or boat.

### QUIET TIME

Founded in 1814 by the Harmonists who were seeking religious freedom, **New Harmony** ⑫ is the kind of place where it just doesn't feel right to be staring at your phone all day. The town is quiet, laidback, and most residents use a golf cart to putter around. Book a stay at a graceful B&B; tour the various historic sites, including the unique **Roofless Church**; browse boutiques and art galleries; and enjoy an upscale meal at the **Red Geranium**.



View from the top of Hickory Ridge Fire Tower



River Run Family Waterpark

# Year-Round Fun

FROM BRIGHT BLOOMS TO SPARKLING SNOW, THESE ATTRACTIONS GIVE REASON TO VISIT ALL YEAR LONG. BY EMILY UDELL



## SPRING

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



## SUMMER

Sip varietals of vino at **Huber's Orchard and Winery** in Borden, which offers tastings and dining on 600 acres of orchard and vineyards. Bloomington's **Oliver Winery**, one of the largest in the U.S., is a similarly picturesque destination for tastings, picnics and tours. Sweltering summer days call for a trip to New Albany's **River Run Family Waterpark**, with waterslides, a lazy river and a steamboat to explore.



## FALL

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



## WINTER

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

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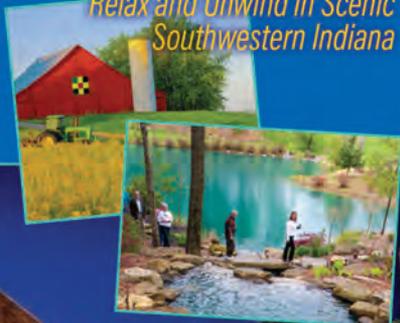




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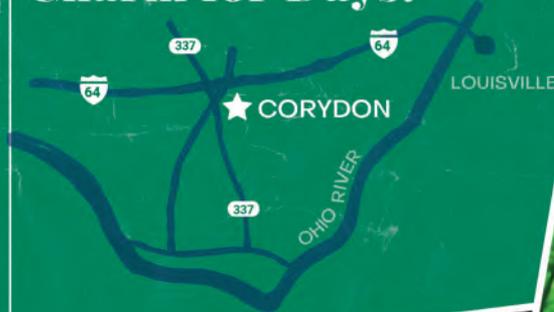


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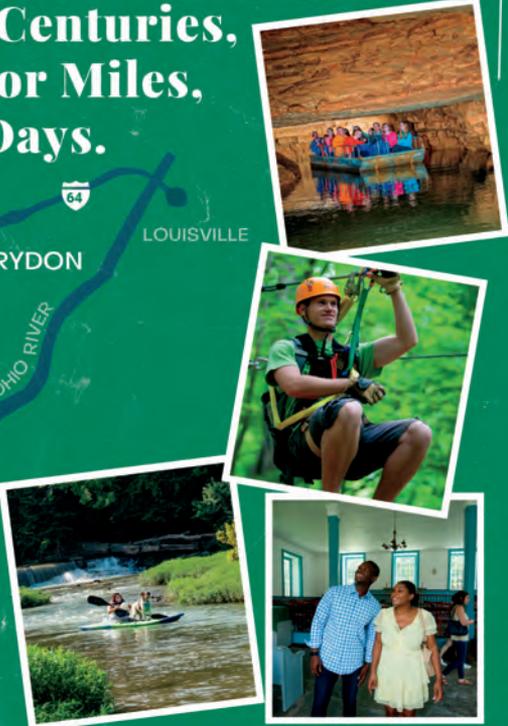
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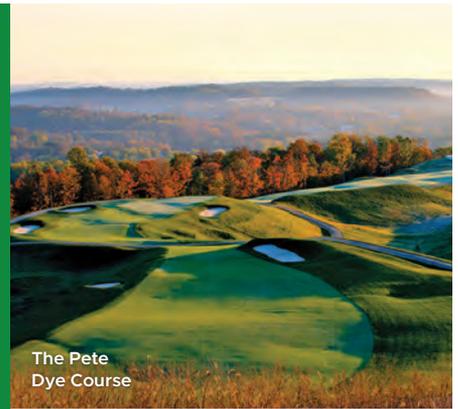
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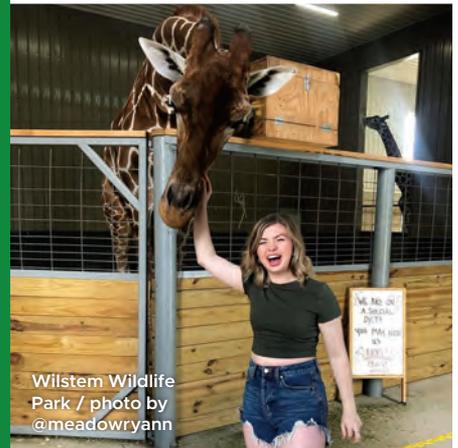
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The French Lick Resort comprises two hotels—French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel. These properties create a world-class destination that offers many amenities, such as the opportunity to play championship golf courses designed by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

through the safari or experience Grizzly Encounters with Jeff “The Bear Man” Watson, formerly of Animal Planet’s Project Grizzly and Discovery Channel’s Porter Ridge. Swim year-round at Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park, cruise on Patoka Lake or step aboard the French Lick Scenic Railway for seasonal special events. With two world-renowned historic hotels, a state park, a scenic railway and an indoor water park nearby, a visit to French Lick West Baden is one to add to your bucket list.



The Pete Dye Course



Wilstem Wildlife Park / photo by @meadowryann



Big Four Bridge in Jeffersonville



Tasting tour at Oliver Winery in Bloomington

# Slice of Life

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

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

## WORK

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

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

ing for 250,000 cars produced each year. Founded in 1919, **Cummins Inc.** has seen over a century of innovation all from its global headquarters in Columbus. The engine-maker's vast portfolio is serviced by 8,000 employees there, in addition to thousands more around the world. Nearby, Cummins is investing \$25 million in its Seymour Engine Plant in preparation of launching a new engine platform in 2024.

## TOP 5 CITIES

By 2020 population

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

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

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

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

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

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## TOP 5 COLLEGES

By undergraduate and graduate enrollment

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON**  
47,005

**VINCENNES UNIVERSITY**  
16,390

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA**  
Evansville  
9,178

**UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE**  
2,078

**HANOVER COLLEGE**  
Hanover  
1,028

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

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

### STUDY

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

also has a satellite location in New Albany.

In Evansville, the **University of Southern Indiana** enrolls about 9,200 students primarily in business, liberal arts, health professions, science, engineering and education, and the **University of Evansville** welcomes about 2,100 pupils and offers study-abroad opportunities at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

The state's first university, **Vincennes University**, grants certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees; students can also transfer credits to four-year schools. And in Madison, 1,000 students study at **Hanover College**, a private liberal arts school.

### LIVE

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

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

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

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



### LOCAL PRIDE

"We've been really blessed to be able to establish ourselves here in Southern Indiana. It's a really business-friendly area. The SoIN community has been really receptive to our concepts. It's been really heartwarming to see the way they've embraced what we have to offer."

*Roza Sequiano*

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## INDIANA CULINARY TRAILS PASSPORT

**Love tenderloins? Pie? Burgers?** Something else? There is an Indiana Culinary Trail for you! Following these 21 Indiana Culinary Trails from Indiana Foodways Alliance is a great way to discover the flavors and culture in Indiana communities big and small. From local favorites that opened decades ago to brand new spots, your new favorite restaurant is just waiting for you to discover it. Scan the QR code to download the pass to your phone.

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## INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Back to Nature

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Take the Four Falls Challenge at Clifty Falls to see each of the park's four waterfalls.

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

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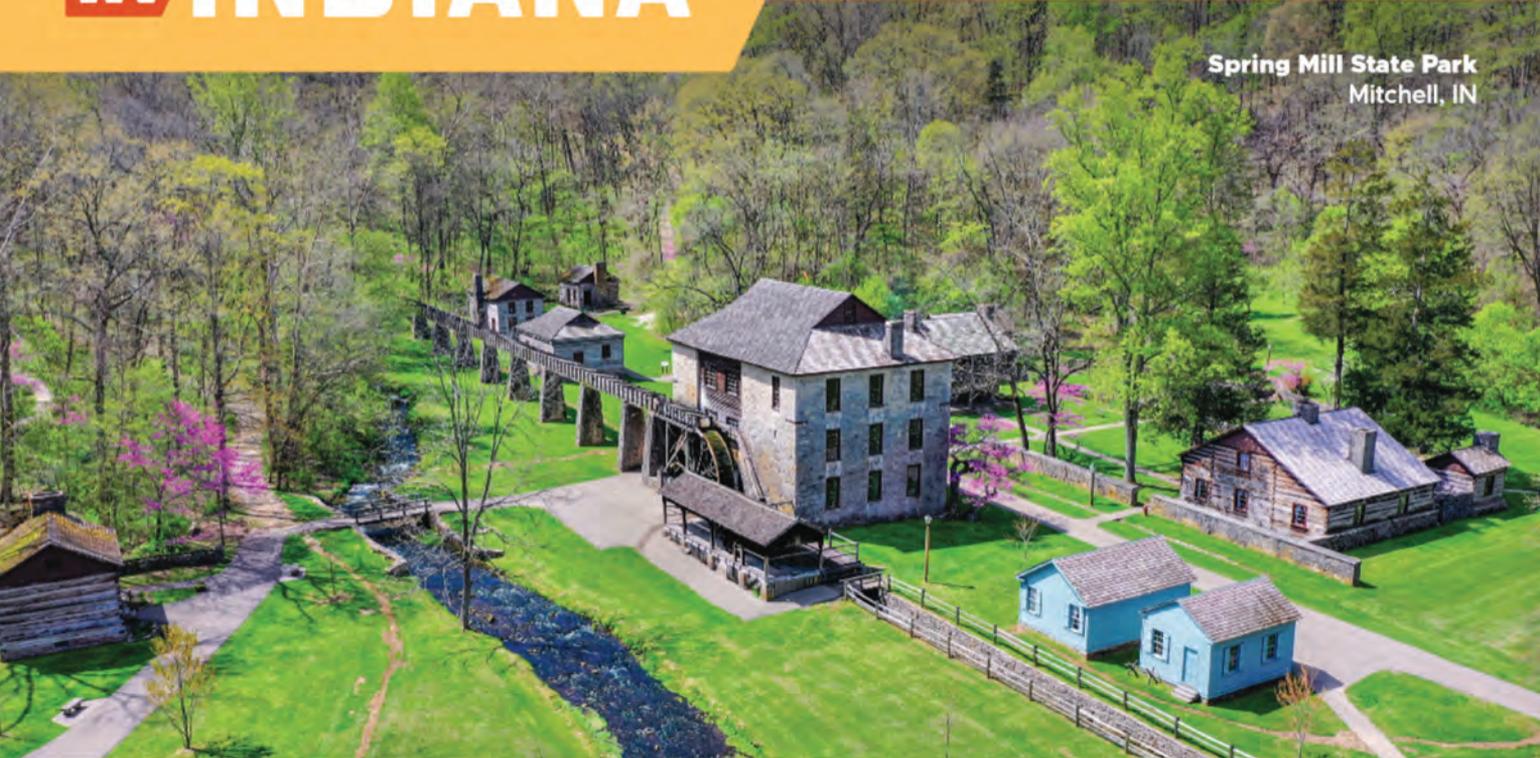


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O'Bannon Woods State Park

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**Park** in Mitchell, such as a pioneer village, a pioneer cemetery and a memorial to Mitchell native Gus Grissom, the second American in space.

