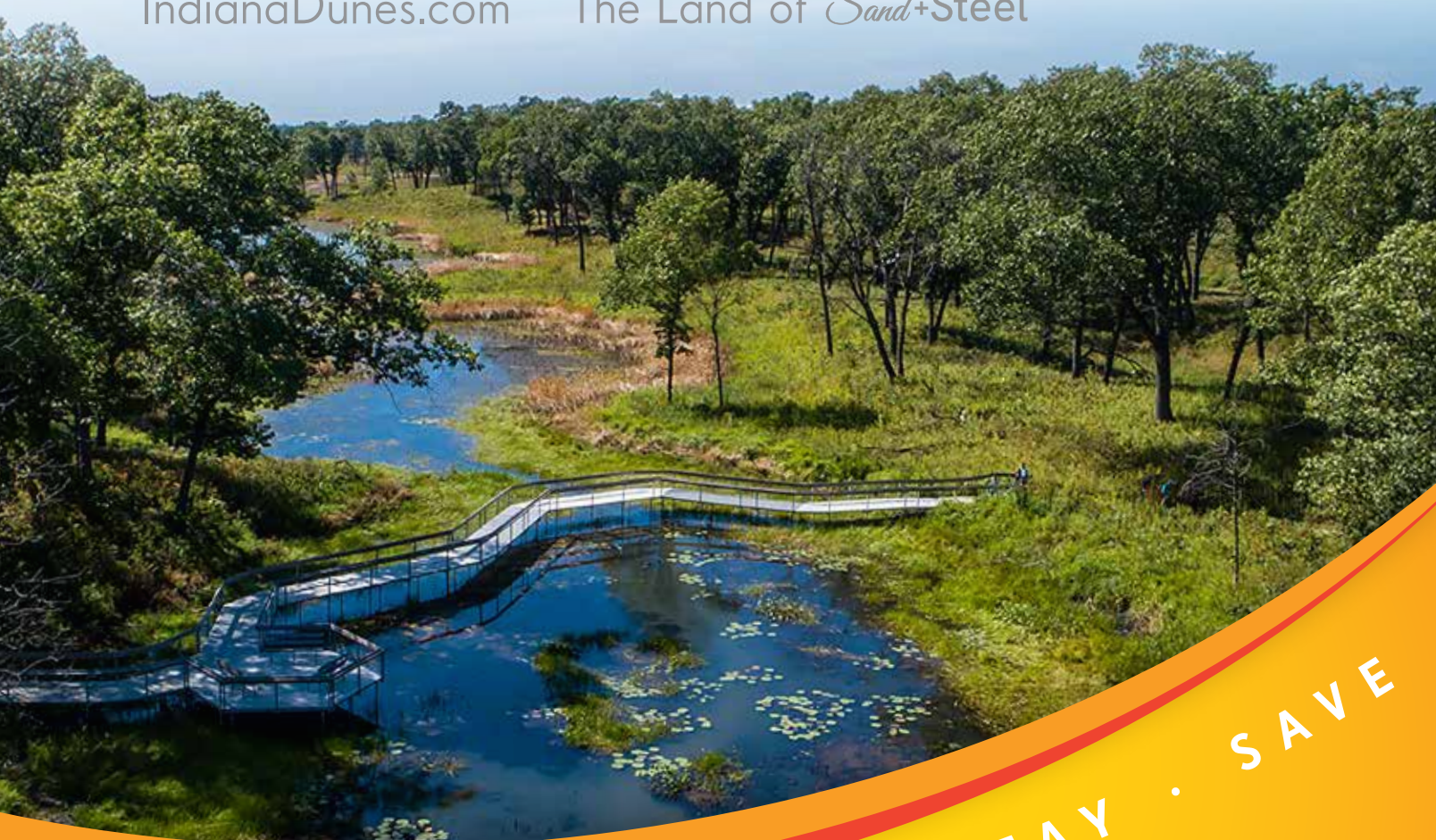




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# EXPLORE THE DUNES



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# INDIANA DUNES VISITOR CENTER



- Destination Ambassadors
- Guides and brochures
- A National Park film in our theater
- Gift Shop and park passes
- Restrooms, drinking fountains, and a water bottle filling station
- RV parking and an electric vehicle charging station
- Dunes-Kankakee Trail to the State Park and the Calumet Trail
- Picnic tables and an art walk
- Six foreign language guides
- Bike rentals



## Find Us At:

1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter, IN 46304  
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219-926-2255 or 800-283-8687  
[IndianaDunes.com](http://IndianaDunes.com)

[info@indianadunes.com](mailto:info@indianadunes.com)

8am–6pm daily, Memorial Day to Labor Day; 8:30am–4:30pm daily, Labor Day to Memorial Day

## Don't Forget!

We're on Central Time (CT)

## Start at the Visitor Center

When you start your trip at the Visitor Center, chat with one of our **Destination Ambassadors**. They're experts in what the area has to offer. From activities and attractions to dining and shopping, they'll help you plan your next adventure.



While you're here, be sure to check out the **Indiana Dunes Indigenous Cultural Trail**. This

interactive trail weaves the culture of the Miami and Potawatomi Indigenous Peoples with the natural ecology of the Indiana Dunes. Be sure to check out our 15,000 pound limestone turtles.



"A lifelong resident of Duneland, I discover something worthy of making a memory each day. Stop in and let us help you make your own special memories!"  
 — Elizabeth



"I love helping guests plan their adventure and showing them what we have to offer! It's even more rewarding when they come back and tell me what a wonderful time they had!"  
 — Taylor



"It's my pleasure to introduce our guests to the natural beauty of the Indiana Dunes. We're more than sand and water; we're a wonderful respite of exploration and biodiversity."  
 — Drew

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# Translated Travel Planners

The Indiana Dunes Visitor Center offers six translated Travel Planners in Korean, Chinese, German, Spanish, French, and Japanese to help you explore the dunes.



Go online to explore more  
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EXPLORE THE DUNES



## Art Walk & Tree Trail



As part of the Indiana Dunes Indigenous Cultural Trail, explore an arboretum-style tree tour complete with indigenous translations. Use our app to discover unique trees surrounding the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. **Scan the QR code** to learn more.

You can also see different murals created in a matter of hours by the muralist Ryan “ARCY” Christenson, as well as our life-sized “Bison-tennial” bison. These pieces of art all depict indigenous wildlife native to the Indiana Dunes area.

Can you find the hidden Mickey ears hidden in the murals?



## Beaches & Beyond Gift Shop

The Beaches & Beyond Gift Shop, located inside the Visitor Center, is a one-stop destination for unique souvenirs, locally made treasures, and handcrafted goods. Shop apparel, mugs, stickers, magnets, stuffed animals, and more. You can also visit us online. Scan the QR code or visit [IndianaDunes.com/Shop](http://IndianaDunes.com/Shop).



# TWO PARKS TWO PASSES



## EXPLORE THE INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL & STATE PARKS

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

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

### INDIANA DUNES ENTRANCE FEES

PASSES	NATIONAL PARK	STATE PARK
Annual Passes	<b>\$45:</b> Indiana Dunes National Park annual pass (only useable at Indiana Dunes National Park sites)	<b>\$50:</b> in-state annual pass (useable at all Indiana State Park sites)
	<b>\$80:</b> Annual Pass (U.S. residents). America the Beautiful - The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series	<b>\$120:</b> non-resident annual pass (useable at all Indiana State Park sites)
	<b>\$250:</b> Annual Pass (non-resident). America the Beautiful - The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series	<b>\$25:</b> Golden Hoosier Passport (GHP); GHP Social Security Disability Income; and GHP Disabled Hoosier Veteran
Daily/Weekly Passes	<b>\$25:</b> seven-day carload/family pass	<b>\$20:</b> out-of-state daily vehicle/family pass
	<b>\$20:</b> seven-day motorcycle pass	<b>\$7:</b> in-state daily vehicle/family pass
	<b>\$15:</b> seven-day pass per person for walk-ins, bike-ins, and boat-ins (maximum \$25 per family group)	<b>\$2:</b> walk-in or bike-in fee
Special Passes	<b>Discount passes:</b> Visit <a href="https://store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes">store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes</a>	<b>Discount passes:</b> Visit <a href="https://www.in.gov/dnr">in.gov/dnr</a>
	<b>Up to \$100:</b> commercial fee for motor coach	

## BOTH PARKS AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION	NATIONAL PARK	STATE PARK
<b>Locations</b>	Over 25 distinct locations, 16,000 acres, and 15 miles of the southern Lake Michigan shoreline.	2,182 acres of contiguous state designated nature preserves and natural landmarks.
<b>Concessions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Beach Snack Bar &amp; Gift Shop (seasonal)</li> <li>Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion Snack Bar (seasonal)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food service and gift shop available at beach pavilion</li> <li>Supplies, food, and gifts at the camp store</li> <li>Gift shop at the Nature Center.</li> </ul>
<b>Bathhouse / Pavilion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Beach Bathhouse: seasonal restrooms, potable water, and indoor showers</li> <li>Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion: 3,500 square foot, includes restrooms, seasonal snack bar, and a classroom/meeting space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exterior showers and changing rooms, restrooms, changing stations, and sinks available at beach comfort station</li> <li>Restroom, food service, and gifts available in pavilion</li> </ul>
<b>Beach Parking</b>	Approximately 1,200 spaces spread over eight beach access sites.	Two beach parking lots with approximately 2,000 spaces. Separate picnic area parking is available throughout park. Parking is also available at the Nature Center, North Orchard, and Wilson Shelter lots.
<b>Campgrounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dunewood Campground.</li> <li>Dunbar Group Site</li> <li>Central Avenue Walk-in Sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indiana Dunes State Park Campground.</li> </ul>
<b>Trails</b>	Fourteen distinctly named trail systems with more than 50 miles of diverse habitats.	A network of seven numbered trails through the State Park covering more than 16 miles.
<b>Picnic Areas</b>	There are twelve picnic areas throughout the park, six are covered shelters, two of which can be reserved at <a href="https://nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/picnic.htm">nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/picnic.htm</a> .	There is a fifteen-acre picnic area with a playground by the Auxiliary Lot. There are also six reservable shelters ( <a href="https://camp.IN.gov">camp.IN.gov</a> ), plus additional picnic tables and grilling areas spread throughout the park—seven are sheltered.
<b>Public Programs</b>	Hosts public programs and special events throughout the year. Visit <a href="https://nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/index.htm">nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/index.htm</a> or call 219-395-1882 to learn more.	Hosts variety of programs and special events. Visit <a href="https://calendar.dnr.IN.gov">calendar.dnr.IN.gov</a> or call 219-926-1390 to learn more.
<b>Cultural Sites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diana of the Dunes (West Beach)</li> <li>Century of Progress Homes</li> <li>Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm</li> <li>Sacred Sands Audio Tour (Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk)</li> <li>Indiana Dunes Visitor Center</li> <li>Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature Center</li> <li>JD Marshall Underwater Nature Preserve</li> <li>Wilson Shelter</li> <li>La Petite Fort Revolutionary War Historic Battle Marker</li> <li>Historic Stone Gatehouses</li> <li>Historic Beach Pavilion</li> </ul>

# NATIONAL PARK



The 61st National Park is made up of a series of sites along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, which includes 15 miles of beaches, more than 50 miles of trails, dunes, bogs, historic sites, camping, and more. Try the **Diana of the Dunes Dare and Dune Succession Trail** at West Beach.

## CAMPING

### Dunewood Campground

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

- There is a daily fee
- Open April–October
- Restrooms with showers
- No electrical hookups
- Dump station
- Alcohol is permitted
- Use locally supplied firewood only
- Pet-Friendly

Golf Wood Rd. & Dunewood Pkwy., Beverly Shores | 219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](https://nps.gov/indu) or for reservations: [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov)



## PETS

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

### NPS B.A.R.K Ranger Program

Join the NPS B.A.R.K. Ranger Program by completing an activity guide to receive a collectible dog tag!



## PROGRAMS & JUNIOR RANGER

Anyone can participate in the free Junior Ranger Program to earn a badge. Materials are available at the Visitor Center and are downloadable at [nps.gov/indu/forkids](https://nps.gov/indu/forkids).

Group leaders can go to [nps.gov/indu/learn/education/index.htm](https://nps.gov/indu/learn/education/index.htm) and follow the prompts to schedule a program.

## SWIM SAFETY

Lake Michigan can be deceiving and is like an ocean in terms of strength and unpredictability.

- Don't swim when high waves are present.
- Be conscious of rip currents and swim parallel to the shoreline if caught in one.
- Supervise children at all times.

Learn more at [weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent](https://weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent).



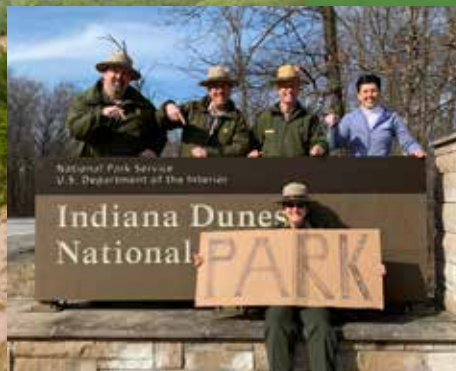
## GRILLING

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

## HOURS

Unless otherwise posted, all public use areas are open daily from 6am–11pm. Kemil Beach allows night sky viewing.

## AMERICA'S 61ST NATIONAL PARK!



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

# Diana of the Dunes Dare



Go online to explore more  
[INDIANADUNES.COM](http://INDIANADUNES.COM)

## REWARD YOURSELF

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

You can take the dare any day of the week, all year round. Learn more at [indianadunes.com/ddd](http://indianadunes.com/ddd).

## Dare to Be Different? Embrace the Dunes.

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

## GET STARTED

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

## Dune Succession

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



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

# STATE PARK

A state park surrounded by a national park, the Indiana Dunes State Park is 2,182 acres of dunes, marshes, swamps, hardwood forests, white pine groves, and a lifeguarded beach (summer only). The park has 16.5 miles of trails, including **The 3 Dune Challenge** and Trail 9—named the best place to hike in Indiana by *USA Today*—and offers camping, picnicking, and showers, as well as a dining venue, camp store, and park naturalist at their Nature Center.



## CAMPING

### Indiana Dunes State Park Campground

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

- There is a daily fee
- State-of-the-art campground
- Open year-round
- Electrical hookups
- Water/dump stations
- Campground store (seasonal)
- Charcoal grills
- Pet-Friendly

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or [camp.in.gov](http://camp.in.gov)



## GRILLING

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

### Indiana Dunes State Park



## PETS

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



## PROGRAMS

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

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



## HOURS

Hours are 7am–11pm daily.



## PROTECT OUR DUNES



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

## DROP-IN VOLUNTEERING



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

# The 3 DUNE Challenge



Go online to explore more  
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## REWARD YOURSELF

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

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

## Do it Any Day of the Year!

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

## GET STARTED

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

### Go Casual

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

### Or Go Extreme

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



EXPLORE THE DUNES



Share your experience  
@IndianaDunes and use  
#3DuneChallenge  
[IndianaDunes.com/3DC](http://IndianaDunes.com/3DC).



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



# Discover Something New.

The Indiana Dunes is one of the most biodiverse areas in the United States, and we've made a self-guided tour for you to enjoy what mother nature has uniquely provided us. Welcome to the **Discovery Trail**.

Nestled in northwest Indiana, on the shores of the massive freshwater "sea" of Lake Michigan, is a remarkable place, a unique landscape carved by immense glaciers during the last ice age. As these frozen giants slowly advanced and receded, the ground beneath them shifted violently. And in their wake, they left behind a cornucopia of natural wonders, from sandy beaches and majestic dunes to sprawling wetlands and lush forests.

Visit [IndianaDunes.com/Discovery-Trail](https://IndianaDunes.com/Discovery-Trail) or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to win prizes while you explore.

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| <b>1</b> Miller Woods          | <b>4</b> West Beach        | <b>7</b> Indiana Dunes State Park     |
| <b>2</b> Cowles Bog            | <b>5</b> Heron Rookery     | <b>8</b> Pinhook Bog                  |
| <b>3</b> Coffee Creek Preserve | <b>6</b> Great Marsh Trail | <b>9</b> Mount Baldy                  |
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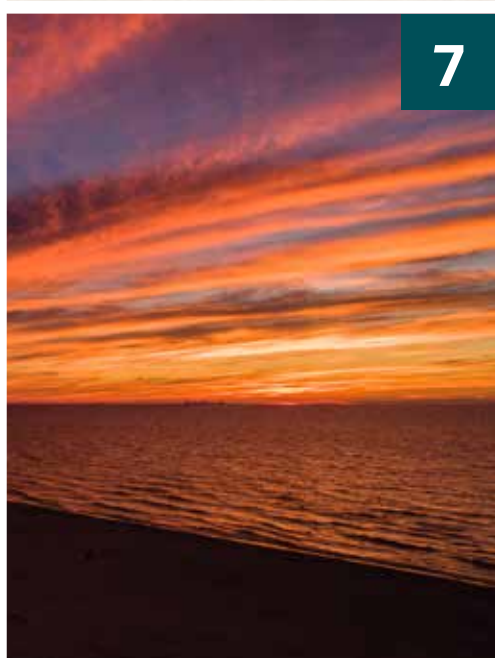
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# Speakeasy at the Spa



## Dinner, Drinks, and Music

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

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

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

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

333 N. Mineral Springs Rd.,  
Porter, IN 46304  
219-934-7677  
[thespaspeakeasy.com](http://thespaspeakeasy.com)

Weekdays: 4–10pm  
Weekends: 4–11pm

# Spring House Inn



## A Woodsy Staycation Retreat

The Spring House Inn offers great customer service and hospitality, as well as a woodland view from every room. Located just two miles from the entrance to the Indiana Dunes State Park, Spring House Inn is surrounded with natural history, where you can experience peaceful and educational pursuits through natural wetlands, tall sand dunes, and the refreshing waters of Lake Michigan. The area is filled with interesting historical points of interest, shopping, serious antiquing, cultural arts, and a variety of acclaimed restaurants, plus miles of hiking and biking trails.

A complimentary morning breakfast with an array of hot and cold items, freshly brewed gourmet coffees, hot tea, juice, muffins, hot and cold cereals, and biscuits and gravy is served daily in the library.

Spring House Inn is also the perfect, peaceful place to host your next meeting or retreat. Their professional staff will coordinate your audio visual and refreshment break needs.

- Indoor pool and fitness room
- Picturesque sitting rooms ideal for relaxing with friends
- Professional meeting room and services
- Free Wi-Fi internet
- Refrigerator and microwave in every room
- Exceptional service, by an exceptional staff
- Board games, books, and magazines
- Packages available
- Area attractions and restaurant information

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EXPLORE THE DUNES

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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JOGGER ON TRAIL 9 AT THE STATE PARK

## Get Ready to Explore the Dunes

While the Indiana Dunes has one of the nation's best beaches for family fun, with no salt or sharks, and offers endless opportunities for splashing and playing, it's more than just a beach. Swimming may be a favorite pastime, but the Indiana Dunes is known for its outdoor adventures.

So, if you're looking to bike, bird, camp, fish, hike, paddle, and explore, you've come to the right place. What you'll find here on the south shore of Lake Michigan is a cornucopia of activities full of stunning scenery, tight-knit communities, and thousands of acres of adventure-filled wilderness. You may not know this version of the Indiana Dunes, but you will soon.

We like to say we're shaped by nature, but made for adventure. We're 15 beautiful miles of award-winning shoreline on top of a biodiverse collection of woodland wilderness, county, state, and national parks. It's time for you to get out there and get to know adventure the Indiana Dunes way: by foot, paddle, and pedal.

## Outdoor Adventures

On the following pages, we've curated outdoor adventure locations throughout the Indiana Dunes area. Just look for the rainbow-like colors on the bottom right of the page to know you're in the "Outdoor Adventure" section. Think of this section as its own resource. Here you'll find specific icons not seen anywhere else in the guide. These special icons note things like "Camping" and "Swimming Beach."

We've also broken the pages out into specific categories: biking, birding, fishing, hiking, paddling, and wandering. Choose the adventure category that best fits your interests and get exploring. We know you're going to have an amazing time. For even more locations, scan the QR code or visit us online at [indianadunes.com/outdoor-adventures](http://indianadunes.com/outdoor-adventures).



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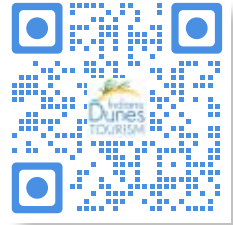


Swimming  
Beach



Winter Activity

# BEACHES



## Ten Beaches Along 15 Miles of Lake Michigan Shoreline

Along miles of award-winning Lake Michigan shoreline, you'll find scenic, swimmable Indiana Dunes beaches to explore, each offering its own mix of sun, sand, and serenity.

### Central Avenue Beach

This beach is surrounded by a buried forest created when wind-blown sands inundated the trees. It is also a great place to hike flower-filled fields, marshes, and woodlands; bike the Calumet Bike Trail; or watch bank swallows, shorebirds, and waterfowls.

151 Central Ave., Michigan City  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](https://nps.gov/indu)



### Kemil Beach

Enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Porter County on your way to the Kemil Beach parking lots. Then you can enjoy a nice stretch of beach or stroll along Lake View Drive to reach the Lake View Picnic area to have a picnic or enjoy the facility.

27 N. East State Park Rd.,  
Beverly Shores  
219-395-1882

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### Mount Baldy & Beach

The largest "living" dune in the National Park, Mount Baldy moves about four feet every year, burying everything in its path, including trees. While the beach is open year-round, all hikes to the summit must be led by authorized rangers.

101 Rice St. (U.S. Hwy. 12),  
Michigan City  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](https://nps.gov/indu)



### Dunbar Beach

Parking is limited at this prime spot near the Lake View Picnic Area and the historic Century of Progress homes. Enjoy this beautiful beach in a residential neighborhood where there are no lifeguards.

300 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores  
219-395-1882

<https://www.nps.gov/indu>



### Lake View Beach & Picnic Area

With easy access from your car to a sitting area with a stunning view, Lake View is also a popular spot for enjoying the beach, and it is the only area in the National Park with picnic shelters overlooking the lake.

50 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](https://nps.gov/indu)



### Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

Formerly an industrial site, this 57-acre area features an enclosed pavilion with seasonal food services and restrooms, as well as a handicap-accessible trail, fishing pier, and kayak launch. A breakwater also provides easy access for fishing, bird watching, and sightseeing.

100 Riverwalk Rd., Portage  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](https://nps.gov/indu)



### Indiana Dunes State Park

A state park surrounded by a national park, the Indiana Dunes State Park is 2,182 acres of dunes, marshes, swamps, hardwood forests, and white pine groves with a lifeguarded beach (summer only). The park features some of the best hikes in the area, including The 3 Dune Challenge and Trail 9. The park also offers camping and a park naturalist.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton  
219-926-1952

[on.in.gov/](https://on.in.gov/)



### Porter Beach

This is a popular gathering spot for splashing in the water, playing beach sports, and catching some rays. There are bathrooms and a small foot wash area, and the high dunes are a great place to bird watch.

3050 Wabash Ave., Porter  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)

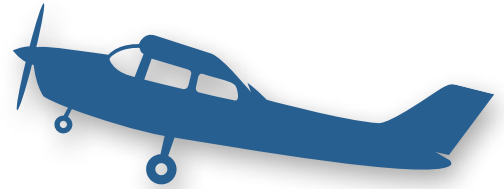


### West Beach

A bathhouse, a huge swath of sand, and a stationed summer lifeguard make this beach one of the most popular Lake Michigan spots. For inland fun, climb the 250+ stairs of the Diana of the Dunes Dare.

376 N. County Line Rd., Gary  
219-395-1882

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## OUTFITTERS & CHARTERS

### Brother Nature Charter Fishing

Portage | 877-725-6665  
[brother-nature.com](http://brother-nature.com)



### Buck's Bicycle Shop, Inc.

Valparaiso | 219-462-3411  
[bucksbikeshop.com](http://bucksbikeshop.com)

### Captain Q Charters

Portage | 219-869-0297  
[captainqfishing.com](http://captainqfishing.com)



### CMS Marine Boat and Jet Ski Rentals

Portage | 219-508-3195  
[cmsmarinerentals.com](http://cmsmarinerentals.com)

### Country Bait & Taxidermy

Valparaiso | 219-464-9932  
[Find them on Facebook](#)



### Doyne's Marine, Inc.

Portage | 219-762-7622  
[doynesmarine.com](http://doynesmarine.com)



### Erwin's Marine

Valparaiso | 219-462-1634  
[erwinsmarine.com](http://erwinsmarine.com)

### Hot Tomolly Luxury Yacht Charters

Portage | 219-763-3777  
[hottomolly.info](http://hottomolly.info)



### Indigo Birding Nature Tours

Chicago | 812-679-8978  
[indigobirding.com](http://indigobirding.com)



### J & M Excursions

Gary | 219-308-7630  
[Find them on Facebook](#)

### Leo's Mobile Bicycle Service

Valparaiso | 219-246-2504  
[leosmobile.com](http://leosmobile.com)

### Marina Shores at Dune Harbor

Portage | 219-762-5700  
[marinashoresindiana.com](http://marinashoresindiana.com)



### Miller's Marine Center

Portage | 219-762-8767  
[mwmarina.com](http://mwmarina.com)

### Paddle Portage

Portage | 219-220-2625  
[paddleportage.com](http://paddleportage.com)



### Portage Public Marina

Portage | 219-763-6833  
[portagein.gov](http://portagein.gov)



### South Shore Marina

Portage | 219-762-2304  
[south-shore-marina.net](http://south-shore-marina.net)

## DISCOVER A SHIPWRECK

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

Visit [indianashipwrecks.org](http://indianashipwrecks.org) for more information.



## FROM THE AIR

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

### Eagle Aircraft

4001 Murvihill Rd., Valparaiso  
219-464-0132  
[jseagle.com/discovery-flights](http://jseagle.com/discovery-flights)

### Porter County Municipal Airport

4207 Murvihill Rd.  
219-462-6508  
[vpz.org](http://vpz.org)



### Region Flyers

4205 Murvihill Rd., Valparaiso  
844-435-9694  
[regionflyers.com](http://regionflyers.com)



# BICYCLING



## Pedal at Your Own Pace

Discover the natural wonders, historical sites, and charming communities just beyond the beach. Whether you're a mountain biker, road warrior, or BMX biker, you'll find what you're looking for in the Indiana Dunes area.

### American Discovery Trail

Part of the national trail system, the region-wide route links a number of trails including the Pennsy Greenway and Veterans Memorial Trail in Lake County. The route becomes primarily rural east of Crown Point, through Hebron, Kouts, and LaCrosse. *Munster to LaPorte*  
[discoverytrail.org](http://discoverytrail.org)



### Bluhm County Park

This 96-acre park features a 1.5-mile multiple-use trail, as well as volleyball nets, cornhole (bring your own bags), and a no-leash dog exercise area. *3855 S. 1100 West, Westville*  
219-325-8315  
[laportecountyparks.org/parks/bluhm-county-park](http://laportecountyparks.org/parks/bluhm-county-park)



### C&O Greenway

C&O Greenway is a paved 1.9-mile trail following the abandoned Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad corridor. The trail starts at Innsbrook Country Club and passes through residential areas in Merrillville. *State Road 55 (Taft St.) to Mississippi St., Merrillville*



### Calumet Bike Trail

This 9.2-mile crushed gravel trail skirts the southern boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Park and Indiana Dunes State Park from Cowles Bog to Mount Baldy. The route parallels the South Shore Rail Line. *U.S. 12 South, Beverly Shores to N. Mineral Springs Rd.*  
219-465-3586  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Creekside Trails

This city park is home to over five miles of multi-use trails suitable for mountain biking, hiking, and walking. The trails range in difficulty from beginner level to experienced with challenging terrain and optional expert obstacles. *2355 Clifford Rd., Valparaiso*  
219-462-5144  
[valpoparks.org](http://valpoparks.org)



### Dunes Kankakee Trail

This trail starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center and goes north to Indiana Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan. Eventually, the trail is expected to link the dunes in the north to the Kankakee River in the south, as well as going along the river. *1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter*  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Erie Lackawanna Trail

At 17-miles in length, the Erie-Lackawanna Trail represents the longest contiguous off-road trail facility in Northwest Indiana. The paved trail connects Hammond and Crown Point, which were once important rail junctions. This trail connects to Oak Savannah Trail, Monon Trail, and the Little Calumet River Levee Trail. *Hammond to Crown Point*  
219-853-6300



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[IndianaDunes.com/Bicycling](http://IndianaDunes.com/Bicycling)

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[INDIANADUNES.COM](http://INDIANADUNES.COM)

## Safety Tips

### Be Alert and Stay Safe with These Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet and bright-colored clothing.
- Ride on the right side of the road.
- Ride single-file and predictably.
- Watch for cars at intersections and driveways.
- Riding after dark is not recommended, but wear reflective clothing and use a white headlight and rear flashing red light if you do.
- Never use earphones because you won't be able to hear traffic.
- Select routes according to cyclist skill and age.
- Follow the rules of the road and cycling etiquette.
- Keep your bicycle properly maintained.
- Use hand signals before stopping or turning.

## Bicycle Rentals

### Bike the Dunes

1215 N. State Rd. 49, Porter

[Find them on Facebook](#)



### Camp Stop General Store & Beach Shop

2 W. Dunes Highway  
(U.S.12), Beverly Shores  
219-367-2048

[Find them on Facebook](#)



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DUNE PARK  
STATION

### Grand Illinois Trail

The 535-mile Grand Illinois Trail loops through Northern Illinois and connects to the Pennsy Greenway Trail in Indiana. The trail is a mix of paved roads and limestone trails.

Chicago, IL

[dnr.illinois.gov](https://dnr.illinois.gov)



### Imagination Glen Park

The 276-acre Imagination Glen Park is home to the Outback Mountain Trail, a 10-mile mountain biking trail. Beginners and novices can try the Front Side loop, while experts can take on the Dark Side black diamond trail.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage

219-762-1675

[inportageparks.com](https://inportageparks.com)



### Iron Horse Heritage Trail

The five-mile Iron Horse Heritage Trail runs east-west through the City of Portage, from Imagination Glen Park east (where the Iron Horse connects with the Prairie Duneland Trail) west to Hamstrom Road.