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

common use as a warm-up for the Appalachian Trail. The 60-mile route is for foot traffic only, due to steep climbs and descents through state forests.

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

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



Spring Mill State Park

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

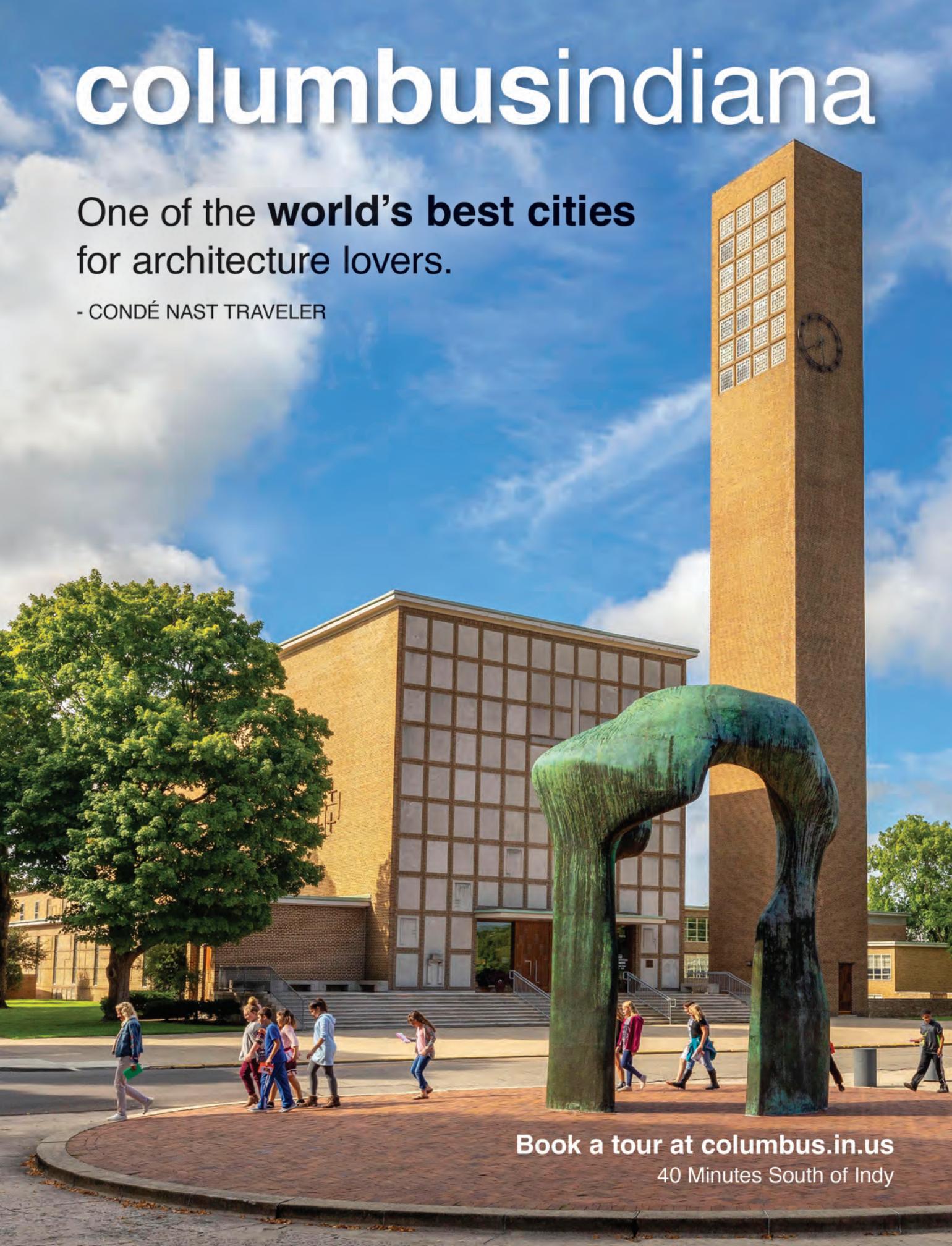
Bird Area is **Big Oaks**, sprawling through Jefferson, Ripley and Jennings counties. More than 120 bird species make their nests there. Even more species—280—have been spotted at **Muscatahuck National Wildlife Refuge**.

*Nature and history blend beautifully at Spring Mill, whose grist mill dates to 1817.*

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## INDIANA CAVE TRAIL

Pick up a passport at any of the four caves—**Bluespring Caverns, Marengo Cave** (pictured), **Indiana Caverns** or **Squire Boone Caverns**. Visit each for a stamp and then swap your completed passport for a Cave Trail T-shirt.



## INDIANA UPLANDS WINE TRAIL

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



## INDIANA WINE TRAIL

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



## GIBSON COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

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



## BACK ROADS OF BROWN COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

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



## INDIANA COVERED BRIDGE LOOP

View **nine covered bridges**—including the state's oldest—throughout six south-central counties. You can cross six of them in your car; the others are for foot traffic only. See a map at [jacksoncountyin.com](http://jacksoncountyin.com).



## JACKSON COUNTY TENDERLOIN TRAIL

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



## FARM TO TABLE CULINARY TRAIL

Markets and eateries that focus on farm-fresh goods are highlighted on this appetizing trail. Standouts include **Red Yeti** in Jeffersonville (pictured) and **Brooklyn and the Butcher** in New Albany.

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# Child's Play

ANIMALS, TRAIN RIDES, MUSEUMS AND TONS OF ICE CREAM—THERE'S PLENTY TO KEEP KIDS OCCUPIED IN SOUTHERN INDIANA. **BY LAURA KRUTY**

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

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

## EXPLORING

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

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

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

Aspiring firefighters and their families will want to check out

After visiting **kidscommons**, adventurous hikers can tackle the 35-foot-tall **Lucky Climber** at the **adjacent Commons**.



Jeffersonville's **Vintage Fire Museum**. Guests from around the world have stopped by to see antique firefighting equipment, some dating back to the 1750s. Get back on track in Jasper with **Spirit of Jasper** train excursions. Opt for a special Fall Foliage version and enjoy a meal by favored local German restaurant Schnitzelbank during the 18-mile round-trip outings. Or chug through parts of the Hoosier National Forest on a

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**French Lick Scenic Railway** trip; themed rides include Dino-saur Adventure Train.

## EATS AND SWEETS

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



## GIVE IT A SHOT

**1.** The Kiwanis Indiana Balloon Fest in **Bloomington**. Photo by [@calvinpoolephoto](#) // **2.** Gorgeous fall color at Indiana's largest state park, **Brown County State Park**. Photo by [@arunoptics](#) // **3.** Batesville's colorful installation of the **Umbrella Sky Project**. Photo by [@bohobessed](#) // **4.** **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park** in Vincennes. Photo by [@jjsnaps77](#) // **5.** Ice flows at **McCormick's Creek State Park**. Photo by [@brookekilley](#) // **6.** Bike treks in **Yellowwood State Forest**. Photo by [@soot.and.ti](#)

# Time Travel

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

BY LAURA KRUTY

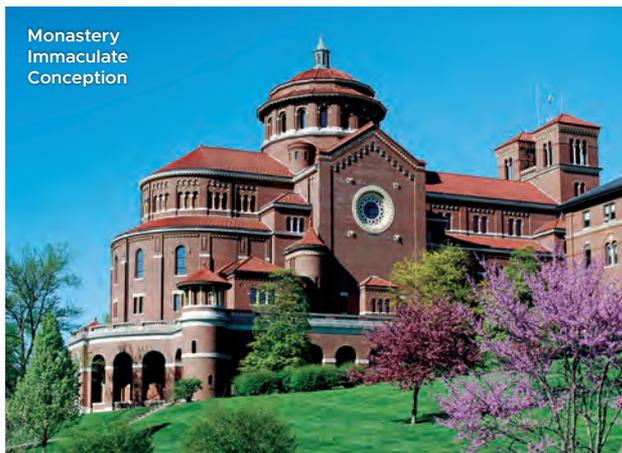
**1 INDIANA'S ROOTS WERE** planted in the South region, an ideal destination for history enthusiasts. There's no better place to start than the state's oldest city: Vincennes. Founded in 1732, Vincennes was named capital of the Indiana Territory in 1800, and it was there that Gov. William Henry Harrison and other leaders convened on matters that affected the entire region (which makes up much of the present-day Midwest). At the **Vincennes State Historic Sites**, explore the former capitol building, a fur trader's home, a print shop and Indiana's first institution of higher learning.

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

**3 AN IMPRESSIVE** monument and park pay tribute to frontier militia leader George Rogers Clark, best known for taking



USS LST-325  
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Fort Sackville from the British in 1779. Learn about his life, other military accomplishments and the men who helped him at **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park** in Vincennes.

**4 EXPERIENCE A SIMPLE** way of life on a visit to **Monastery Immaculate Conception** in Ferdinand, home to the Sisters of St. Benedict. Founded in 1867, it is one of the largest communities of Benedictine women in

the U.S., and tours are offered. Less than 10 miles south sits **St. Meinrad Archabbey**, where 80 men live, work, and pray. Pick up a visitor's guide from a self-guided tour, or wander the 1 1/2-mile walking path that circles the property.

**5 VISITORS TO SOUTHERN** Indiana will find several ways to honor the military. Vehicles, aircraft and equipment, some dating

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

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

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



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**I WAS BORN IN EVANSVILLE,** Indiana, and grew up in northwestern Indiana in a small town outside of Gary. I came back to Evansville for high school and after high school I knew I wanted to be in business so I fell in love with the idea of being an entrepreneur. And that led me to Houston, Texas, where I spent three years traveling all over the state. Everything's bigger in Texas—including the traffic jams. After that, I decided to come back to Evansville because I really missed the giving spirit that people in Indiana have. I got involved in the outdoor industry working with Columbia Sportswear Company, and I really wanted to bring some of the resources from Portland here to the Evansville region.

One thing about Evansville that you can't find anywhere else in the country is urban old-growth forests right in the middle of the city. I love being able to walk into the forest in the morning and feel the dew on the grass. You have so many opportunities to connect with nature through hobbies like birding, kayaking, hiking. If you're into that kind of thing, there are so many opportunities to take advantage of here in Evansville.

People really have a heart here in Evansville, and you can see it in the way they collaborate. Everyone wants to create an environment where people can thrive and have healthy relationships.

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

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

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



**DIGITAL EXPLORING**

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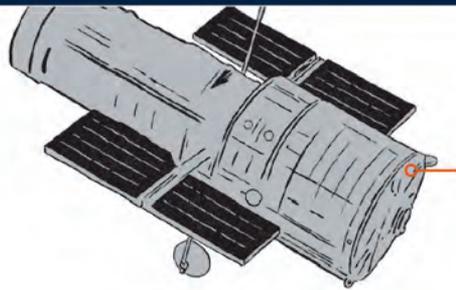


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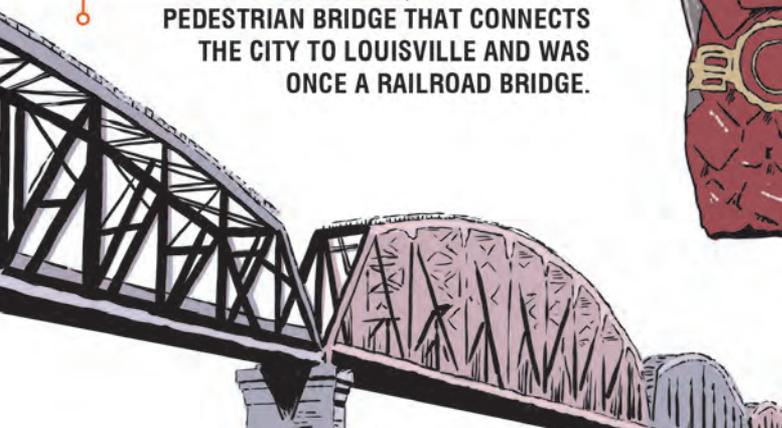


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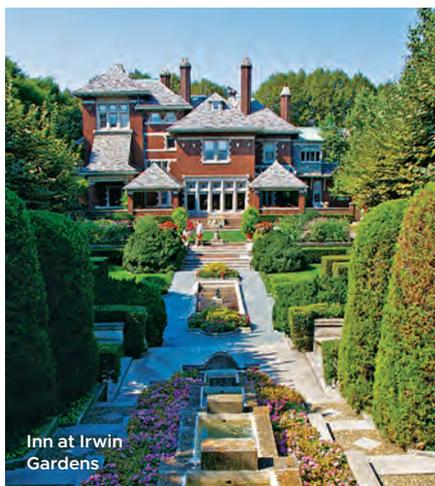




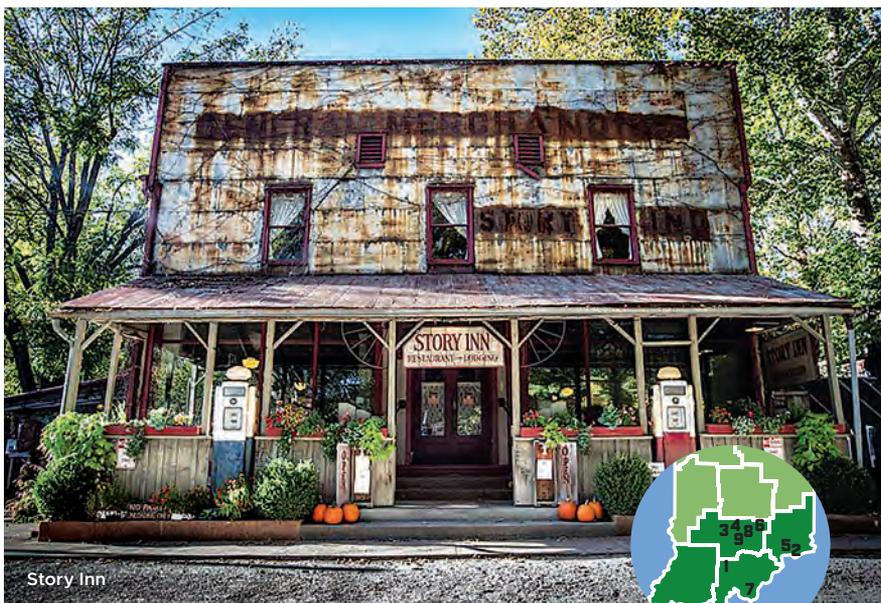
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## **FRENCH LICK RESORT ❶**

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## **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES MADISON ❷**

Overlooking the Ohio, the historic Eagle Cotton Mill is now the Fairfield Inn & Suites Madison, which marries elements of the building's industrial past with modern comforts.

## **GRADUATE BLOOMINGTON ❸**

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

## **ABE MARTIN LODGE ❹**

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

## **CLIFTY INN ❺**

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

## **INN AT IRWIN GARDENS ❻**

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

## **KINTNER HOUSE INN ❼**

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

## **GETAWAY BROWN COUNTY ❽**

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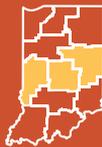
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**CENTRAL**  
*at a glance*



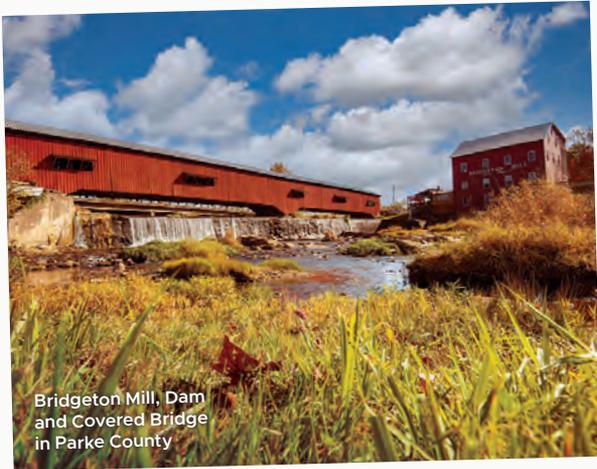
Central Canal at  
White River State  
Park in Indianapolis

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# Central REGIONS

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



Bridgeton Mill, Dam and Covered Bridge in Parke County

# Regional Highlights

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



Hinkle Fieldhouse

## WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM

Five floors of interactive exhibits and displays await at **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis** ❶, the world's largest. Everything promotes learning and discovery, but in a fun way, such as trying on astronaut gear in Beyond Spaceship Earth, walking through a recreation of an Egyptian tomb and using data to create a weather forecast. There's even a huge outdoor sports park. Recently, the museum unveiled a fully revamped Dinosphere, complete with real fossils the

Children's Museum team helped unearth in Wyoming, along with an ocean-themed area and fossil-prep sites.

## GORGEOUS HIKES

Rugged hiking trails—some requiring ladders—wind through

canyons and ravines that Mother Nature carved millions of years ago at **Turkey Run State Park** ❷ in Marshall. Close by, **Shades State Park** ❸ offers even more picturesque scenery for hiking, especially in unspoiled Pine Hills



Exotic Feline Rescue Center

## DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE



### Good to Know

Be sure to check hours and availability before setting out.

*Try to spot (real!) mascot Butler Blue IV on the sidelines during a Bulldogs game!*

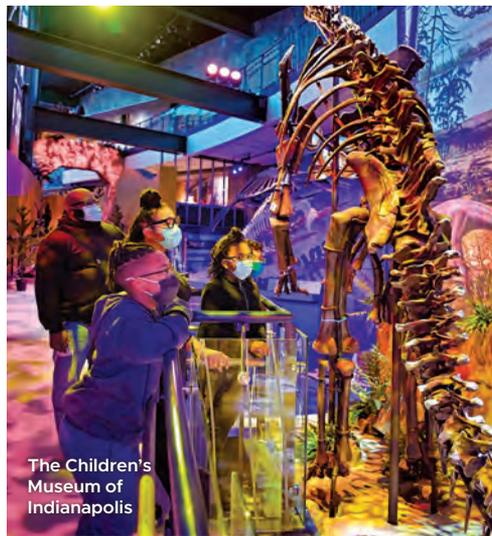
Nature Preserve. Both parks provide fishing and camping.

## HEALING SPACE

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



Shades State Park



The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

Complete the 6 Ravine Challenge at Shades, and you'll travel about 4.5 miles!

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

## BASKETBALL HERITAGE

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

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

## HISTORIC SITE

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

than 1,000 freedom-seekers to safety via providing food, shelter and transportation. The **Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site 8** tells their story and shows how the Coffins, with the help of their abolitionist community, succeeded in their covert efforts.

## BIG CATS

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

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

## BRIDGE TO THE PAST

Fall provides a photogenic background for **Parke County's covered bridges 10** and, fittingly, October's **Covered Bridge Festival** draws

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

## ANTIQUÉ HUNTING

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



Beasley's Orchard



Koteewi Run



The Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

# Year-Round Fun

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



## SPRING

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



## SUMMER

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



## FALL

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



## WINTER

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

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# Slice of Life

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

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

**WORK** People around the world become healthier and the global healthcare industry becomes smarter, more efficient and more technologically advanced thanks to work done in Indiana. The

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

Indianapolis has also emerged as a **hotspot**

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

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

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

future physicians at its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Via its Doctor of Pharmacy program, **Butler University** trains students for much more than just dispensing medications.

Speaking of Butler, *U.S. News & World Report* named it No. 1 among Regional Universities in the Midwest in 2023. At **IUPUI**, located in downtown Indianapolis, students earn degrees from both Indiana and Purdue universities. In fall 2024, the school will transition to **IU Indianapolis**, and IU will take control of most of the university's academic affairs. All existing programs will continue to be offered.

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

**LIVE** **Indianapolis'** museums, cultural and

## TOP 5 COLLEGES

By undergraduate and graduate enrollment

- INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS**  
24,141
- BALL STATE UNIVERSITY Muncie**  
20,319
- INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Terre Haute**  
8,658
- UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**  
5,600
- BUTLER UNIVERSITY Indianapolis**  
5,559

## TOP 5 CITIES

By 2020 population

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| <p><b>INDIANAPOLIS</b><br/>Marion County<br/><b>POPULATION</b> 887,642<br/><b>KNOWN FOR</b> No. 1 airport in North America, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, tech and life sciences scenes</p> | <p><b>CARMEL</b><br/>Hamilton County<br/><b>POPULATION</b> 99,757<br/><b>KNOWN FOR</b> Ranking as best place to live, Arts &amp; Design District, Palladium concert hall, 140+ roundabouts</p> | <p><b>FISHERS</b><br/>Hamilton County<br/><b>POPULATION</b> 98,977<br/><b>KNOWN FOR</b> Conner Prairie museum, Geist Reservoir, Indiana's only Ikea, Nickel Plate District</p> | <p><b>NOBLESVILLE</b><br/>Hamilton County<br/><b>POPULATION</b> 69,604<br/><b>KNOWN FOR</b> Noblesville Cultural Arts District, Ruoff Music Center, Strawtown Kotewiw Park, White River</p> | <p><b>MUNCIE</b><br/>Delaware County<br/><b>POPULATION</b> 65,194<br/><b>KNOWN FOR</b> Ball State University, site where Bob Ross filmed <i>The Joy of Painting</i>, Ball jars, Cardinal Greenway</p> |
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entertainment venues, independent restaurants and festivals are perennial draws for residents and out-of-town visitors alike. North of Indy, the cities of **Carmel, Fishers** and **Westfield** are continually ranked among the country's best places to live, thanks to great schools, low unemployment and overall safety. In west-central Indiana, residents of **Terre Haute, Crawfordsville**, and **Greencastle** enjoy close access to some of Indiana's best parks and outdoor recreation areas. **Anderson, Muncie** and **Richmond** anchor the east-central counties, offering shopping, dining and a low cost of living a short distance from other emerging areas like **New Castle** and **Knightstown**.

## INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

*Central's major players and workforce wins.*

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



### LOCAL PRIDE

"I am originally from Nigeria. Indiana is nothing like where I'm from. Indiana is where you can get all four seasons. Indiana was definitely on the radar for a place to get a good college education. And for me being a scientist, Indiana also offers pharmaceutical companies. With the wealth of what it had to offer here, Indiana seemed like a great place."