State Rd. 149 (0.75-mile south of U.S. 20), Portage

219-762-1675

[inportageparks.com](https://inportageparks.com)



### Lincoln Memorial Trail

This 1.2 mile loop trail starts at Bluhm Park East near Westville. The trail has a paved and an unpaved portion, which run side-by-side, allowing hikers and bicyclists to share the road.

10335 W. 350 South, Westville

219-325-8315

[laportecountyparks.org](https://laportecountyparks.org)



### Little Calumet River Levee Trail

This six-mile asphalt trail roughly follows the Little Calumet River and passes by several local parks. Most of the trail is off-road, but some short segments are either on-road or atop river levees. It connects to the Erie Lackawanna Trail.

Munster to Gary

[traillink.com](https://traillink.com)



### Marquette Greenway

The Marquette Greenway is a planned regional trail made up of 20 smaller trail segments. When all segments are complete, the trail will stretch 55-miles from the Illinois border to New Buffalo, MI, connecting Lake Michigan's shoreline communities.

Illinois to Michigan

[nirpc.org](https://nirpc.org)



### Monon Trail

Monon Trail is a 4.4-mile paved trail that connects the Erie Lackawanna Trail to the Pennsy Greenway and Little Calumet River Levee Trail. The Monon Trail Bridge, created from historic rail trestle beams, crosses over the Little Calumet River. The trailhead in Munster has seating areas and a fountain.

*Hammond to Munster*

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



### Oak Ridge Prairie & Oak Savannah Trail

This beautiful 10-mile trail traverses through savannahs, remnant prairies, wetlands, lakes, parks, and urban environments. The trail starts at Oak Ridge Prairie County Park to the west, snakes through downtown Hobart, and connects to the Prairie-Duneland Trail to the east.

*Griffith to Hobart*

219-769-7275

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



### Outback Trail

This is a 10-mile multi-use mountain biking trail in Portage's Imagination Glen Park. The trail is available for use by hikers, bikers, runners, and birdwatchers. Three miles on the western side of Salt Creek is available for beginner-intermediate riders, and seven miles on the eastern side of Salt Creek is available for intermediate-advanced riders.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage

219-762-1675

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

### Pennsy Greenway

Pennsy Greenway is a multi-use trail that runs between Lansing, IL and Schererville, IN. This converted railway trail has three separate paved segments with eventual plans to connect all portions into one trail. Pennsy Greenway connects to Monon Trail.

*Lansing, IL to Crown Point*

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



### Porter-Brickyard Trail

The Porter-Brickyard Trail features forest views, bridges over U.S. 20 and U.S. 12, and a way to get from the Prairie Duneland Trail to the Calumet Bike Trail. Parking is available at U.S. 12 and Mineral Springs Rd.

*U.S. 12 and Mineral*

*Springs Rd., Porter*

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Prairie-Duneland Trail

One of Indiana's "crown jewel" trails, the Prairie Duneland Trail traverses some of the most beautiful natural areas in the state. The 10.3-mile rail-trail passes through remnant tallgrass prairies, dense forest canopies, river, and residential areas. The trail connects to Imagination Glen Park.

*S. Jackson Blvd., Chesterton*

*to County Line Rd., Portage*

219-762-1675

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



### Soldiers Memorial Park

The 556-acre park surrounds the 160-acre Stone Lake while bordering Pine Lake. There is a public bathing beach along with hiking trails, mountain biking paths, fishing spots, and picnic events. Pine Lake is popular for water skiing and sailing.

250 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte

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



### Steel Wheels BMX Track

Steel Wheels BMX, located in Imagination Glen Park East, hosts ABA-sanctioned races on its indoor and outdoor tracks. The facility includes a concession area, announcing tower, staging area, and finish line. Admission is free for spectators. Be sure to call ahead for detailed information on public riding.

2190 State Rd. 149, Portage

219-406-9833

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



### U.S. Bike Route #36

U.S. Bike Route #36 is a 58.7-mile regional route between Illinois and Michigan, which includes 35 miles of off-road trails. The route starts in Hammond, IN and connects to the Erie Lackawanna Trail and runs along the Oak Savannah and Prairie Duneland trails. The route leads to the Indiana Dunes National Park and eventually terminates at the Michigan State line.

*Southwest Michigan to Chicago*

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



### Veterans Memorial Trail

This planned trail will run from Crown Point to Hebron with stops at several current and planned veteran memorials.

*Crown Point to Hebron*

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



# BIRDING



## Unbelievable Migrations

Due to the open waters of Lake Michigan and the surrounding beaches, dunes, wetlands, forests, and prairies, the Indiana Dunes offers spectacular birding throughout the year, especially during migrations.



### Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

This 650-acre parcel conserves a mix of wetlands, black oak barrens, and sand prairie, offering wildlife viewing, hiking, and hunting. The Grand Kankakee Marsh is one of the largest freshwater wetland complexes in the United States, encompassing 500,000 acres in eight counties.

State Rd. 49, Wheatfield  
219-285-2184

[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



### Beverly Shores Project Area

Park at Lake View Picnic Area to bird the open water and beach or bike along the west end. This area includes beautiful open waters and beach habitats, but its most unique draw is its rare interdunal marsh.

500 S. Broadway Ave.,  
Beverly Shores  
219-242-8558

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



### Coffee Creek Preserve

This beautiful 157-acre preserve showcases an inspiring and aesthetically stunning marriage of nature and culture. The natural landscape includes a mix of restored prairie, creek, wetlands, and woodlands. Interpretive signage enhances the experience.

2401 Village Point, Chesterton  
219-926-1842

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



### Cowles Bog Trail

Considered a globally significant Important Bird Area (IBA), this site supports several nesting wetland birds that are species of conservation concern in Indiana, including a large population of Marsh Wren.

1450 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Dune Acres  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

Situated atop the Valparaiso moraine, Gabis offers more than 300 acres of woody plant collections, formal gardens, wetlands, woodlands, and prairies.

450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso  
219-462-0025  
[pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum](http://pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum)



## Birding Ethics

- Respect wildlife homes. Leave nests and their occupants as you found them.
- In no-hunt areas, blend in with your surroundings. Wear neutral-colored clothing and move slowly and quietly.
- Avoid the use of recordings, calls, or whistles to attract birds, as they can disrupt the birds' normal feeding, mating, and brood-rearing activities.
- View birds from a distance to avoid disturbing them.
- Stay on trails and respect private property.
- Share your lunch only with other humans.

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RED-SHOULDERED HAWK





## A Birder's Paradise

“Little did I know, an oasis was right under my nose... What I usually saw from the interstate was industrial plants and refineries... Not exactly the landscape I equate with forests, dunes, marshes, and wildlife such as birds.” – Jan Lewis, Birding Enthusiast Migrations

### Great Marsh Trail

Just a short stroll to an accessible observation platform provides a great view of this recently restored wetland. Wading birds like herons and egrets and songbirds such as warblers and red-winged blackbirds are again abundant. During migration periods, see flocks of ducks and geese. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope for the best views.  
500 S. Broadway Ave.,  
Beverly Shores  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Hammond Lakefront Park and Bird Sanctuary

A truly unexpected find. A small, 600-meter track nestled in the middle of an industrial area may not seem worth exploring, but this one is! Known by locals simply as the "migrant trap," the lakefront and bird sanctuary is a hidden birding paradise. As you crisscross the site on a narrow footpath, keep your eyes open for neotropical bird species that use this small space as a critical stopover during migrations.  
701 Casino Center Dr., Hammond  
219-659-7678  
[hammondportauthority.com](http://hammondportauthority.com)

### Heron Rookery Trail and Reynold's Creek

For more than 60 years, herons nested here along the Little Calumet River. Though the "rookery" is no longer active, the 1.6-mile trail is a good spot for viewing other bird species. National Park resource managers conduct prescribed burns to maintain open savanna habitat.  
1336 N. 600 East, Michigan City  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Indiana Dunes State Park

The park attracts breeding birds more commonly found farther south (including WatchList species Prairie Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush), as well as more northerly species (Canada and Blackburnian Warblers). Migration sightings include such WatchList species as Kirtland's, Golden-winged, and Bay-breasted Warblers. The west lot observation area is known for several state record species counts.  
1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton  
219-926-1952  
[on.in.gov/indianadunes](http://on.in.gov/indianadunes)



### Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area

This gem of a wildlife area conserves 8,179 acres of wetland, upland, and woodland habitat, providing an ideal stopover for migratory birds. Beginning in late September, sandhill cranes, Canada geese, ducks, and occasionally even federally endangered whooping cranes gather here. By mid-November—peak fall viewing time—daily crane counts swell to 15,000 or more. Visitors are required to check in at the headquarters office.  
5822 Fish and Wildlife Ln., Medaryville  
219-843-4841  
[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



### Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area

Designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, the 4,199-acre Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area is part of the Grand Kankakee Marsh region.  
4320 W. Toto Rd., North Judson  
574-896-3522  
[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



### Kankakee Sands

Kankakee Sands conserves more than 10,000 acres of prairie, savanna, and wetlands—habitat for some of the fastest declining bird species in North America, including northern bobwhite, grasshopper sparrow, and American bittern. Kankakee Sands is also home to several bird species that are endangered or threatened in Indiana.  
3294 N. U.S. Hwy. 41, Morocco  
219-285-2184

[nature.org/kankakeesands](http://nature.org/kankakeesands)



### Marquette Park

This 241-acre park is considered an Important Bird Area due to its location at the extreme southern point of Lake Michigan and its beach, dune, and oak savanna habitats.  
6769 Oak Ave., Gary  
219-886-7099

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



### Michigan City Harbor (Washington Park Marina)

This harbor is a favorite lakefront birding site just miles from the Michigan State line in Northwest Indiana. East of Trail Creek, low dunes offer prime viewing of heavy bird movement along the lake.  
200 Heisman Harbor Rd.,  
Michigan City  
219-872-1712  
[mcmarina.org](http://mcmarina.org)

Indiana Dunes Tourism expresses a heartfelt thanks to Ken Brock, Brad Bumgardner, and Sandra Wilmore for their local birding expertise and contributions to this guide.

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

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

100 N. Lake St., Gary  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### West Beach

A bathhouse, a huge swath of sand, and a stationed summer lifeguard make this beach one of the most popular Lake Michigan spots. For inland fun, climb the 250+ stairs of the Diana of the Dunes Dare (Dunes Succession Trail) with interdunal ponds and a mile-long boardwalk.  
376 N. County Line Rd., Gary  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Impressive restoration work continues to make this former dumping site a shorebird sanctuary, suitable for a swath of migrating birds to rest, feed, and prepare for their continued journeys. The sanctuary also provides space for permanent wildlife residents, native flora, as well as amenities for their human friends.  
1150 S. 11th St.  
Chesterton  
219-477-8247  
[westchesterbird.org](http://westchesterbird.org)



## Migration Sensation

Why do so many birds migrate through here? The massive size of Lake Michigan profoundly affects the flight routes of migratory birds. During the fall, birds that have nested in the north follow the long shores of Lake Michigan further south and converge at the bottom of the lake—right here in the Indiana Dunes. Whether they're here to nest or just stopping for a rest, you'll see birds seldom recorded anywhere else in the Midwest.

## Weather Watch

Migrating birds tend to fly during fair weather, especially when they have a good wind helping them along. In the spring, birders tend to see the most migrating raptors on days with a strong southerly wind, and in the fall, frequent cold fronts funnel migrating songbirds and waterbirds straight to the Indiana Dunes.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

WOOD DUCK AT WEST BEACH

# FISHING



## Wide-Open Lake Michigan

During the last Ice Age, glaciers created diverse regions stretching from wide-open Lake Michigan to the shores of the Kankakee River. Here, you can fish Lake Michigan tributaries winding through community parks and secluded nature, or head out for some quiet boat or shore fishing on the smaller lakes and streams dotting the landscape south of the dunes.

### East Branch Little Calumet River

The Little Calumet River meanders through woodlands from Porter County to LaPorte County with salmon, trout, bass, bluegill, carp, and catfish as the most common catches. Spots to fish include a number of town parks that have shoreline fishing.

#### Deer Trail Park

Ameriplex Dr., Portage  
219-762-1675  
[inportageparks.com](http://inportageparks.com)



#### Hawthorne Park

500 Ackerman Dr., Porter  
219-983-1042  
[townofporter.com](http://townofporter.com)



#### Heron Rookery Trail and Reynold's Creek

1336 N. 600 East, Michigan City  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



#### Portage Public Marina (Sammie L. Maletta Public Marina)

1200 Marina Way, Portage  
219-763-6833  
[portagein.gov](http://portagein.gov)



#### Red Mill County Park

0185 S. Holmesville Rd., LaPorte  
219-325-8315  
[laportecountyparks.org](http://laportecountyparks.org)



#### Wykes Plampin Nature Preserve

Brummit Rd., south of Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



### Kankakee River

Farthest south in the region lies the Kankakee River, where northern pike, catfish, walleye, bass, and bluegill are common. Fishing the Kankakee is a place to immerse yourself in nature for a quiet experience.

#### Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

State Rd. 49, Wheatfield  
219-285-2184  
[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



#### Dunn's Bridge County Park

500 E. and the Kankakee River, Kouts  
219-465-3586  
[portercountyparks.org/dunns-bridge](http://portercountyparks.org/dunns-bridge)



#### Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park

21690 Range Line Rd., Hebron  
219-552-0033  
[lakecountyparks.com](http://lakecountyparks.com)



#### Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area

4320 W. Toto Rd., North Judson  
574-896-3522  
[in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife](http://in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife)



#### Kingsbury State Fish and Wildlife Area

5344 S. Hupp Rd., LaPorte  
219-393-3612  
[in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife](http://in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife)



#### LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area

4752 W. 1050 North, Lake Village  
219-992-3019  
[in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife](http://in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife)



## Lake George

This large lake in Hobart has largemouth bass, bowfin, catfish, green sunfish, bluegill, carp, and drum. There is a concrete boat launch, but also a number of fishing piers at the city parks that surround the lake.

### Jerry Pavese Park

500 S. Lake Park Ave., Hobart  
219-942-2987  
[cityofhobart.org](http://cityofhobart.org)



## Lake Michigan

With 43 miles of shoreline in Indiana, Lake Michigan is a fishing adventure waiting to happen. The most common catches include coho and chinook salmon, steelhead, and smallmouth.

### East Chicago Marina

3301 Aldis St., East Chicago  
219-391-8482  
[eastchicago.com](http://eastchicago.com)



### Hammond Lakefront Park and Bird Sanctuary

701 Casino Center Dr., Hammond  
219-659-7678  
[hammondportauthority.com](http://hammondportauthority.com)



### Hammond Marina

701 Casino Center Dr., Hammond  
219-659-7678  
[hammondmarina.com](http://hammondmarina.com)



### Marina Shores at Dune Harbor

6159 S. Dune Harbor Dr., Portage  
219-762-5700  
[marinashoresindiana.com](http://marinashoresindiana.com)



### Marquette Park

6769 Oak Ave., Gary  
219-938-7362  
[marquetteparkgary.org](http://marquetteparkgary.org)



### Port of Indiana - Burns Harbor

6625 S. Boundary Dr., Portage  
219-787-8636  
[portsofindiana.com](http://portsofindiana.com)



### Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

6150 U.S. 12 (100 Riverwalk Dr.), Portage  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Washington Park Beach & Zoo

6 on the Lake, Michigan City  
219-873-1506  
[michigancityin.gov](http://michigancityin.gov)



### Whiting Lakefront Park and Whihala Beach

1500 Park Rd., Whiting  
219-659-0860  
[whitingindiana.com](http://whitingindiana.com)



## LaPorte Lakes

Pine and Stone Lakes total 564 acres, and largemouth bass, bluegill, redear, perch, and walleye are common between the two connected lakes. Boat rentals are available from Pine Lake Marina and Huber's Annex South.