*Grace Ali-Grap*  
SCIENTIST AND MUSICIAN

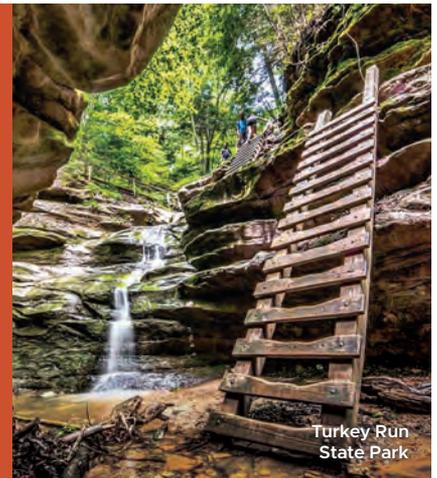
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# IN PARKE COUNTY

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

Parke County is home to 31 historic covered bridges, Turkey Run and Shades state parks, shopping, restaurants and more. Parke County offers five color-coded touring loops that range from 24 to 33 miles. Highlights include the Bridgeton Covered Bridge, which is adjacent to the still-operational Bridgeton Mill. You can travel by car, bike or motorcycle. Parke County loves to celebrate the changing seasons. Taking the title "Indiana's Largest Festival," the 10-day Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, running October 13–22 in 2023, highlights the historic covered bridges and features craft artisans from around the country. Indiana is home to a diverse array of state parks and recreation areas. In Parke County, outdoor adventures

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



Turkey Run State Park



Bridgeton Mill, Covered Bridge and Dam



McCormick's  
Creek State Park



Eagle Creek Park

# Nature's Call

WHERE TO HIT THE LINKS, TRAILS AND WATER  
IN THE CENTRAL REGION. **BY LAURA KRUTY**



Gatling Gauntlet  
in Nineveh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bottleworks Hotel

## **HOTEL INDIY 1**

Located in a Brutalist building in downtown Indianapolis, this new offering captures a luxe and edgy vibe with its midcentury-modern decor and rooftop cocktail lounge.

## **HOTEL CARMICHAEL 2**

Carmel's elegant boutique hotel makes a great launching pad to the Arts and Design District and the Monon Greenway.

## **THE QUEEN AND I HOMESTEAD 3**

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

## **BOTTLEWORKS HOTEL 4**

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

## **TURKEY RUN INN 5**

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

## **FORT HARRISON INN 6**

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

## **CASA URBANA 7**

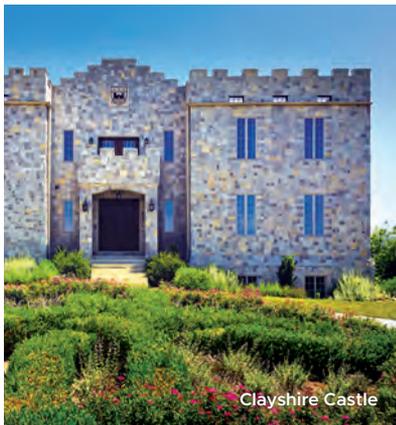
In Terre Haute, the renovated, historic Ohio Building now offers event space and sleek overnight suites.

## **CLAYSHIRE CASTLE 8**

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

## **THE INN AT HIGH HATS 9**

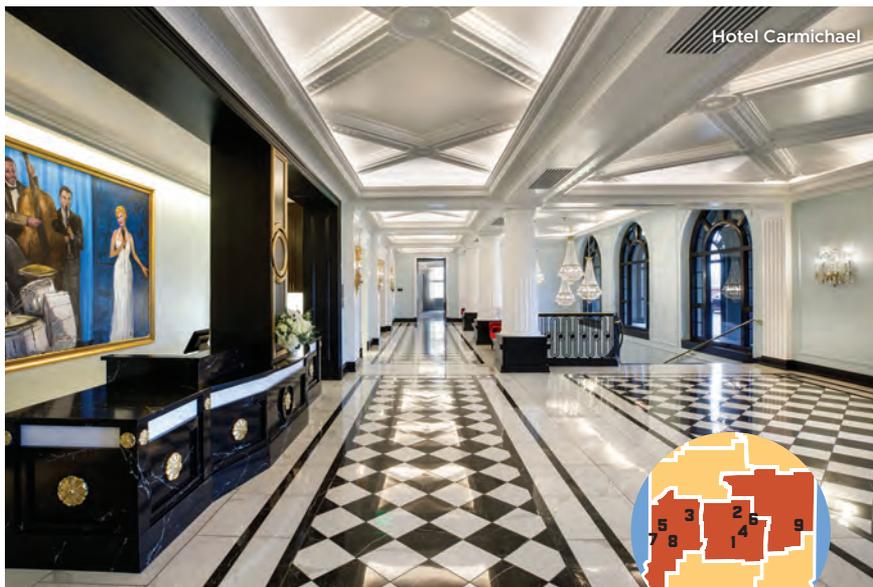
After a day of antiques shopping in Cambridge City, retreat to The Inn at High Hats, favorably located on the second floor of the filled-to-the-brim High Hats Antique Mall.



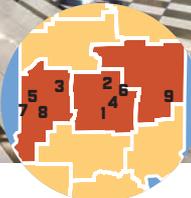
Clayshire Castle



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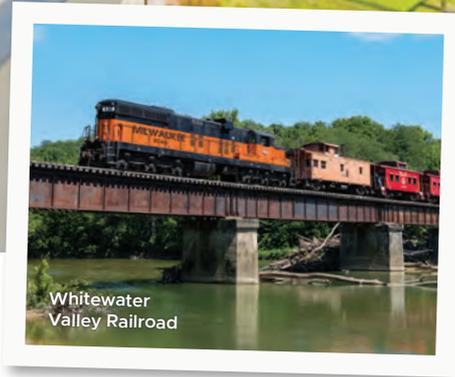
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1859 Balloon Voyage at Conner Prairie



## Play Date

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

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

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

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

### FIRSTHAND FUN

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

### ANIMAL CROSSING

To call **Wolf Park** a zoo would be selling the attraction short. The Battle Ground operation, just north of Lafayette, researches,

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

### TREAT YOURSELF

Buzz over to Martinsville's **Hunter's Honey Farm**, where you can work a live beehive or bottle your own honey. Stop in **Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream** in Richmond for seasonal and specialty flavors to pile in a waffle cone or bowl. More cold treats await at **Milky Way** in Frankfort or **Jimmie's Dairy Bar** in Pendleton, with scoops, cones and sundaes galore, or at **Gordon's Milkshake Bar** in Indianapolis, known for its loaded gourmet shakes.

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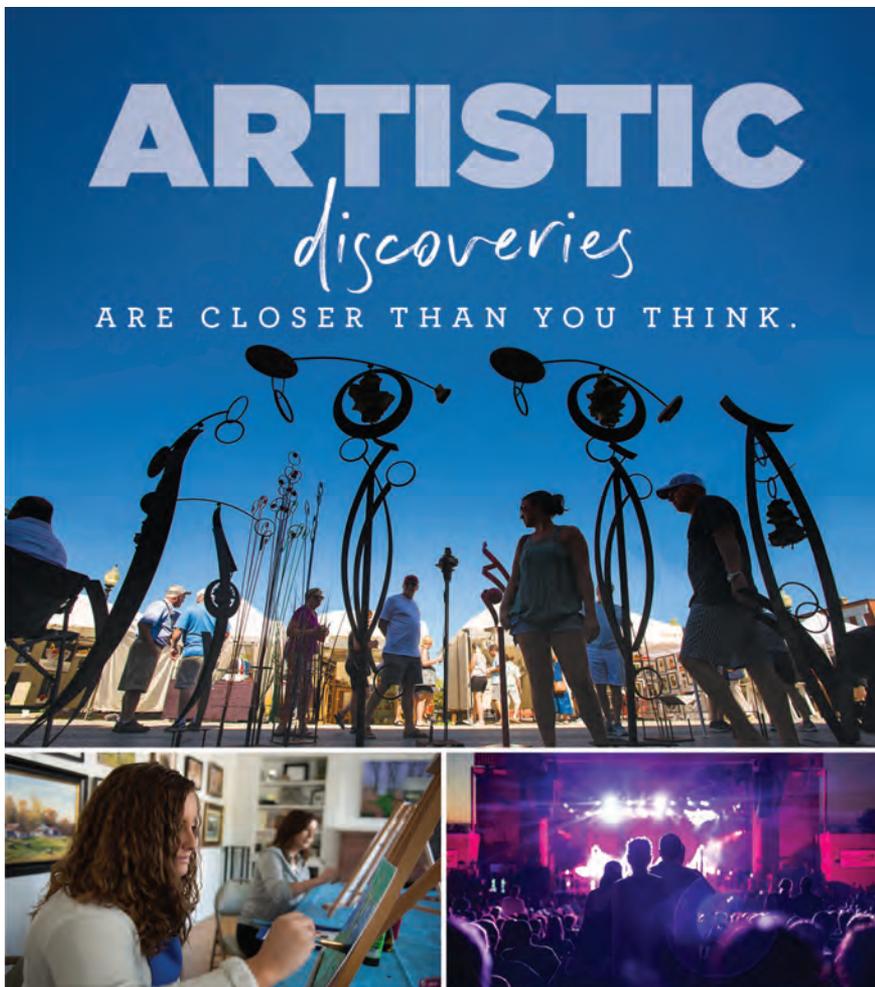
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**AUTHOR OF *IN THE SHADOW OF HER HAT AND SMILES*, RICHMOND**

## **I WAS BORN AND RAISED**

in Richmond, and my parents were both born and raised in Richmond. But then my husband was transferred to Indianapolis, and we lived there for 16 years. He retired, and we wanted to go where our grandchildren lived, so we moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and we lived there for over seven years, but we really missed Indiana. We missed Richmond in particular.

The biggest thing I look forward to in Richmond, especially after being in New Mexico, is green. I love the grass and the trees, and even the changing of the seasons when the trees begin to change their vibrant colors. I look forward to the nature that surrounds Richmond.

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Follow the pixie dust in **Hendricks County** to see various adorable, pocket-sized displays at area businesses and attractions, including **Avon Gardens** and **Beasley's Orchard** in Danville.



## INDIANA LIBRARY PASSPORT

Among other gems, bookmark these historic stops: **Hartford City Public Library**, Indianapolis' **Central Library** (pictured), Muncie's **Carnegie Library**, the **Swayzee Public Library**, and the **Parke County Public Library**.



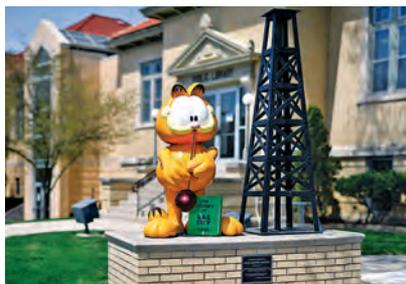
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Go to [visitrichmond.org](http://visitrichmond.org) to download the Chocolate Trail passport and take it to **Wayne County** locales dishing out tasty samples, such as a candy factory, an ice cream parlor and even a winery.



## HOOSIER PIE TRAIL™

Winchester's **Wick's Pies** is probably best known for its sugar cream variety. Other great stops on this Indiana Foodways Alliance trail: **Oasis Diner** in Plainfield and **Gray Bros. Cafeteria** in Mooresville (pictured).