### Huber's Annex Marina South

1207 Pink Lake Ave., LaPorte  
800-374-8985  
[hubersmarine.com](http://hubersmarine.com)



### Pine Lake Marina

908 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte  
219-402-1120  
[boatpinelake.com](http://boatpinelake.com)



### Soldiers Memorial Park

250 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte  
219-326-9600  
[livinthelakelife.org](http://livinthelakelife.org)



### Stone Lake Beach & Access

300 Grangemouth Rd., LaPorte  
219-326-9600  
[cityoflaporte.com](http://cityoflaporte.com)



## Salt Creek

Running north to south through the South Haven area of Porter County, Salt Creek offers peaceful shoreline fishing. Largemouth bass, salmon, and trout are common. Two state public fishing areas are maintained along the creek.

### Chustak Public Fishing Area

W. 600 North Rd., South Haven  
219-879-5710

### Haven Hollow Park

330 W. 700 North, Valparaiso  
219-759-5471  
[portagetrustee.org](http://portagetrustee.org)



### Imagination Glen Park

2275 McCool Rd., Portage  
219-762-1675  
[inportageparks.com](http://inportageparks.com)



### Salt Creek Public Fishing Area

W. County Rd. 500 North  
Rd., Valparaiso  
219-879-5710  
[fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov)

## Small Creeks

Creeks in the Indiana Dunes are wonderful spots for fly-fishing and for catching trout. Coffee Creek provides a rural fishing experience unique from other creeks in the area.

### Coffee Creek Park

246 E. Morgan Ave., Chesterton  
219-926-1842  
[chestertonin.org](http://chestertonin.org)



## Small Lakes

You'll find no shortage of peaceful ponds and lakes for your fishing adventures. Fishing pole rentals are available at Luhr County Park and Rogers Lakewood Park, and both Rogers Lakewood Park and Lakeland Park offer rowboat and paddleboat rentals.

### Brookdale Park

919 N. 50 West, Chesterton  
219-465-3586  
[portercountyparks.org](http://portercountyparks.org)



### Countryside Park and Alton Goin Museum

5250 U.S. Hwy. 6, Portage  
[inpchs.com/the-places/the-alton-goin-museum](http://inpchs.com/the-places/the-alton-goin-museum)



### Lakeland Park

1200 Lakeland Dr., Burns Harbor  
219-787-8126  
[burnsharbor-in.gov](http://burnsharbor-in.gov)



**Long Lake Public Access**

E. 600 North Rd., Valparaiso  
219-879-5710

**Luhr County Park**

3178 S. 150 West, LaPorte  
219-324-5855

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

**Rogers Lakewood Park**

5320 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso  
219-462-5144

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

**Trail Creek**

Trail Creek is a tributary of Lake Michigan with many types of fishing, including fly fishing, spin fishing, and drift/float fishing. Rainbow trout, steelhead, brown trout, and Coho and chinook salmon are most commonly caught.

**Creek Ridge County Park**

7943 W. 400 North, Michigan City  
219-325-8315

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

**Karwick Nature Park**

700 S. Karwick Rd.,  
Michigan City  
219-874-7799

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

**Trail Creek Forks**

U.S. 20, just east of Johnson  
Rd., Michigan City

219-873-1506

[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)

**Trail Creek Marina**

700 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City  
219-872-1712

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

**Winding Creek Cove**

East 8th St. and North Dickson St.,  
Michigan City

219-873-1506

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



Find More Fishing at:  
[IndianaDunes.com/Fishing](http://IndianaDunes.com/Fishing)

**Important Information****Fishing Licenses**

Unless otherwise exempted, you must have a valid fishing license to fish. A valid trout/salmon stamp is also required to fish for or take trout and salmon from public waters.

**How to buy a license:**

For information on purchasing a fishing license, contact the Indiana DNR Customer Service Center.

**Department of Natural Resources Customer Service Center**

402 W. Washington St., Room  
W160, Indianapolis

317-232-4200

[eregulations.com/indiana/fishing](http://eregulations.com/indiana/fishing)

**Protect Our Waters**

- Avoid in-water hull scraping.
- Do not dump unused minnows into the water.
- Equipment should be cleaned and dried for five days before being used in another body of water.
- Inspect your boat and trailer to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- Keep your engine tuned.

**What to Catch by Seasons****Spring**

From March to mid-May, fishermen troll with spoons, spinners, dodgers, and flies for coho salmon along a two-mile band of Lake Michigan shore. Shoreline anglers say that April is the best month for catching Coho in the spring.

**Summer**

From May to July, as water temperatures rapidly increase, boat fishermen pursue trout and salmon that have retreated to cooler offshore waters. Fishing at depths ranging between 70 and 100 feet with a distance of six to 20 miles from shore, downriggers are used to drop lures for lake trout, coho salmon, chinook, and steelhead.

**Fall**

From September to early November, lake trout and brown trout can be caught along the shoreline. Indiana's stocking program supports sport fishing in the fall, but for the greatest concentration of fish, head to the Port of Indiana, which is close to a major stocking site.

**Winter**

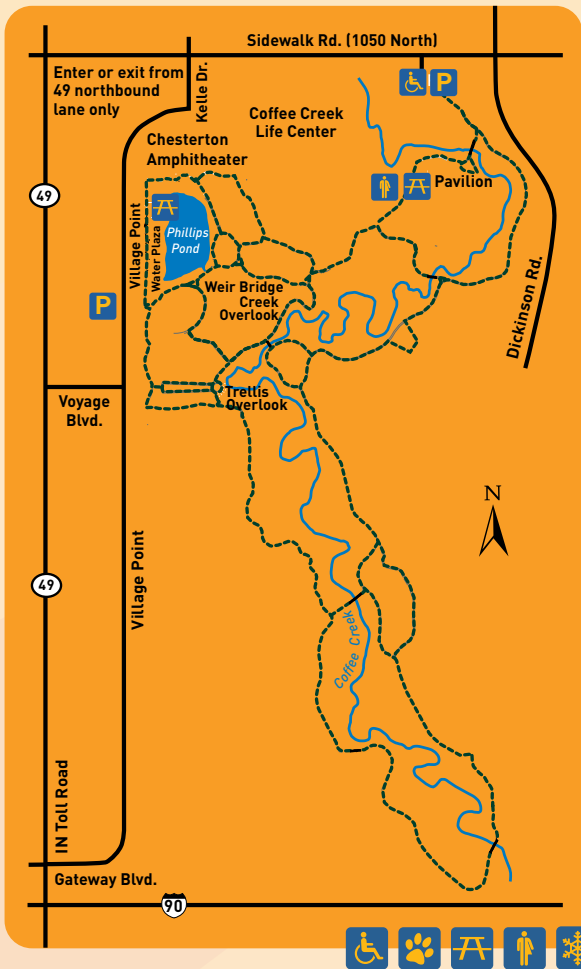
From January through March, fishing is popular on inland lakes, fast-current streams, and warm water discharges along Lake Michigan's shoreline. Warm water discharge fishing produces good catches of brown trout in addition to steelhead and coho salmon.

# TOP 15 TRAILS HIKING



## From Leisurely Strolls to Hardy Hike!

The Indiana Dunes area is a biodiverse landscape of dunes, barrens, prairies, forests, and wetlands packed with great sites to explore. Climb a living dune or walk amongst the native plants and wildflowers that inspired the birth of ecology. For a change of scenery, walk through the area's many historic sites, museums, and parks.

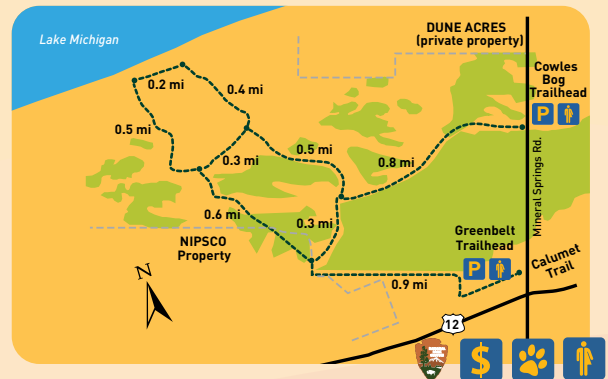


### Coffee Creek Preserve

5.5+ miles, several trails.

A five-mile trail system provides the chance for a fast hike, leisurely walk, or even some great cross-country skiing in the winter. A total of 157-acres showcase a stunning mixture of nature and architecture.

2401 Village Point, Chesterton  
219-926-1842  
[coffeecreekpreserve.org](http://coffeecreekpreserve.org)



### Cowles Bog Trail

4.5+ miles, several trails

Embark on the 4.5 miles of interconnected trails. Choose a hike through wetlands, forested dunes, or the shoreline.

1450 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Deep River County Park

7+ miles, several trails.

A 1,200-acre mix of history, beauty, and fun. Visitors can also explore Wood's Grist Mill and the Deep River Visitor Center.

9410 Old Lincoln Hwy., Hobart  
219-947-1958  
[lakecountyparks.com](http://lakecountyparks.com)



### Dune Succession Trail (West Beach)

3.6+ miles total, three loop trails

Located at West Beach, the Dune Succession Trail (also known as the Diana of the Dunes Dare) links with two other trails in the national park system, covering a total of 3.6 miles. Climb up over 250 stairs for a moderately challenging hike with one of the best views in all the dunes area. Once you're at the top, take in expansive views of Lake Michigan and the distant Chicago skyline. Numbered posts along the trail are part of a self-guided interpretive trail.

376 N. County Line Rd., Gary

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Glenwood Dunes Trail

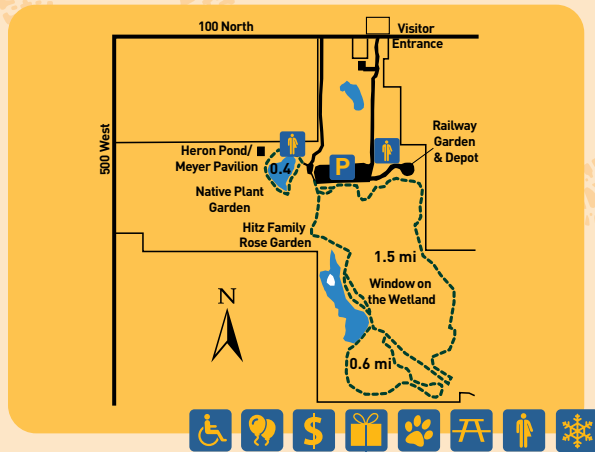
9.5+ miles, several trails

Formerly called "Ly-co-ki-we," this trail crosses ancient beachdunes, which mark the shores of an earlier and larger version of Lake Michigan.

1475 N. Brummitt Rd., Chesterton

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

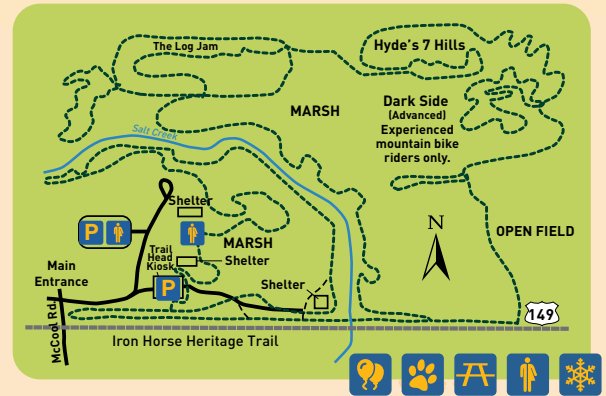
3+ miles, several trails.

Situated atop the Valparaiso moraine, Gabis offers more than 300 acres of woody plant collections, formal gardens, wetlands, woodlands, and prairies. Originally named Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, its founders envisioned Gabis as a place where people could come to be refreshed and restored, find inspiration and creativity in nature, and learn about horticulture and ecology.

450 W. 100 North, Valparaiso

219-462-0025

[pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum](http://pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum)



### Imagination Glen Park

10-mile bike trail, several miles of paved hiking trails

The largest park in the Portage Park system, 276-acre Imagination Glen Park is home to the 10-mile Outback Mountain Bike Trail.

Woodlands cover much of the property, with Salt Creek meandering through the center.

2275 McCool Rd., Portage

219-762-1675

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





### Indiana Dunes State Park

16.5+ miles total, seven loop trails

The park's 16.5 miles of trails allow you to explore multiple habitats. And of course the beach offers great walking and wildlife viewing. Scan the open water for ships, look for treasures in the sand at your feet, watch birds on the open water or feeding at the water's edge, and take in the sweeping backdrop of the dunes.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton

219-926-1952

[in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm](http://in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm)



### Paul H. Douglas

#### Trail and Miller Woods

1.1 miles, several trails

Black oaks dominate savanna woodlands that are home to 287 recorded species of plants and animals. Ecologist Henry Cowles spent much time studying the Miller Woods area. Hike or ski the 1.1-mile loop trail, which leads past an overlook of a marsh that teems with wildlife, including rare blue-spotted salamanders and western chorus frogs.

100 N. Lake St., Gary

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Little Calumet River Trail

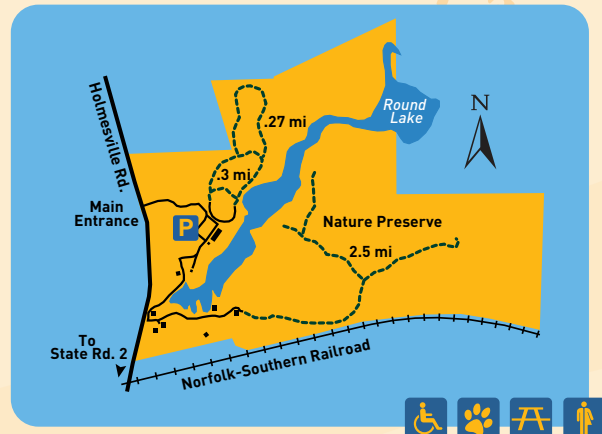
2.1+ miles, several trails.

The Little Calumet River Trail is part of a 3.4-mile network of hiking trails that connect the Baily Homestead, Chellberg Farm, and the Dunes Learning Center. The trail passes through 120 acres of restored tallgrass prairie then skirts the Little Calumet River valley and crosses the river. Follow a boardwalk through wet bottomlands before climbing to a hardwood forest and pine plantation.

401 Howe Rd., Porter

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Red Mill County Park

2.5 miles, several trails

Part of the LaPorte County Parks system, this park encompasses 160 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands, and open water, including the headwaters of the Little Calumet River. The park also includes a 108-acre nature preserve with 2.5 miles of hiking trails that traverse the preserve's varied habitats. In spring, watch for spotted coralroot, a delicate orchid that grows in the oak woodlands here.

0185 S. Holmesville Rd., LaPorte

219-325-8315

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



### Rogers Lakewood Park

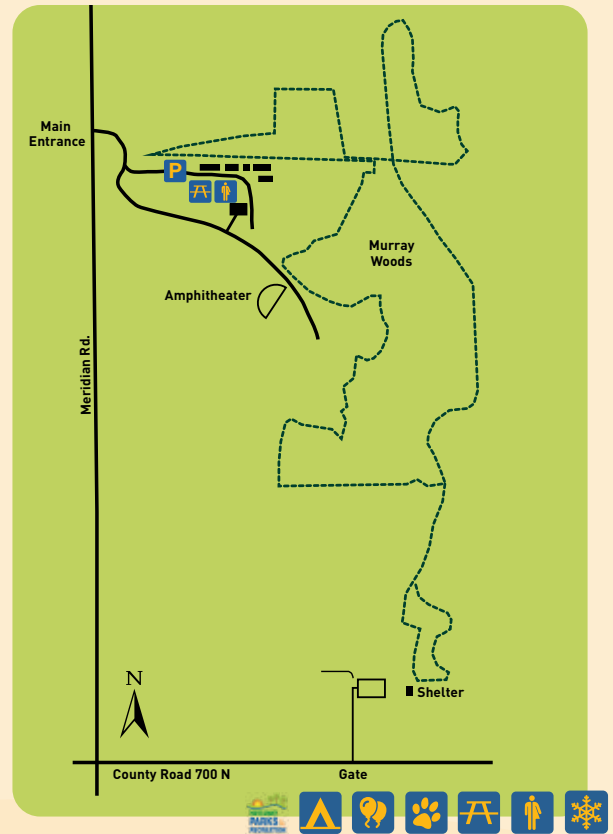
2.5+ miles, several trails.

Nestled on 122 acres of rolling woodlands on Valparaiso's northwest side, this park offers picnic pavilions, sledding hill, and a disc golf course. Lakewood Link, a two-mile foot/bike trail connects Rogers Lakewood Park to Foundation Meadows. The rolling terrain and size of this park make it a great destination for nature enthusiasts. Two lakes offer fishing, boating (paddle and rowboat rentals available), and wildlife viewing. The park has many mature trees, from park-like stands with mowed grass to natural oak forest. Native wildflower plantings offer enjoyment to visitors and hungry birds. There is an entrance fee.

5320 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso

219-462-5144

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



### Sunset Hill Farm County Park

10+ miles, several trails

A lovely 235-acre park with a primitive campground, an amphitheater, and several miles of trails, picnic, and play areas.

775 Meridian Rd., Valparaiso

219-465-3586

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



### Stoney Run County Park

8+ miles, several trails

Stoney Run County Park encompasses 317 acres of oak-hickory woodlands, ponds, ravines, and open meadows. Visitors can picnic by the water and hike or ski on eight miles of trails. A trail around the park's perimeter is open to horseback riding. The park's Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors U.S. citizens who fought in the Vietnam War and pays tribute to the 261 Lake County servicemen who died during that conflict.

9230 E. 142nd Ave., Hebron

219-769-7275

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



### Tolleston Dunes Trail

2.6+ miles, several trails

This scenic trail leads up and down high ridges formed about 10,000 years ago when Lake Michigan was 25 feet higher. In just 2.9 miles, this trail traverses a number of different habitats.

5800 U.S. 12, Ogden Dunes

219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)

# PADDLING



## Load Up Your Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddle Boards

There are so many ways to paddle your way to a new Indiana Dunes adventure. Since the time of the last Ice Age, people have paddled this region's lakes and rivers. With the list of access points in this guide, you can explore the historic and ecologically rich waterways in and around the Indiana Dunes.

### Deep River Water Trail

Running 16 miles from Lake George before emptying into Lake Michigan, Deep River's width and calm current allows for easy navigation and provides an excellent trip for paddlers of all ages and skill levels. Enjoy a very natural paddling experience surrounded by deep sections of woods, grasslands, and marshes.

**Skill Level:** Novice to intermediate

**Type:** Canoe or kayak

**Conditions:** Wide

**Length:** 16 miles

**Need to Portage:**

Occasionally necessary



### Festival Park

GPS: 41.535085, -87.258620  
111 E. Old Ridge Rd., Hobart



### Jerry Pavese Park

GPS: 41.530672, -87.261570  
500 S. Lake Park Ave., Hobart



### Johnson Park

GPS: 41.563207, -87.290893  
3825 Liverpool Rd., Lake Station

### Riverview Park

GPS: 41.567505, -87.236588  
2701 Ripley St., Lake Station



### Soccer and Rugby Field

GPS: 41.536283, -87.255450  
112 E. Old Ridge Rd., Hobart



### Veterans Park

GPS: 41.573170, -87.241943  
2447 Putnam St., Lake Station

### East Branch Little Calumet Water Trail

The East Branch Little Calumet Water Trail offers two paddling trips and over 11 miles of varying scenery. The first, through Chesterton and Porter ends at the Indiana Dunes National Park. The second puts in and takes out near Lake Michigan for an up-and-back trip. When approaching the State Rd. 49 bridge, paddlers should stop on the left and inspect the rapids directly under the bridge. A portage along the left shore is suggested to avoid rocks.

**Skill Level:** Novice to Intermediate

**Type:** Canoe or kayak

**Conditions:** Mostly narrow and shallow, but with occasional deep sections (subject to rapid rise following rains)

**Length:** Eight miles

**Need to Portage:** About 50-feet at State Rd. 49 (portage left)

Indiana Dunes Tourism would like to express heartfelt thanks to the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association ([nwipa.org](http://nwipa.org)) and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission ([nirpc.org](http://nirpc.org)) for their contribution to the paddling information in this guide.



**Howe Road Bridge**  
GPS: 41.622456, -87.095161  
North Howe Rd., Porter



**Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve**  
GPS: 41.622203, -87.050273  
N. Calumet & Tyler St., Chesterton



**Wykes Plampin Nature Preserve**  
GPS: 41.615375, -87.016559  
North Brummitt Rd., Chesterton



## Lakes of LaPorte Water Trail

Located about 20 miles south of Lake Michigan and LaPorte, Indiana is home to its own unique lake system that provides a wonderful series of inland paddles. Clustered off the Indiana Toll Road in LaPorte are Pine, Stone, Fishtrap, Horseshoe, Lily, Clear, Lower, Orr, and Crane Lake. Each one offers a different paddling adventure perfect for people of all ages and skill levels.

**Skill Level:** Novice  
**Type:** Canoe or kayak  
**Conditions:** Wide at Pine/Stone, narrow at Lily  
**Length:** Varies  
**Need to Portage:** N/A

**Pine Lake Marina**  
GPS: 41.628350, -86.738698  
908 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte



**Stone Lake & Beach Access**  
GPS: 41.610197, -86.747885  
300 Grangemouth Dr., LaPorte



## Paddling Safety Tips

### Northwest Indiana Paddling Association

- Always wear a fully secured personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water.
- Assess the risk before each paddle adventure for the weather, the water, and your skill level.
- Use an appropriate watercraft for the water conditions.
- Dress for water temperature and immersion.
- Paddle with others as a team or a group.
- Get training on paddling skills, including self rescue skills.
- Carry appropriate safety equipment.
- Have self rescue skills if paddling in waves or away from shore.
- Help care for the water by disposing of all waste properly and leaving the water and launch site better than you found it.

Find More Paddling at:  
[IndianaDunes.com/Paddling](http://IndianaDunes.com/Paddling)

# Kankakee River National Water Trail

Formerly known as the Everglades of the North—before the river was dredged and straightened in the early 1900s—the Kankakee was once a vital link between French Canada and the Mississippi River. The Indiana section of the river offers easy paddling and fishing in a rural setting. Additional information can be found at [kankakeeriverwatertrail.org](http://kankakeeriverwatertrail.org).

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Type:** Canoe or kayak

**Conditions:** Deep and wide

**Length:** 75 miles in Indiana

**Need to Portage:** Rarely with average conditions

## Dunn's Bridge County Park

GPS: 41.220115, -86.968861

500 E. and the Kankakee River, Kouts



## Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park

GPS: 41.219614, -87.273945

21690 Range Line Rd., Hebron



## Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area

GPS (Route 8 Access):

41.317480, -86.745912

GPS (English Lake/Yellow River

Access): 41.271183, -86.825596

4320 W. Toto Rd., North Judson



## Kingsbury State Fish and Wildlife Area Access

GPS: 41.490257, -86.581599

5344 S. Hupp Rd., LaPorte



## LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area

GPS (Black Oak Bayou):

41.168360, -87.496839

GPS (State Line):

41.167001, -87.526272

GPS (White Oak Bayou):

41.170205, -87.458168

4752 W. 1050 North, Lake Village



## Leo Jasinski Public Access

GPS: 41.606116, -86.414264

60995 Crumstown Hwy., North Liberty



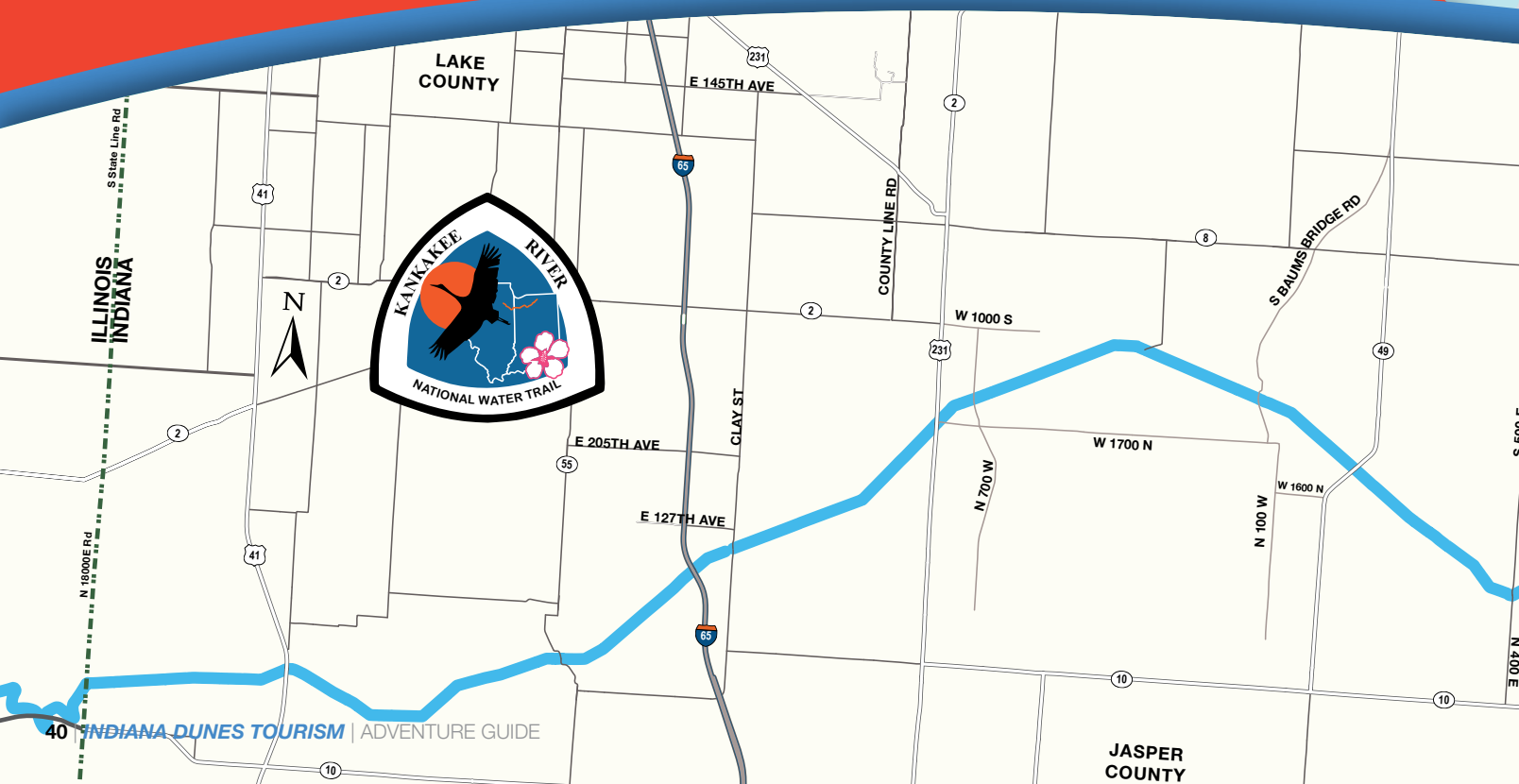
## Shelby Boat Ramp

GPS: 41.183212, -87.340455

Route 55 and Kankakee River, Shelby

## Safety on the Kankakee River

- Be aware that there are few support services and facilities along the route.
- Do not attempt to paddle the river near flood stages.
- Know your location and always carry a cell phone.
- Contact any hunting preserves along your route for information about hunting seasons.
- Tree falls and logjams can clog bridges with few portage opportunities. Call the Kankakee River Basin Commission at 219-763-0696 for a status report.





PORTAGE LAKEFRONT

## Portage Lakefront

Under normal flow conditions, this section can be paddled upstream and back without much difficulty. When paddling upstream from either access point, take the first left turn into the East Branch of the Little Calumet. When done exploring, turn around and head back to your starting point.

**Skill Level:** Novice to Intermediate  
**Type:** Canoe or kayak  
**Conditions:** Deep and wide  
**Length:** 3.5 miles  
**Need to Portage:** N/A

### Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

GPS Coordinates:  
 41.6267544, -87.1772119  
 100 Riverwalk Dr., Portage



### Portage Public Marina (Sammie L. Maletta Public Marina)

GPS Coordinates:  
 41.631519, -87.177822  
 1200 Marina Way, Portage



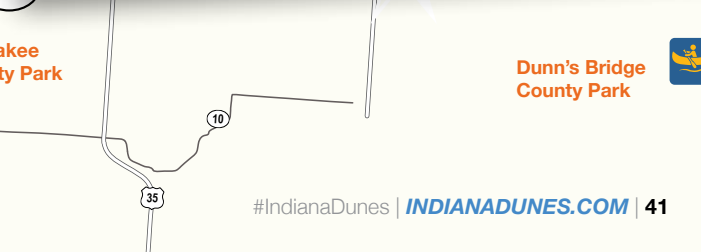
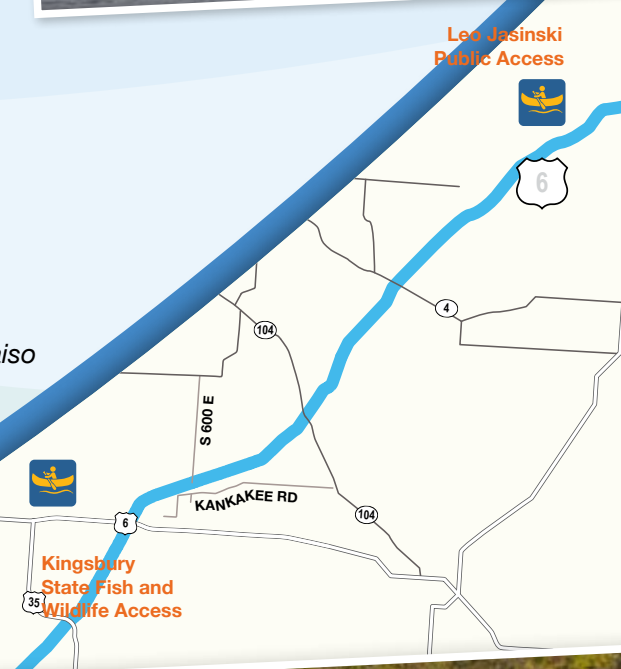
## Rogers Lakewood Park

Loomis Lake and Spectacle Lake are small and calm, which is perfect for a beginning blueways explorer. They also make for relaxing trips for experts.  
 5320 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso

**Skill Level:** Novice  
**Type:** Canoe or kayak  
**Conditions:** Calm lake  
**Length:** Varies  
**Need to Portage:** N/A

### Campbell Street Access

GPS Coordinates:  
 41.517772, -87.062378  
 5502 Campbell St., Valparaiso





## Lake Michigan Water Trail

Indiana Dunes is a premier paddling destination with more than 50 miles of a continuous water trail along Lake Michigan's southern shore. Along the trail, paddlers will experience the diverse ecosystems and land use of Northwest Indiana, including white sand beaches, towering dunes, forested bluffs, industrial hubs, bustling ports, and breathtaking sunsets over the Chicago skyline.