## GARFIELD TRAIL

Fourteen statues of America's favorite lasagna-loving fat cat are placed throughout **Grant County** cities such as Marion and Gas City (pictured), hometown of Garfield creator Jim Davis. A map is at [followthefatcat.com](http://followthefatcat.com).



## INDIANA GLASS TRAIL

Explore the heritage of glass in Indiana, which dates back to the 1880s, along this route, which includes **Kokomo Opalescent Glass** (pictured), the **Albany Glass Museum**, **Warsaw Cut Glass** and Dunkirk's **Glass Museum**.

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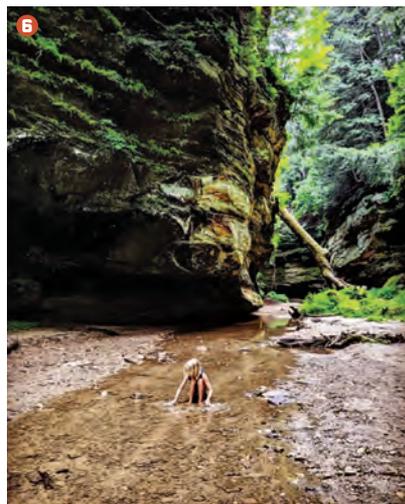
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## GIVE IT A SHOT

1. The Jupiter Flights Balloon Festival at Conner Prairie. Photo by [@visitindiana](#) //
2. Musician Jack White posing at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. Photo by [@officialjackwhite](#) //
3. Wintery hiking at Portland Arch Nature Preserve. Photo by [@indianadnr](#) //
4. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Monument Circle. Photo by [@lopusnak](#) //
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## Looking Back

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

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

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

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

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



Wilbur Wright  
Birthplace in  
Hagerstown

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(in 1882 and in use until 1973) and the only operational one still in existence.

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

**6 BORN IN FRANCE IN 1798**, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin arrived in Indiana in 1840 to open a mis-

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

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

**8 DAYTON, OHIO, IS KNOWN** as the Birthplace of Aviation, but Indiana can claim a bit of that title, too. Hagerstown boasts the **Wilbur Wright Birthplace** where one half of the famous Wright brothers, Wilbur, was born in 1867. See his family's home, a full-size replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer and a model of where they set up shop at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk. Note that the attraction is open seasonally, April 1 through November 1.

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

**10 YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE** work of **Kokomo Opalescent Glass**—in churches around the globe, Tiffany lamps, even the White House—and not even realized it. The operation that started in 1888 in response to east-central Indiana's gas boom still churns out glass today. Take a tour (currently offered Tuesdays through Thursdays) to see how it's done, then stop in the gift shop to take home a colorful remembrance.



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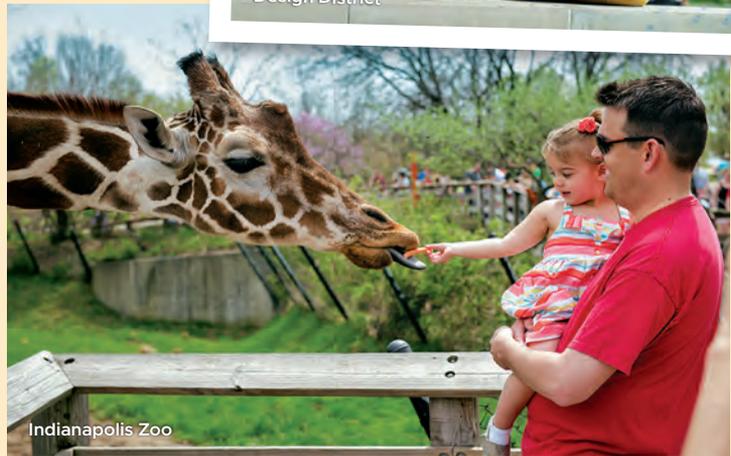
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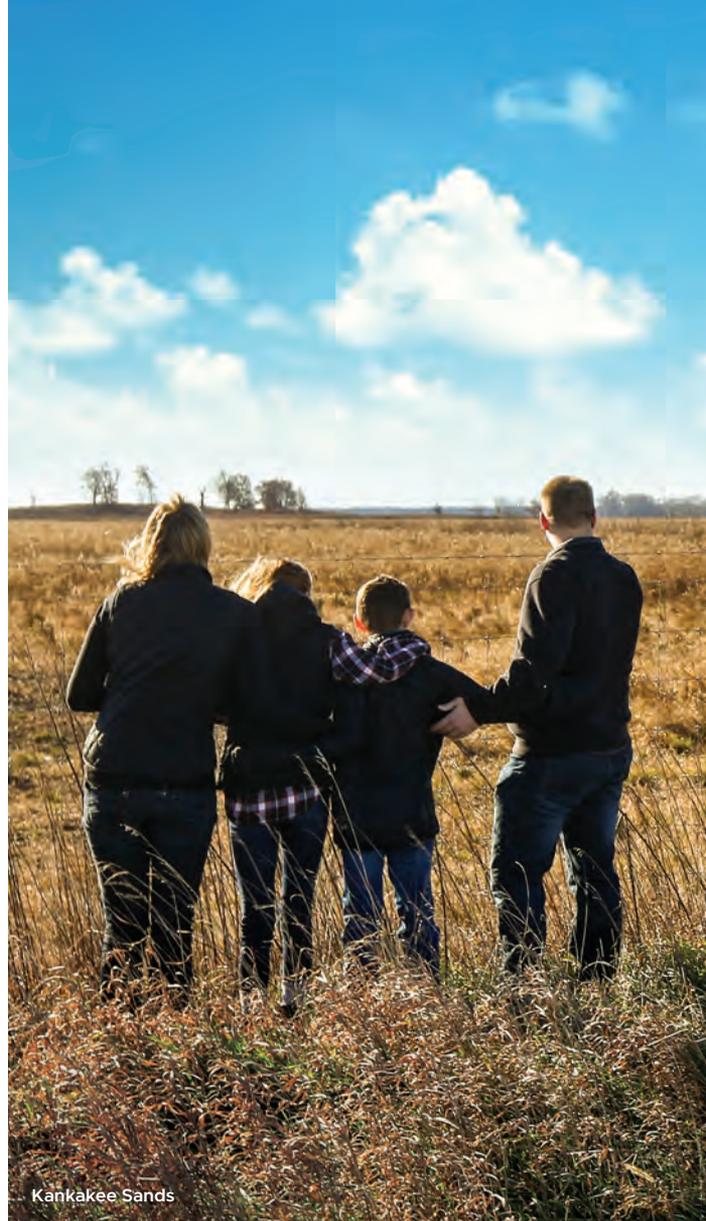


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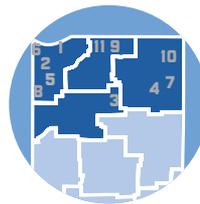
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Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru also houses the **Grissom Air Museum 3**. Indoor and outdoor displays pay tribute to the men and women stationed there since 1942. Live out your *Top Gun* fantasy by sitting in various aircraft, trying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

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Be sure to check [hours and availability](#) before setting out.

Visit in the spring to see bison calves, known as "red dogs" for their chestnut-colored fur.

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

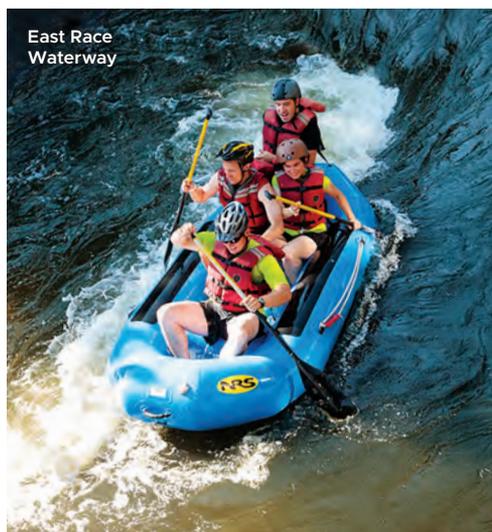
## A MOO-SEUM

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

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Mascot Hall of Fame



East Race Waterway

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*The Mascot Hall of Fame's Dr. Frankfurstein's Mascots exhibit builds character.*

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

**CHARACTER STUDY**

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

entertain at sporting events nationwide. Create your own mascot at the in-house Build-a-Bear Workshop.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

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

**PRAIRIE LIFE**

Thanks to work spear-

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

**REC HALL**

Eighty percent of the world's recreational

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

**WHAT A RIDE**

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

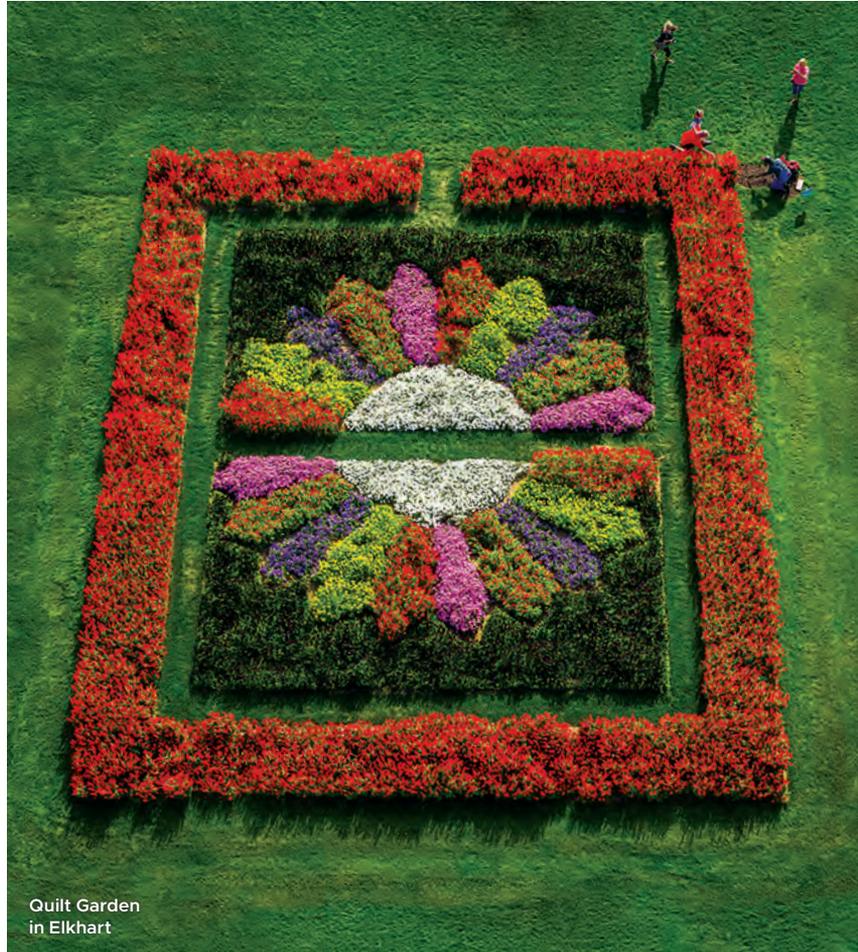
**Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum**, view beautifully restored models from the trio of manufacturers that operated in the early 20th century. Cars made by the Ford Motor Company from the 1930s to '50s are on display at the **Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum**, while more than 200 classic cars,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

**MAKE WAVES**

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



County Line Orchard



Quilt Garden in Elkhart

# The Time is Right

Every quilt garden along the Heritage Trail has its own unique pattern!