**Skill Level:** Intermediate to expert

**Type:** Sea kayak

**Conditions:** Can vary from calm to dangerous

**Length:** Varies

**Need to Portage:** N/A

### Calumet Park

GPS: 41.721770, -87.524616  
9801 S. Ave. G, Chicago

### Central Avenue Beach

GPS: 41.704334, -86.951499  
151 Central Ave., Michigan City



### Dunbar Beach

GPS: 41.684496, -87.003555  
300 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores



### East Chicago Marina

GPS: 41.655212, -87.436893  
3301 Aldis St., East Chicago, IN

### Hammond Marina

GPS: 41.697382, -87.510666  
701 Casino Center Dr., Hammond



### Indiana Dunes State Park

GPS: 41.661905, -87.066958  
1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton



### Kemil Beach

GPS: 41.682180, -87.009884  
27 N. East State Park Rd., Beverly Shores



### Lake View Beach Access & Picnic Area

GPS: 41.686452, -86.997026  
50 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores



## Safety on Lake Michigan

- Only use a sea kayak with bulkheads/floatation in bow and stern.
- Wear bright colors so others can see you even in foggy conditions.
- Carry a bright light, a whistle, and flares to signal your position.



**Marquette Park**

GPS: 41.620344, -87.270111  
6769 Oak Ave., Gary



**New Buffalo Beach & Boat Ramp**

GPS: 41.802349, -86.749112  
200 Marquette Dr., New Buffalo, MI

**Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk**

GPS: 41.631553, -87.177719  
100 Riverwalk Dr., Portage



**Porter Beach**

GPS: 41.65964337, -87.069363  
3050 Wabash Ave., Porter



**Washington Park Beach & Zoo**

GPS: 41.727500, -86.905870  
6 on the Lake, Michigan City



**Wells Street Beach**

GPS: 41.624363, -87.223365  
9501 Lake Shore Dr., Miller Beach



**West Beach**

GPS: 41.611591, -87.2225418  
376 N. County Line Rd., Gary



**Whiting Lakefront Park and Whihala Beach**

GPS: 41.686843, -87.495928  
1500 Park Rd., Whiting



**Long Lake and Chain of Lakes**

There's easy paddling on Long Lake with access to Canada Lake. The calm waters surrounded by lakeside homes and wildlife make for a relaxing experience.

**Skill Level:** Novice  
**Type:** Canoe or kayak  
**Conditions:** Calm lake  
**Length:** Varies  
**Need to Portage:** N/A

**Long Lake Public Access**

GPS Coordinates:  
41.524514, -87.051317  
E. 600 North Rd., Valparaiso



**LONG LAKE AND CHAIN OF LAKES**

# WANDERING



## Why Hurry?

Take the time to wander and let your senses take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the Indiana Dunes. Listen to the waves on the shore. Feel the gentle breeze on your cheeks. Watch the sunlight dancing through the leaves in the forest. The Indiana Dunes area offers plenty of places where you can leisurely stroll, explore, or simply sit and relax in nature.

### Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve

More than 40 rare Indiana plants are contained within the dense trees. More than five miles of trails make this hike a game of I-Spy on your adventure through the thick forest. 8364 Meer Rd., Michigan City 219-242-8558

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



### Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

This 650-acre parcel conserves a mix of wetlands, black oak barrens, and sand prairie, offering wildlife viewing, hiking, and hunting. Aukiki is part of the Indiana Grand Kankakee Marsh Restoration Project. State Rd. 49, Wheatfield 219-285-2184

[in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



### Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm

These two historic sites sit nearly side-by-side. Bailly Homestead is named for Joseph Bailly, who set up a fur-trading post here around 1820. After viewing the homestead, hike to nearby Chellberg Farm. 618 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Barker Woods

Barker Woods is a rare example of an old-growth forest nestled in an urban area. The 30-acre nature preserve holds a diverse array of shrubs, herbs, and trees.  
444 Barker Rd., Michigan City  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



### Brincka Cross Gardens

Brincka Cross is a small haven set back in the woods, just waiting to be explored. William Brincka, professor at the Art Institute of Chicago, put his artistry to work over decades designing the nearly four acres of gardens on this 25-acre site. Each plant was carefully chosen to create a sense of delight and wonder. Schedule a tour for more exploration of the home and to see why experts and enthusiasts from across the country come to marvel at the gardens.  
427 E. Furness Rd., Michigan City  
219-465-3586  
[portercountyparks.org](http://portercountyparks.org)



### Cressmoor Prairie Nature Preserve

See one of the rarest ecosystems in the state at the 41-acre Cressmoor Preserve. Although the trail is a short 0.75 mile, the late summer wildflowers are impressive.  
483 N. Lake Park Ave., Hobart  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



### Dale B. Engquist Nature Preserve

A key element in the efforts to preserve land in the Little Calumet River Conservation Corridor. Located adjacent to the Heron Rookery and Reynold's Creek, it creates an area of nearly 2,000 contiguous acres of protected land.  
457-401 East 1300 N., Chesterton,  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



### Deer Trail Park

This small park offers hiking, cross-country skiing, and fishing access.  
Ameriplex Dr., Portage  
219-762-1675  
[inportageparks.com](http://inportageparks.com)



### Drazer Park (Thomas S. Drazer Memorial Park)

A memorial to the men and women in the Kouts area who have given the supreme sacrifice. The park provides a shelter, tennis courts, basketball courts, a large playground, and a lighted community ball field.  
909 W. Daumer Rd., Kouts  
219-766-3312  
[koutsindiana.org](http://koutsindiana.org)



### Forest Park

Though just ten acres in size, it is a lovely spot for a stroll or for a family picnic. You can wander along trails through a restored two-acre oak savanna remnant.  
564 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso  
219-462-5144  
[valpoparks.org](http://valpoparks.org)



### Friendship Botanic Gardens

A blend of formal gardens, statues, and serene natural areas. Guests with limited mobility may take golf cart tours scheduled in advance.  
2055 E. U.S. 12,  
Michigan City  
219-878-9885  
[friendshipbotanicgardens.org](http://friendshipbotanicgardens.org)



### Gibson Woods Nature Preserve

The 131-acre Gibson Woods Nature Preserve protects a sizeable remnant of dunes and swales with 3.5 miles of trails through the preserve's dominant habitat.  
6201 Parrish Ave., Hammond  
219-769-7275  
[lakecountyparks.com](http://lakecountyparks.com)



### Gordon & Faith Greiner Nature Preserve

See the diverse natural communities that make Northwest Indiana so special. You'll find open sandy dunes, oak savanna, a variety of wetland habitats, and tallgrass prairie.  
200 N. Liverpool Rd., Hobart  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



Find More Wandering at:  
[IndianaDunes.com/Wandering](http://IndianaDunes.com/Wandering)



FRIENDSHIP  
BOTANIC GARDENS



KEITH RICHARD  
WALNER NATURE  
PRESERVE



HERON ROOKERY TRAIL AND  
REYNOLD'S CREEK

### Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park

This 2,069-acre park, located along the historic Kankakee River, floods seasonally, providing an ideal wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife.  
21690 Range Line Rd., Hebron  
219-552-0033

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



### Hammond Lakefront Park and Bird Sanctuary

A truly unexpected find. A small, 600-meter tract nestled in the middle of an industrial area. Crisscross the site on a narrow footpath and keep your eyes open for neotropical bird species.

701 Casino Center Dr., Hammond  
219-659-7678

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

### Heron Rookery Trail and Reynold's Creek

For more than 60 years, herons nested here along the Little Calumet River. Though the "rookery" is no longer active, the 1.6-mile trail is a good spot for viewing other bird species. In springtime, the woods along the trail are carpeted with wildflowers.

1336 N. 600 East, Michigan City  
219-395-1882

[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Kankakee Sands

More than 10,000 acres provide refuge for some of the fastest declining bird species in America. Watch out for the glass lizard, a legless reptile resembling a snake. Wildflowers will overwhelm your senses as you hike through black oak savanna to the once-booming town of Conrad. With the recent addition of bison on the site, your journey to Kankakee Sands is sure to be memorable.

3294 N. U.S. Hwy. 41, Morocco  
219-285-2184

[nature.org/kankakeesands](http://nature.org/kankakeesands)



### Karwick Nature Park

This 23-acre City-owned parcel is bisected by the Trail Creek waterway. There is a public fishing site on Trail Creek, walking trails, observation areas, a pedestrian bridge over the Trail Creek, and off-street parking.

700 S. Karwick Rd., Michigan City  
219-874-7799



### Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve

This untouched floodplain forest along the Little Calumet River offers a tranquil setting where wetland-loving creatures and plants thrive. The trail includes a 0.5-mile of frontage along the river and a launch site for paddlers.

N. Calumet Rd. and Taylor St.,  
Chesterton

219-242-8558

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



### Meadowbrook Conservation Center and Nature Preserve

This property features over 300 acres of woods, wetlands, streams, and pockets of prairie. Three small streams meander through heavily wooded deep ravines. The preserve provides good habitat for wildlife, including migrating birds and bats. Birding is good year-round.

109 W. 700 North, Valparaiso

219-242-8558

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



### Ogden Gardens Park

Ogden Gardens Park is four acres of professionally maintained botanical gardens with perennial gardens, annual displays, native and ornamental trees, a gazebo, and a Japanese garden.

451 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso

219-462-5144

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



PINX

### Pinhook Bog & Upland Trail

Located several miles inland, Pinhook Bog has a floating boardwalk where you can view carnivorous plants, sphagnum moss, and blueberry bushes. The bog is open during select times when rangers are present. The Upland Trail is accessed through the same parking lot, but it is open year-round.  
957 N. Wozniak Rd., LaPorte  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk

Formerly an industrial site, this 57-acre area features an enclosed pavilion with seasonal food services and restrooms, as well as a handicap-accessible trail, fishing pier, and kayak launch. A breakwater also provides easy access for fishing, bird watching, and sightseeing.  
6150 U.S. 12 (100 Riverwalk Dr.), Portage  
219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



### Seidner Dune and Swale

This 43-acre property protects globally rare dune-and-swale topography and floodplain marsh along the Grand Calumet River. An informal hiking trail exists along the frontage road and former railway right of way.  
5501-5599 Kennedy Ave., Hammond  
219-242-8558  
[heinzetrust.org](http://heinzetrust.org)



### Soldiers Memorial Park

The 556-acre park surrounds 160-acre Stone Lake and borders Pine Lake. Public bathing beach, hiking trails through woods, fishing, and picnic events are popular activities. Pine Lake is very popular for water skiing and sailing. Launch facilities available.  
250 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte  
219-326-9600  
[cityoflaporte.com](http://cityoflaporte.com)



### Stoney Run County Park

Stoney Run County Park encompasses 317 acres of oak-hickory woodlands, ponds, ravines, and open meadows. Visitors can picnic by the water and hike or ski on eight miles of trails. A trail around the park's perimeter is open to horseback riding. The park's Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors U.S. citizens who fought in the Vietnam War, and pays tribute to the 261 Lake County servicemen who died during that conflict.  
9230 E. 142nd Ave., Hebron  
219-996-6500  
[lakecountyparks.com](http://lakecountyparks.com)



### Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Restored as a shorebird sanctuary, this former garbage dump is suitable for a swath of migrating birds to rest, feed, and prepare for their continued journeys.  
1150 S. 11th St., Chesterton  
219-477-8247  
[westchesterbird.org](http://westchesterbird.org)



### Whiting Lakefront Park and Whihala Beach

Combined, these 38 acres offer sporting areas including a bike trail, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, and a baseball diamond. The park is also a landing place for migrating birds. There's a fishing pier, another relaxing fishing pond and a boat launch ramp at the beach. In summer months, the beach has lifeguards.  
1500 Park Rd., Whiting  
219-659-0860  
[whitingindiana.com](http://whitingindiana.com)



### Zona Wildlife Sanctuary

This sanctuary's looping trails are an easy walk or run, especially for families with little ones. Picnic tables and interpretive signage are located along the trails. The sanctuary welcomes dog walking.  
601 E. 950 North, Westville  
219-246-2407  
[zona-wildlife.edan.io](http://zona-wildlife.edan.io)



# WHICH BEACH IS WHICH?



## Indiana Dunes Visitor Center



Make this your first stop. You'll be able to stroll the grounds, talk to our destination ambassadors, walk through an ever-changing exhibit room, learn about the Dunes at our in-house movie theater, and buy mementos in our gift shop.

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

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



## 1 Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education



The National Park's western visitor center hosts exhibits, classrooms, and provides access to the 3.4 mile Paul H. Douglas (formerly Miller Woods) Trail.

100 N. Lake St., Gary



## 2 West Beach



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

376 N. County Line Rd., Gary



## 3 Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk



This 57-acre area features an enclosed pavilion, seasonal food services, restrooms and a breakwater for fishing and bird watching.

6150 U.S. 12 (100 Riverwalk Rd.), Portage



## 4 Cowles Bog Trail



This 4.7-mile trail is where Henry Chandler Cowles conducted his study of dunes' vegetation succession. Pass through wooded dunes and wetlands until you reach a quiet beach.

1450 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter



## 5 Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm



The homestead is named for Joseph Bailly, the first known non-native region resident around 1820, while Chellberg Farm still looks much like it did in the early 1900s.

618 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter



## 9 Kemil Beach



Enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Porter County getting to the Kemil Road Beach parking lot. Then enjoy a nice stretch of beach or walk down to Lake View Picnic area.

27 N. East State Park Rd., Beverly Shores



## 8 Glenwood Dunes Trail



Cross over two ancient dune ridges created when Lake Michigan receded 11,000 years ago. This trail is used for hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing.

1475 N. Brummitt Rd., Chesterton



## 7 Indiana Dunes State Park



The Indiana Dunes State Park is 2,182 acres of dunes, marshes, swamps, hardwood forests, white pine groves, and a summer lifeguarded beach. The park has 16.5 miles of trails, including The 3 Dune Challenge, and offers camping and a Nature Center.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton



## 6 Porter Beach



A popular gathering spot for splashing in the water, playing beach sports, and catching some rays next to high dunes. There are bathrooms and a small foot wash area.