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



## SPRING

The **Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival** highlights the maple products of Amish country over an annual weekend celebration in April that includes vendors, carnival rides and entertainment. Welcome the season of blooming by getting your flower fix at the **Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory** in Fort Wayne, whose three indoor gardens showcase over 2,000 plants. There are even more varieties outdoors.



## SUMMER

Vibrant patchwork flower gardens stitch together the **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail** through Bristol, Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee and Wakarusa. Join other thrill-seekers on the shores of Lake Shafer in Monticello. **Indiana Beach Amusement & Water Park** has been a family summertime favorite for decades thanks to the Steel Hawg and other coasters and, especially on a sweltering day, water slides.



## FALL

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



## WINTER

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

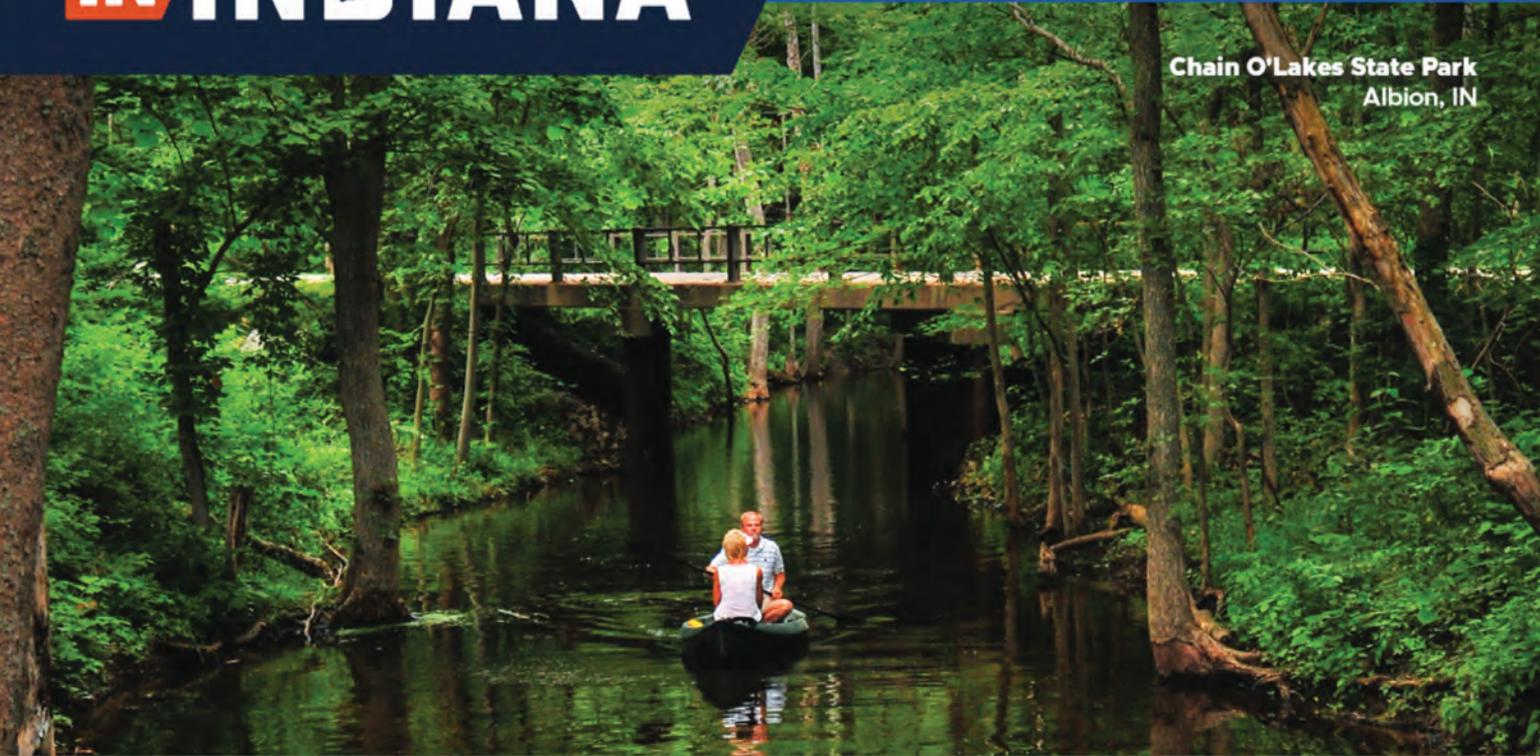
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Potawatomi Inn  
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# Slice of Life

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

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

## WORK

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

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

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

## TOP 5 COLLEGES

*By undergraduate and graduate enrollment*

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
*West Lafayette*  
50,884

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

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**NORTHWEST**  
8,911

**TRINE UNIVERSITY**  
*Angola*  
8,446

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**FORT WAYNE**  
6,258

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

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

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

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

## STUDY

Both traditional undergraduate students and working parents in need of a flexible, online degree program can find programs to fit their needs. The **University of Notre Dame** in South Bend might be known around the world primarily because of its football team (after all, we can all aspire to Play Like a Champion Today), but its academics are what really have shaped its reputation. Notre Dame is a premier teaching and research institution with 75 majors that attract approximately 8,900 undergrads. **Purdue University** in West Lafayette is perhaps best known for its highly ranked engineering programs, but the school is also a leader in business, computer science, agriculture and veterinary sciences. It's been dubbed the "Cradle of Astronauts"—nearly 30 men and women

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## TOP 5 CITIES

*By 2020 population*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Goshen College**, a private liberal arts school, is home to less than 1,000 students, but is well-known for the large number of pupils

who study abroad during its Study-Service Term. About 8,500 students matriculate at **Trine University** in Angola, with engi-

neering, business and education among its major programs, and in Valparaiso, **Valparaiso University** welcomes nearly 3,000 students in 70 academic programs.

to be even better with the **West Lake Corridor Project**, which will extend the South Shore Line eight miles south to Hammond, Munster and Dyer, and add nearly 17 miles of second track to the existing **South Shore Line** track.

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

## INDUSTRY SUCCESSES

*Highlighting North's major players and economic wins.*

▶ Led by companies such as **Miller Poultry**, **Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream** and **Kraft Heinz**, Northeast Indiana's food and agriculture industry contributes nearly **\$32 billion** to the state's GDP.

▶ Founded in 1958, **Leesburg**-based **Maple Leaf Farms** leads North America in duck production, with about **15 million** each year. Indiana is the **No. 1 duck producer** in the U.S.

▶ **Ports of Indiana Burns Harbor** has a **\$5.2 billion** economic impact. By 2025, the vital asset will see **\$28 million** in infrastructure improvements.

▶ In **Roanoke**, nearly 4,500 **General Motors** employees help roll out more than 1,300 GMC Sierras and Chevrolet Silverados every day.

▶ In **Lafayette**, **Subaru of Indiana Automotive** recently celebrated its 5

millionth vehicle.

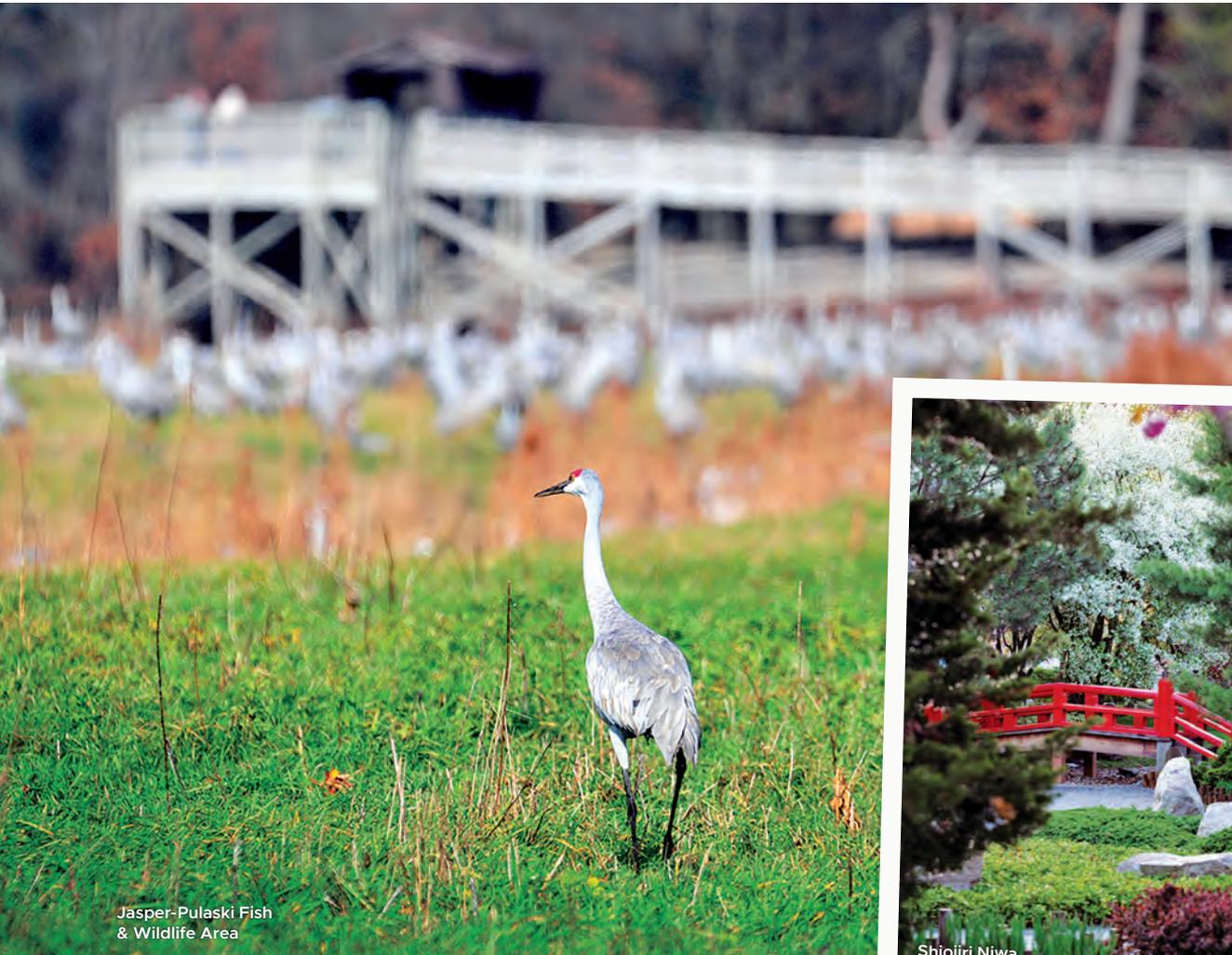
▶ A **13,000-acre solar farm** is coming to **Starke and Pulaski counties**. When complete by 2024, it will be the **biggest of its kind** in the U.S.

▶ The former General Electric complex in **Fort Wayne** is now called **Electric Works**, a **39-acre** site with retail, residential and office space, a food hall and coworking areas.