3057 Wabash Ave., Porter



**10 Dunbar Beach**  
 \$ 🚗 P20 🐾 🏠 🚻 🚰

Parking is limited at this prime spot near the Lake View Picnic Area and the historic Century of Progress homes. Enjoy this beautiful beach in a residential neighborhood.

300 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores

**11 Lake View Beach & Picnic Area**  
 🚻 \$ 🚗 P15 🐾 🏠 🚻 🚰

With easy access from your car to a sitting area with a stunning view, Lake View is also a popular spot for enjoying the beach with picnic shelters overlooking the lake.

50 W. Lake Front Dr., Beverly Shores

**12 Dunewood Campground**  
 🚻 🏠 \$ 🚗 🐾 🏠 🚻 🚰

This campground has 66 reservable wooded sites with restrooms and showers available. There are no electrical or sewage hookups, but a dump and fill station is available.

Golf Wood Road & Dunewood Parkway, Beverly Shores  
[recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov)

**13 Central Avenue Beach**  
 \$ P70 🐾 🏠 🚻 🚰

A great place to hike flower-filled oak savannas, marshes, and woodlands, bike the Calumet Bike Trail, or watch bank swallows, shorebirds, and waterfowl.

151 Central Ave., Michigan City

**14 Mount Baldy & Beach**  
 \$ 🚗 P70 🐾 🏠 🚻 🚰

The largest "living" dune in the National Park, Mount Baldy moves at least four feet every year, burying everything in its path, including trees. While the beach is open year-round, all hikes to the summit must be led by authorized Indiana Dunes National Park rangers.

101 Rice St. (U.S. 12), Michigan City

**15 Pinhook Bog & Upland Trail**  
 \$ 🌳 P10 🏠 🚻

A floating boardwalk traverses the landscape where you'll see insect-eating plants and unexpected environments. Upland Trail is open year-round, but Pinhook Bog is only accessible on select days.

957 N. Wozniak Rd., La Porte



**SWIM SAFETY**  
 Lake Michigan can be deceiving and is like an ocean in terms of strength and unpredictability.

- Don't swim when high waves are present.
- Be conscious of rip currents and swim parallel to the shoreline if caught in one.
- Supervise children at all times.

Learn more at [weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent](http://weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent).

Accessible	Nature Center
Alcohol Prohibited	Paddling
Camping	Parking
Equestrian Trails	Pet-Friendly
Family Fun	Picnicking
Fee	Restroom/Portables
Gift Shop	Snack Bar
Hiking	Swimming Beach
Lifeguards	Winter Activity

Interstate	US Hwy	State Hwy
Freeway	Water Trail	
Tollway Freeway	Hiking Trail	
Highway	Cycling Trail	
Primary Road	National Park	
Secondary Road	Wetland	
Stream	State Park and State Nature Preserve within boundary of the National Park	
County Line		
Visitor Center		
Train Station		

1 mile



## Pizzeria Uno

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

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

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

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



333 N. Mineral Springs Rd.,  
Porter, IN 46304  
219-934-7677  
[unos.com](http://unos.com)

# THINGS TO DO



# MUST SEE & DO



## INDIANA DUNES

### 49er Drive-In Theatre (Seasonal)

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

675 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso  
219-462-6122

[49erdrivein.com](http://49erdrivein.com)



### Bass Pro Shops

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

6425 Daniel Burnham Dr., Portage  
219-787-6800

[basspro.com/shop/en](http://basspro.com/shop/en)



### Broken Wagon Bison

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

563 W. 450 North, Hobart  
219-759-3523

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



### Chesterton's European Market (Seasonal)

Chesterton's European Market is an artisans and farmers market located in downtown Chesterton, running every Saturday May through October. Vendors offer artisan cheeses meats, produce, coffee, pastries, breads, flowers, freshly made street food, hand-crafted items, and more.

220 Broadway, Chesterton  
219-926-5513

[dunelandchamber.org/european-market](http://dunelandchamber.org/european-market)



### Dunes Pavilion

The Pavilion is a historical landmark in the Indiana Dunes State Park and has undergone extensive restoration and renovation. Unique in design and one of a kind, the features meld historical charm with modern amenities to embody a timeless style. This premier beachfront Pavilion has a general store, restaurant, and a rooftop bar. There is an entrance fee for the State Park.

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton  
219-250-2568

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



### Imagine Portage

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

6550 American Way, Portage  
219-706-3400

[emagine-entertainment.com](http://emagine-entertainment.com)



49ER DRIVE-IN THEATRE



Go online to explore more  
[INDIANADUNES.COM](http://INDIANADUNES.COM)



CHESTERTON'S EUROPEAN MARKET

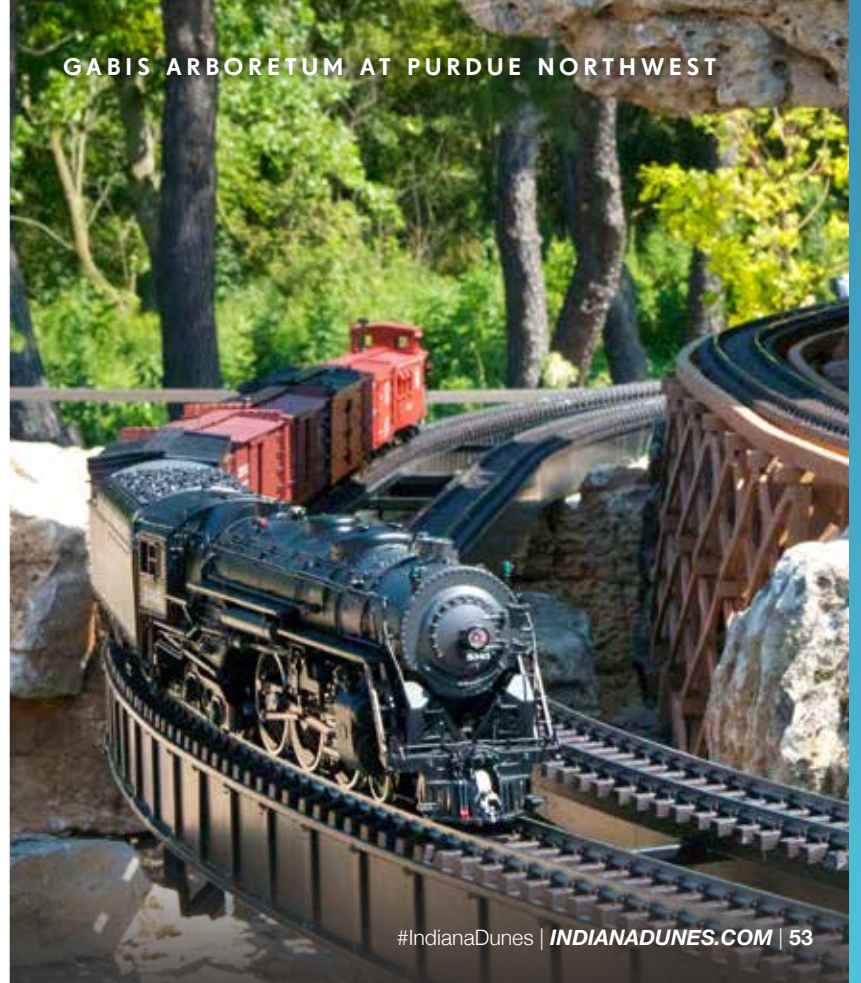
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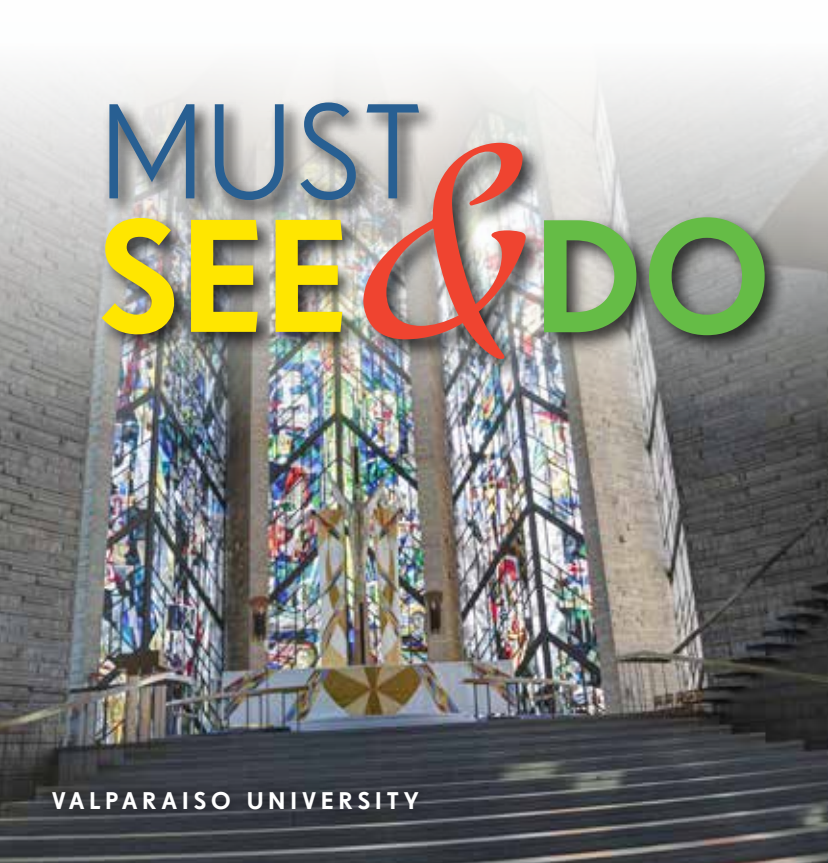
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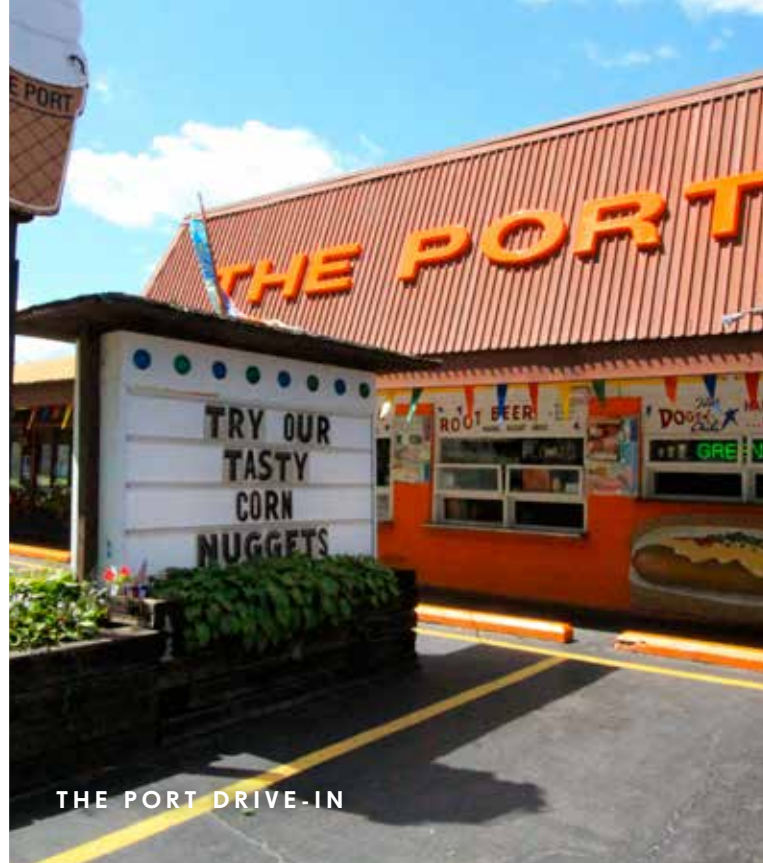
GABIS ARBORETUM AT PURDUE NORTHWEST



# MUST SEE & DO



VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY



THE PORT DRIVE-IN



MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE



VALPO VELVET ICE CREAM SHOPPE



PORTER COUNTY MUSEUM



ZAO ISLAND AMUSEMENT CENTER



PAVILION RESTAURANT & GRILL

### Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest

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

[pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum](http://pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum)



### Journeyman Distillery Campus

Organic craft spirits are distilled, bottled, sold, and served in the historic American Factory. This Journeyman location has a distillery, Union Hall restaurant, Sea of Monsters brewery, retail area, and timeless event spaces.  
258 S. Campbell St., Valparaiso  
219-510-1300

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



### Memorial Opera House

Valparaiso's Historic Memorial Opera House is "Where The Arts Create Community." Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Memorial Opera House's nostalgic charm offers patrons and visitors the latest in modern amenities, along with a Mainstage Season of Broadway musicals featuring the local theatre community, nationally recognized concert acts, LimeLights Youth Theatre program, special events, and venue rentals.  
104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso  
219-548-9137

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



### Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse)

The award-winning Porter County Museum is this area's oldest institution devoted to the history and culture of Porter County. Located in downtown Valparaiso, the PoCo Muse maintains free admission.

20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso

219-510-1836

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



### The Port Drive-In (Seasonal)

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

419 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton

219-926-3500

[theportdrivein.net](http://theportdrivein.net)



### Stagecoach Inn & Panhandle Depot

Originally constructed in 1849 as a way-station along the stagecoach route between Detroit and St. Louis, this museum features community artifacts and railroad memorabilia. Visit Saturdays.

127 N. Main St., Hebron

219-996-4641

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



### Valparaiso University

Home to the renowned Chapel of the Resurrection, which was named one of the 30 most beautiful college cathedrals in the world, Valparaiso University is at the center of the area's cultural and artistic landscape. The university welcomes visitors to its Brauer Museum of Art and has a full schedule of happenings such as Jazz Fest, dramatic productions, and musical events.