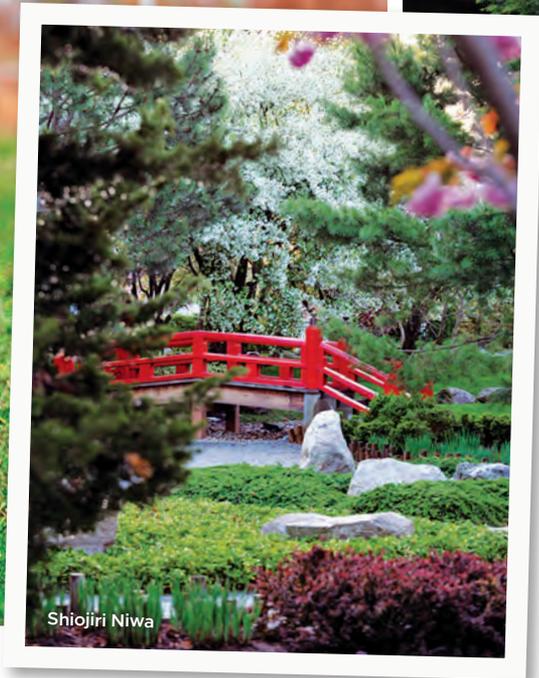
## LIVE

In the North region, residents enjoy proximity to important quality-of-life markers. There are several **state parks** and **Indiana Dunes National Park**. **Lake Michigan**, both the water itself and the towns full of shops, restaurants and attractions along its shore, is a big draw for leisure activities, but other bodies of water, including **Lake Wawasee**, **Lake Maxinkuckee** and **Lake Shafer**, are just as popular. Commuter rail connectivity is set





Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area



Shiojiri Niwa

# Natural Spaces

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

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

One of the newest

attractions in downtown Fort Wayne is **Promenade Park**, the highlight of the city's Riverfront complex. On the shore of St. Marys River, let the young ones traverse the tree canopy trail and frolic around the playground before crossing the bridge to check out the amphitheater, kids' canal and cafe. Kayak rentals and boat rides are available, too.

Four state recreation areas make up Peru's sprawling **Mississinewa Lake**, a destination for just about any outdoor activity you could want. While fishing takes top billing, you can also boat, hike, camp, swim, play volleyball, picnic and water ski. Take the Frances Slocum Trail to see the water-carved **Cliffs of the Seven Pillars**.

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

Hikers and horses share most of the trails at **Tippecanoe River**

**State Park** in Winamac, also a popular place to canoe or kayak. Stay overnight at one of the many campsites. As its name suggests, **Chain O'Lakes State Park** is made up of a series of lakes, perfect for boating (rentals are available) and fishing. The Albion property also offers 23 miles of trails, campsites and a historic school-house you can visit on

*The Mishawaka attraction symbolizes the town's relationship with sister city Shiojiri City in Japan.*



Gabis Arboretum and Gardens

G-gauge model trains tell the story of the American railroad while chugging through Gabis' Railway Garden.



summer weekends. In the middle of Elkhart, **Wellfield Botanic Gardens** emerges as a lush, 36-acre place of respite with 20 themed gardens, including Waterfall and English Cottage. The newest is the Japanese-

inspired Island Garden. Similar displays can be found at Mishawaka's **Shiojiri Niwa**, a strolling garden whose plant life, bridges and seating areas make for a lovely casual stroll. **Gabis Arboretum and Gardens** in Valparaiso also invites wandering among its 300 acres of prairie, wetlands, woodlands and trails. Public programs include the falltime Trail of Scarecrows.

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



**LOCAL PRIDE**

"I moved to Indiana, gosh, it's been about 15 years ago now. What got me to stay was how easy it was to become a Hoosier. You didn't feel like you had to work so hard. It was just very welcoming wherever I went. To the degree that I was able to achieve what I have within the state just shows you how easy it is to find your place in it all."

*Jená Bellezza*  
NONPROFIT LEADER

# Northern Indiana Lakes Country

Northern Indiana Lakes Country offers year-round recreational opportunities and 101 lakes. Pokagon State Park is home to Indiana's only refrigerated toboggan slide, hiking trails, beaches, boat and bike rentals and a nature center. The Trine State Recreation Area has hiking plus boat rentals and fishing from the pier. Wineries, a 400-acre buffalo preserve and Angola Balloons Aloft offer unique experiences.



# Kid Stuff

SUPERHEROES, WATER SLIDES, ICE CREAM: KIDS WILL LOVE THESE ATTRACTIONS IN THE NORTH REGION.

BY LAURA KRUTY

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

## KNOW-HOW

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

## LION'S SHARE

See animals native to various



Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

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



Deep River Waterpark

In Albion, **Black Pine Animal Sanctuary** provides permanent refuge to over 100 surrendered or rescued wild animals. Tour the facility to learn the residents' stories and what it takes to care for them. Wagon tours are limited at **Cook's Bison Ranch** in Wolcottville

(you'll need to call ahead to reserve your spot), but you're rewarded with an up-close look at the herd—and a chance to feed them.

## SWEET SPOTS

The North region boasts many standout spots for treats. Inside

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*Visit the zoo's Australian Adventure to pet—or even feed—a stingray!*



**DIGITAL EXPLORING**

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Indiana is blessed with unique places and remarkable natural features. This passport includes over 80 outdoor locations—from state parks to forests and lakes—to explore. It's free to sign up. All you need to do is check in to one of the passport locations, and you are on your way to earning prizes. The more you visit, the more you win! Scan the QR code to download the pass to your phone.

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

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# Happy Trails

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



## FORT WAYNE DESSERT TRAIL

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



## SIPPING TRAIL

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



## SOUTH SHORE WINERY TRAIL

Mead and cider folks will find kindred spirits in Valparaiso, home of **Aftermath Cider & Winery** (pictured) and **Misbeehavin' Meads**. Closer to Lake Michigan, find **Running Vines Winery** in Chesterton and **Shady Creek Winery** in Michigan City.



## SOUTH SHORE BREWERY TRAIL

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



## PUBLIC ART TRAIL

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



## FORT WAYNE PUBLIC ART TRAIL

Photo-worthy pieces—100-plus murals, sculptures and other public art—are peppered throughout downtown **Fort Wayne** and greater **Allen County**. Check in at each one via the digital passport to earn prizes.



## REN ART WALK

Local artists and those from around the U.S. lent their talents to dress up buildings and walls in Rensselaer. Start in **Potawatomi Park** and go through the alley behind **Washington Street** to view more than 20 colorful murals.



## INDIANA DUNES COFFEE & SWEETS TRAIL

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



## HERITAGE TRAIL

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

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# Grace Kelly May

**OWNER OF GK BAKED GOODS, FORT WAYNE**

**I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN** Fort Wayne, Indiana. I grew up on the south side of town and then eventually moved up to Angola for high school. It was around high school that I decided I wanted to pursue culinary arts. I moved to Chicago and went to culinary school at Kendall College. I stayed there for six years and in between that time, I flew out to Hawaii and lived on Maui for a summer when I was 19. I moved back to Chicago, spent some more time there, and then I moved to Houston, Texas. When we moved to Texas, the one thing we really were going to miss was fall in Indiana—football, bonfires, hoodies.

When my husband at the time was like, 'Hey, I think we should move back to Fort Wayne,' I said, 'You are crazy; we don't have jobs, there's not a huge hospitality scene.' I was so wrong. There's such momentum and drive to make our downtown lively, to bring in all these really cool concepts and restaurants that hadn't been there before.

The community here is just beyond. We all support each other, and we're excited for each other to be successful.

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## THE BRADLEY 1

Spearheaded by a Vera Bradley cofounder, Fort Wayne's boutique hotel has a rooftop bar and a hip restaurant on site.

## HOTEL ELKHART 2

Art Deco extravagance meets modern amenities at Hotel Elkhart, with 93 rooms and (another!) rooftop bar.

## MORRIS INN 3

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

## FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 4

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

## DUNESWALK INN 5

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

## CHARLEY CREEK INN 6

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

## BLUE CHIP CASINO HOTEL SPA 7

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

## POTAWATOMI INN AT POKAGON STATE PARK 8

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

## UNION CLUB HOTEL 9

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



Blue Chip Casino Hotel Spa



Morris Inn



Union Club Hotel



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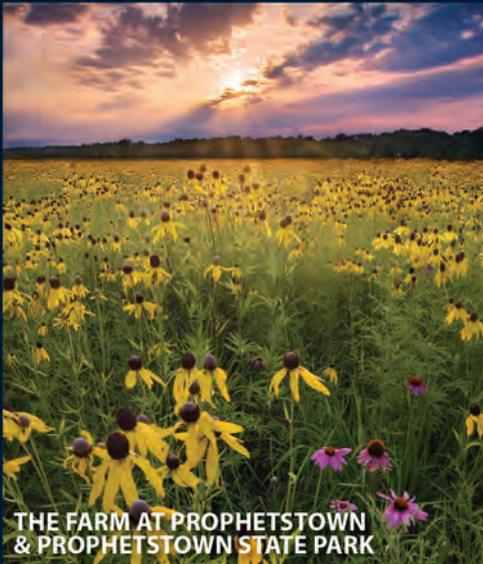
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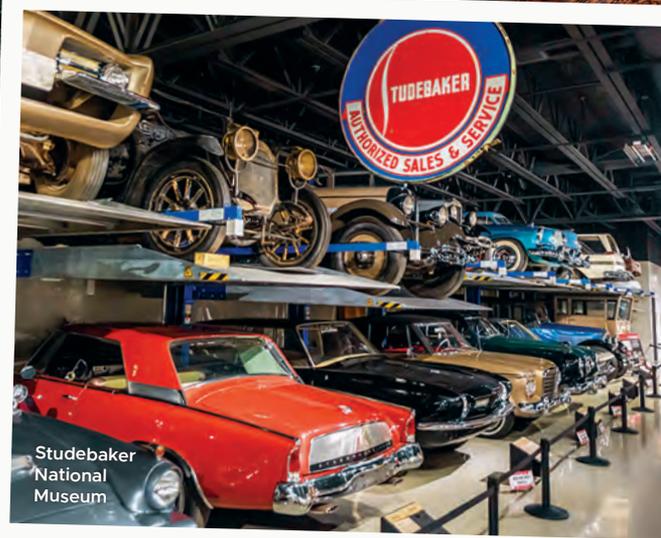
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# Days of Yore

NOBLE HOMES, CARS AND ART TO ADMIRE AND WHERE TO REMEMBER A FORMER PRESIDENT—10 MUST-VISIT SITES IN INDIANA'S NORTH. **BY LAURA KRUTY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Mingle with other car enthusiasts at the Studebaker's summertime Saturday-morning Cars and Coffee events.](#)





Oliver Mansion



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

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

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

**8 YOU CAN ALSO** wander through **Oliver Mansion**, part of The History Museum in South Bend. Industrialist

and businessman J.D. Oliver and his family moved into the 38-room, elaborately detailed property in 1898. The formal gardens are worth a visit, too.

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

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

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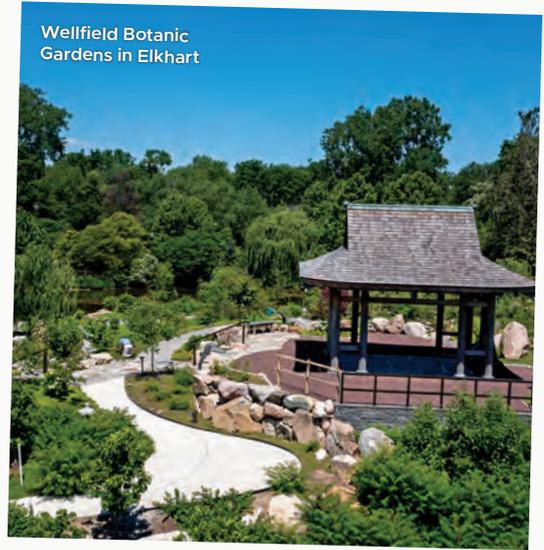
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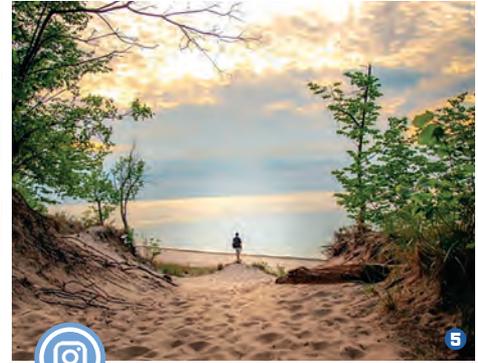
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A family of five is enjoying a water feature at Fort Wayne, Indiana. A young boy in a blue shirt is stepping on a rock in the water, while a girl in a white dress and another boy in a light blue shirt stand nearby. A woman and a man are sitting on a ledge in the background, smiling. The scene is set in a lush, green park area.

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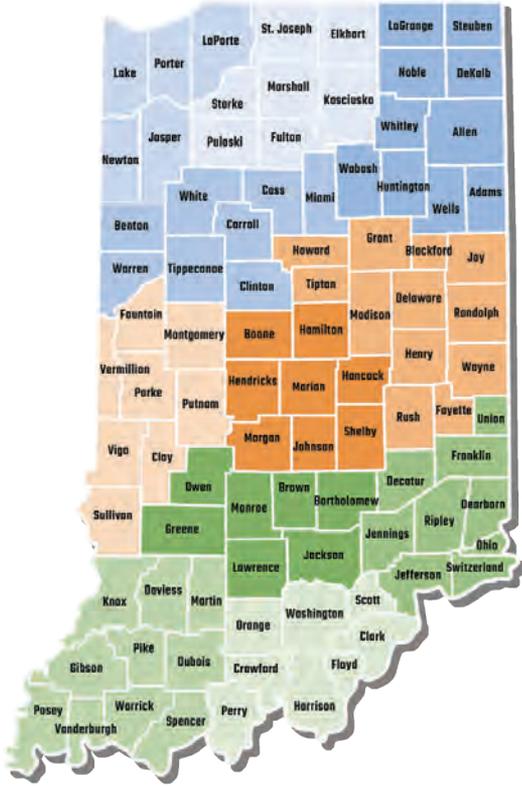
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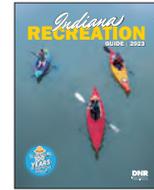
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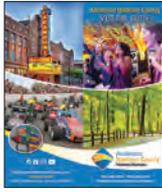
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800.837.0971, [visitkokomo.org](http://visitkokomo.org)



### Find Your Place in Shelby County

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317.398.9623, [visitshelbycounty.com](http://visitshelbycounty.com)



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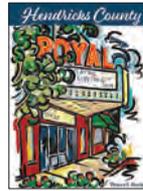
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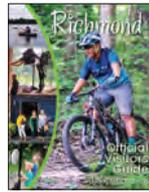
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### Muncie Visitors Bureau

Muncie has a variety of entertainment, dining, culture and recreation. Ball State University, National Model Aviation Museum, Bob Ross's studio, and hometown of Garfield the cat.

765.284.2700  
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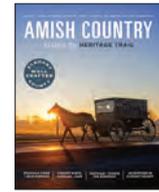
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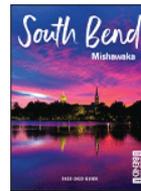
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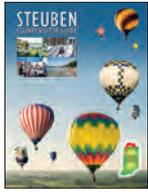


### South Shore - Along Lake Michigan

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**1.** Chocolate-covered sea-salt caramels and graham cracker-topped Key lime truffles, \$6.99 for four at *White House Candy Co.*, Corydon (SC)

**2.** Connoisseur Collection chocolates: jasmine, raspberry-balsamic and gingerbread, four for \$12.50 at *DeBrand Fine Chocolates*, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis (NE)(C)

**3.** S'mores bark with marshmallows and crushed graham crackers, \$4.74 for a quarter pound at *Richelle in a Handbasket*, Lafayette (MN)

**4.** Triple toffee—white, milk and dark chocolate-coated toffee bits, \$12.99 for an 8-ounce bag at *Uranus Fudge Factory & General Store*, Anderson (EC)

**5.** Sweet and chewy milk chocolate-covered red velvet cherries, \$6 for a 4-ounce bag at *So Good Candies*, Peru (MN)

**6.** Black forest cherry truffle, and a double-coated white and dark chocolate vanilla truffle, six for \$6.99 at *Chocolate Bliss*, Jasper (SW)

**7.** Cream-filled dark chocolate Dark Secrets®, a Lowery's house specialty for more than 100 years, \$16.55 for a half pound at *Lowery's Home Made Candies*, Muncie (EC)

**8.** Caramel pecan clusters with roasted, salted pecans dipped in milk chocolate and drizzled with dark chocolate, eight for \$12, *J. Edwards Gourmet*, Kokomo (EC)

**9.** Boozy traditional bourbon balls dipped in dark chocolate and topped with a candied pecan half, six for \$10 at *Sweet Schmitt's Candy*, Evansville (SW)

**10.** Liquid Fudge Smoothie—a white and dark chocolate shell filled with smooth chocolate ganache, \$5.99 for a quarter pound at *Charlie's Caramel & Candy Shop*, Vincennes (SW)

**11.** White chocolate-covered pretzels, \$12.99 per pound at *South Bend Chocolate Co.*, locations in Carmel, Indianapolis, Michigan City, Mishawaka and South Bend (C)(NC)(NW)

**12.** Cheesecake trifles filled with white chocolate-cheesecake ganache and sprinkled with crushed graham crackers, six for \$12.50 at *Cocoa Safari*, Madison (SE)

**13.** Aromatic and creamy Mint Melts, 12 pieces for \$18.50 at *Little Chocolates*, La Porte (NW)

**14.** Wolfies—milk chocolate-covered caramel pecan patties, eight for \$7.95 at *Wolf's Homemade Candies*, Attica and West Lafayette (WC)(MN)

**15.** Toasted coconut clusters covered with milk chocolate, four for \$5 at *McCord Candies*, Lafayette (MN)

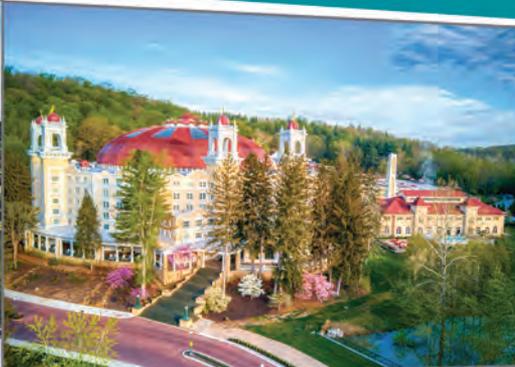
**16.** Artfully decorated chocolates filled with flavor-infused ganache, such as caramel toffee, amarena cherry and pistachio praline, four for \$12 at *Ghyslain Chocolatier*, Union City (EC)



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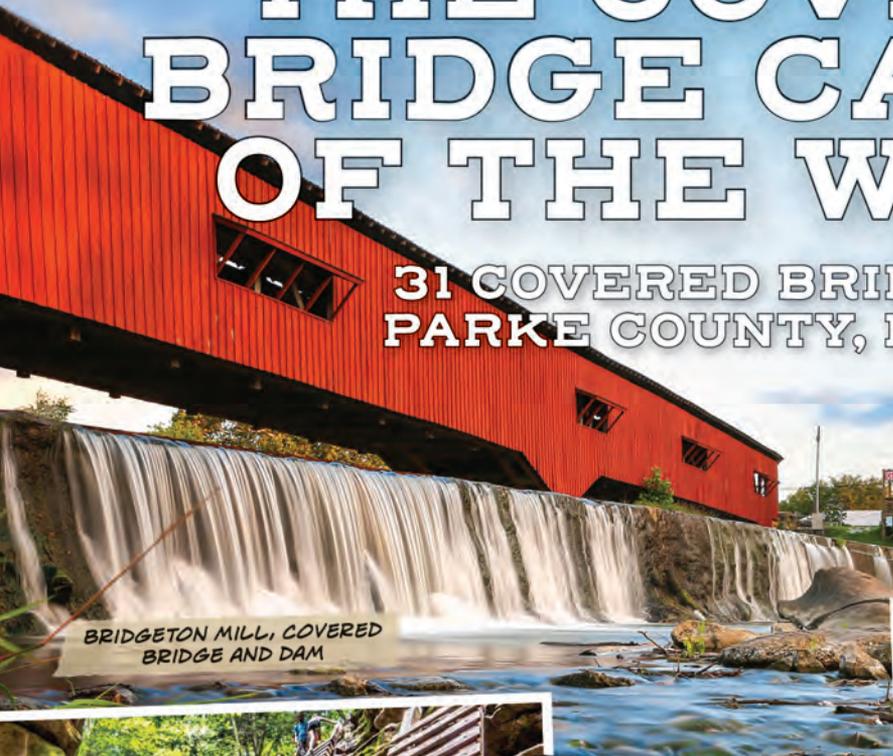


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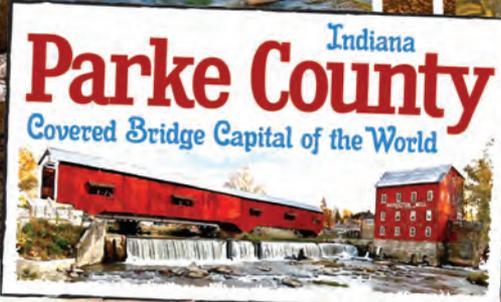
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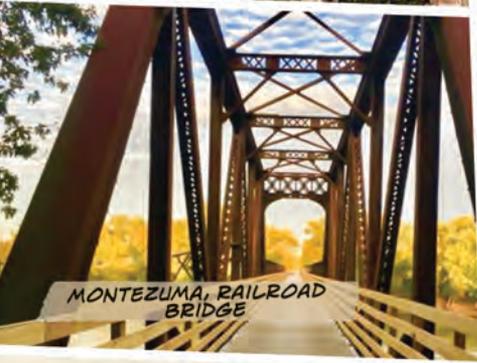


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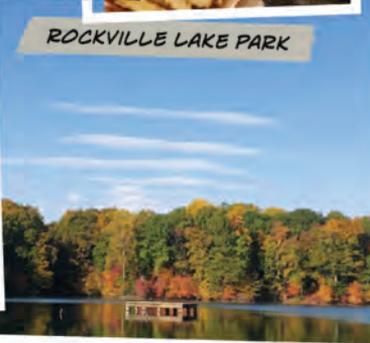
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- Raccoon Lake Boat Rental  
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