1700 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso

219-464-5000

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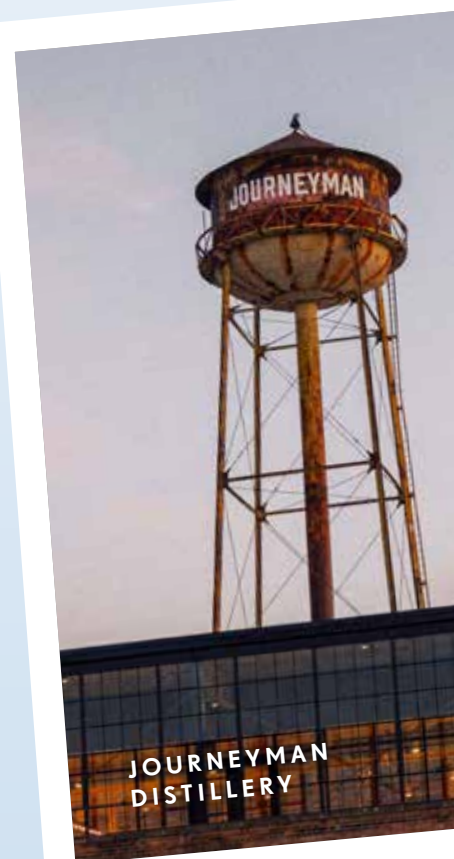


### Zao Island Amusement Center

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# ARTS, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT

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219-462-9009

[artbarnschool.org](#)



### Artist Guild of Valparaiso (AGV)

AGV will showcase various artworks, from local talents to renowned global artists.  
257 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso  
[agofvalpo.com](#)



### The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery (Seasonal)

This intimate museum/gallery preserves the stories of Beverly Shores.  
525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores  
[bsdepot.org](#)



### Chesterton Art Center (CAC)

They provide access to the art through classes/workshops for all ages.  
115 S. 4th St., Chesterton  
219-926-4711  
[chestertonart.org](#)



### Ellen Firme Gallery

Opening receptions are held each month. The gallery shares the building with the Glenn L. Firme art supply store.  
92 West Hwy. 12, Beverly Shores  
219-874-4003  
[Find them on Facebook](#)



### Holly Jackson Art Studio and Gallery

This artist's vivid, contemporary pieces are reminiscent of cheerful Van Goghs and evoke life.  
103 S. 2nd St., Chesterton  
219-926-8290

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### Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art

This art museum has a nationally recognized collection of 19th, 20th, and 21st-century American art.  
1709 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso  
219-464-5365  
[valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art](#)



### The Village Gallery

The Village Gallery at the Pines Village Retirement Communities is a nonprofit art gallery dedicated to showcasing the works of regional artists and fostering artistic appreciation within the community.  
3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso  
219-465-1591  
[pinesvillage.org](#)



## LIVE THEATRE

### 4th Street Theater

This award-winning community theater produces musicals and plays.  
 125 N. 4th St., Chesterton  
 219-926-7875  
[4thstreetncca.com](http://4thstreetncca.com)



### Central Park Plaza

Enjoy farmers markets, concerts, events, a splash pad, and live theatre.  
 70 Lafayette St., Valparaiso  
 219-548-4888  
[centralparkplazavalpo.com](http://centralparkplazavalpo.com)



### Chicago Street Theatre

Since 1955, Chicago Street Theatre has brought cutting-edge drama to Northwest Indiana.  
 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso  
 219-464-1636  
[chicagostreet.org](http://chicagostreet.org)



### Memorial Opera House

A "Historic Place," that presents live Broadway musicals and plays, and a monthly cabaret.  
 104 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso  
 219-548-9137  
[memorialoperahouse.com](http://memorialoperahouse.com)



### Portage Live

This company brings professional musicians, dancers, acrobats, and more to the community.  
 219-762-5025  
[portagelive.org](http://portagelive.org)



### Valparaiso University Center for the Arts

This center produces live theater, music, and dance. Call or see the website for a schedule.  
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 500 Broadway Ave., Ste. A, Chesterton  
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### The Hub NWI Creative Fund

Dive into classes, workshops, and collaborative projects.  
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 219-200-2197  
[thehubnwi.org](http://thehubnwi.org)



### Make Make

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 1050 Broadway Ste. 10, Chesterton  
 219-628-3140  
[makemakepopup.com](http://makemakepopup.com)



### The Market on 12

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 2704 W. Dunes Hwy. 12, Ste. C, Michigan City  
 219-877-5694  
[themarketon12.com](http://themarketon12.com)



### The Painted Apple Creative Studio

A casual creative art studio and boutique, hosting parties.  
 2536 Portage Mall, Portage  
 219-690-8424  
[paintedapple219.square.site](http://paintedapple219.square.site)



### Painted Palette Studio

Nathan Biancardi creates art, takes commissions, and hosts workshops.  
 1150 W. Lincolnway, Ste. G8, Valparaiso  
 219-508-4675  
[paintedpalettestudio.com](http://paintedpalettestudio.com)



### Three Moons Fiberworks

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### The Willow Shop

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 206 S. Calumet Rd., Chesterton  
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[the-willow-shop-llc.square.site](http://the-willow-shop-llc.square.site)



## MOVIE THEATERS

### 49er Drive-In Theatre

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 675 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso  
 219-462-6122  
[49erdrivein.com](http://49erdrivein.com)



### Cinemark Valparaiso

Catch the latest movie on one of this theater's 12 screens.  
 700 Porters Vale Blvd., Valparaiso  
 219-464-0260  
[cinemark.com](http://cinemark.com)



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 219-706-3400  
[imagine-entertainment.com](http://imagine-entertainment.com)



# MUSEUMS & HISTORIC TOURS

## Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm

Bailly Homestead is named for Joseph Bailly, who set up a fur-trading post here around 1820. After viewing the homestead, hike to nearby Chellberg Farm, which looks like it did in the early 1900s. 618 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)



## The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery (Seasonal)

This intimate museum/gallery is open May through October and features shows by regional artists. 525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores  
[bsdepot.org](http://bsdepot.org)



PORTER COUNTY MUSEUM

## Century of Progress Homes

Constructed for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, these homes were built to show modern architectural design. Lake Front Dr., between Dunbar Ave. and Derby Ave., Beverly Shores 219-395-1882  
[nps.gov/indu/](http://nps.gov/indu/)

## Chaos Haunted & Historical Tours

These bus tours take you to haunted locations rich with history, lore, legends, and ghostly tales. Various locations, Porter County 219-714-3761  
[chaostrips.com](http://chaostrips.com)

## Countryside Park and Alton Goin Museum

This 33-acre park is home to an 18-hole disc golf course, fishing pond, playground, shelter, trails, large sledding hill, and a museum. 5250 U.S. Hwy. 6, Portage 219-762-1675  
[inpchs.com/the-places/the-alton-goin-museum](http://inpchs.com/the-places/the-alton-goin-museum)



## Downtown Valparaiso Walking Tours

Learn the architectural history of Valparaiso on one of six self-guided walking tours. Various locations in Valparaiso 219-462-1161  
[valpo.us](http://valpo.us)

## The "Hour Glass" House Museum

The museum focuses on the history of Ogden Dunes and the art of local artists. View exhibits by appointment. 8 Lupine Ln., Ogden Dunes 219-763-0658  
[odhistory.org](http://odhistory.org)



## Midwest Rail Rangers

Hop aboard the South Shore train and learn about the people, places, and history passing by outside. Various locations on South Shore Line 847-271-1979  
[railrangers.org](http://railrangers.org) or [dunestrain.com](http://dunestrain.com)



## Porter County Museum (PoCo Muse)

The award-winning Porter County Museum is this area's oldest institution devoted to the history and culture of Porter County. The PoCo Muse maintains free admission. 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso 219-510-1836  
[pocomuse.org](http://pocomuse.org)



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[valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art](http://valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art)



## Westchester Township History Museum

Located in an elegantly restored 1885 Victorian home, the museum houses exhibits tracing the area's history. Call for regular hours or to make an appointment. 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton 219-983-9715  
[wpl.lib.in.us/westchester-township-history-museum](http://wpl.lib.in.us/westchester-township-history-museum)



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### County Line Orchard

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### Duneland Family YMCA

This community center features family activities and events, youth arts, and enrichment, sports, swimming, and more! 215 Roosevelt St., Chesterton 219-926-4204 [dunelandymca.org](http://dunelandymca.org)



### Duneland YMCA Healthy Living Campus

This community hub and park in the heart of Chesterton provides various health and wellness needs, including an indoor swimming pool. 651 W. Morgan Ave., Chesterton 219-926-4204 ext. 3 [dunelandymca.org](http://dunelandymca.org)



### Fire & Ice Skating Rink

The Portage Parks Open-Air Pavilion transforms into a winter wonderland filled with laughter, lights, and the nostalgic joy of festive fun. 6090 U.S. Hwy. 12, Portage 219-789-4910 [Facebook](#)



### Fireflies Fun Zone

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## FAMILY FUN & RAINY DAY GUIDES

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YMCA



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3600 Scottsdale Rd., Portage  
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### Valparaiso Family YMCA

This indoor facility has exercise equipment, two full basketball courts, and one 25-yard lap pool as well as a warm water leisure pool and slide.

1201 Cumberland Crossing Dr., Valparaiso  
219-462-4185  
[valpoyymca.org](http://valpoyymca.org)



### Portage Township YMCA

A 24-hour facility with hydro-massage tables, infrared sauna, and a sensory deprivation tank. Updated fitness equipment and Drop & Go Child Care are also available  
3100 Willowcreek Rd., Portage  
219-762-9622

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



## KIDS GUIDE

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

### Zao Island Amusement Center

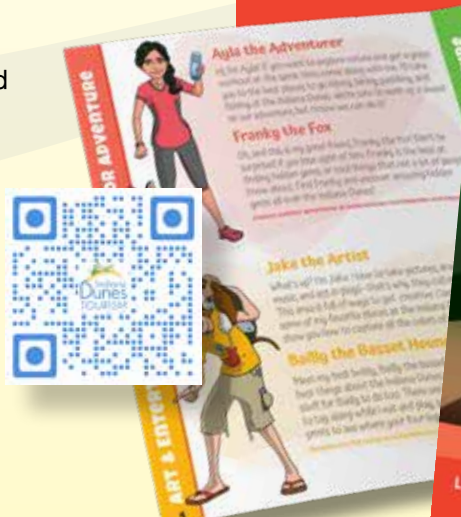
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1050 Horse Prairie Ave., Valparaiso  
219-462-1194  
[zaoisland.net](http://zaoisland.net)



### Region Bowl & Round Table Tavern

This 16-lane bowling alley in Hebron has been in the area for generations, so you'll see all ages hitting the lanes. You can also grab a bite to eat at the attached Round Table Tavern.

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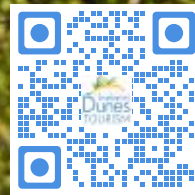


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### SHADYSIDE PARK

A neighborhood park and great location for playgrounds and picnic shelters. [U.S. Hwy. 12 and West of State Rd. 149 | 219-787-8126 | burnsharborpark.org](https://www.burnsharborpark.org)

## Chesterton

### BASE SPA & WELLNESS

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### BROOKDALE PARK

This small developing park has mowed pathways, an agricultural field, and a fishing pond. [919 N. 50 West | 219-465-3586 | portercountyparks.org/porterparks](https://www.portercountyparks.org/porterparks)

### CHESTERTON/FRIENDSHIP LAND PARK

Playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, a splash pad, a baseball field, and a shelter. [5th St., between Morgan Ave. and Porter Ave. | 219-926-3000 | chestertonin.org](https://www.chestertonin.org)

### COFFEE CREEK PARK

A small oasis of natural habitat good place to view wildlife or take the kids to a playground. [246 E. Morgan Ave. | 219-926-1842 | chestertonin.org](https://www.chestertonin.org)

### COFFEE CREEK PRESERVE

This 157-acre preserve is a relaxing place to hike, wander, picnic, and cross-country ski. [2401 Village Point | 219-926-1842 | coffeecreekpreserve.org](https://www.coffeecreekpreserve.org)

### DOGWOOD PARK

This park has a playground, restrooms, shelters, and many different fields and courts for sports. [1100 North & 23rd St. | 219-926-3000 | chestertonin.org](https://www.chestertonin.org)

### DUNELAND FAMILY YMCA

This community center features family activities and events, youth arts, sports, swimming, and more! [215 Roosevelt St. | 219-926-4204 | dunelandymca.org](https://www.dunelandymca.org)

### DUNELAND YMCA HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

A community hub, park, and pool in the heart of Chesterton. It includes multiple non-profit partners. [651 W. Morgan Ave. | 219-926-4204 ext. 3 | dunelandymca.org](https://www.dunelandymca.org)

### EBB & FLOW YOGA

Here, yoga and music come together to create a safe space for release and relaxation. [206 S. Calumet Ste. E | ebbflow.yoga](https://www.ebbflow.yoga)

### EVEXIA SALT CAVE & SPA

They have created a simulated "cave" surrounded by 20,000 pounds of Pink Himalayan Salt. [1583 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-728-6791 | evexasaltsaltcave.net](https://www.evexasaltsaltcave.net)

### IT'S TIME 2 RELAX

They specialize in personalized massage therapy with a primary focus on relaxation. [209 S. Calumet Rd., Ste. 4 | 219-775-0523 | itstime2relax.com](https://www.itstime2relax.com)

### MAMABEAR MASSAGE & FLOAT

All-inclusive massage therapy, float tank experiences, and holistic wellness services. [851 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-786-5480 | mamabearmassage.org](https://www.mamabearmassage.org)

### NATURE'S CUPBOARD

An all-natural, organic health food and supplement retailer with whole organic produce and herbal vitamins. [761 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-926-4647 | naturescupboardonline.com](https://www.naturescupboardonline.com)

### NUTRITION COVE

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### RADIANT STUDIOS SALON SUITES AND SPA

This studio features several spa organizations including Mamabear Massage & Float. [851 Indian Boundary Rd., | 219-728-6523 | radiantsalonsuites.com](https://www.radiantsalonsuites.com)

### SAND CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

This private club opens for public events and overlooks their Private Golf Course and Clock Garden. [1001 Sand Creek Dr. | 219-395-5200 | sandcreek.com](https://www.sandcreek.com)

### SERENITY SALON & SPA

A 6500 sq. ft. full-service salon and spa offering hair and nail services, waxing, massage, and body treatments. [3075 Village Point | 219-921-0300 | serenityofchesterton.com](https://www.serenityofchesterton.com)

### THOMAS CENTENNIAL PARK & CHESTERTON BANDSTAND

This park has a bandstand and picnic tables and is home to many festivals and events like summer movies. [Calumet Rd. and Broadway | 219-926-3000 | chestertonin.org](https://www.chestertonin.org)

### THRIVE HEALING CENTER

A holistic wellness clinic offering acupuncture, herbal medicine, massage, and nutritional counseling. [368 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-728-1891 | thrivehealingcenter.com](https://www.thrivehealingcenter.com)

**WASKOM PARK**

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

**THE ZEN DEN YOGA STUDIO**

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**NAVAJO SADDLE CLUB NWI**

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*84 W. 900 South | 219-765-9239 | Facebook*

**PENNSY PARK**

Downtown community park with a splash pad, restrooms, gazebo, and events pavilion.  
*307 S. Main St. | 219-766-3312 | [koutsindiana.org](http://koutsindiana.org)*

**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP POOL**

This outdoor public swimming pool has family-friendly facilities with a friendly staff Memorial Day to Labor Day.  
*812 Sunset Dr. | 219-766-2800*  
[pleasanttownshiptrustee.org](http://pleasanttownshiptrustee.org)

**THOMAS S. DRAZER MEMORIAL PARK**

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Michigan City

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*427 E. Furness Rd. | 219-465-3586*  
[portercountyparks.org](http://portercountyparks.org)

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Portage

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**PORTAGE TOWNSHIP YMCA**

This YMCA offers 24-hour facility access and premium amenities exclusively to Portage members.  
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[ymcaofportage.org](http://ymcaofportage.org)

**STEEL WHEELS BMX TRACK**

This outdoor track hosts USA BMX-sanctioned races and is open on select days to the public.  
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[usabmx.com/tracks/1548](http://usabmx.com/tracks/1548)

**WOODLAND PARK**

This park houses a gymnasium, memorial, playgrounds, gazebo, shelters, sledding hill, dog park, and garden.  
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**PORTER COVE PARK**

This park has a basketball court, baseball field, sand volleyball court, picnic tables, and a playground.  
*1500 Block of Essex Dr. | 219-983-1042*  
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**FIELD OF DREAMS**

This park is 24 acres with a playground, 1/2-court basketball, and softball fields.  
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Valparaiso

**200 EAST PARK**

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**BANTA PARK**

This 0.5-acre park offers a 4,000-square-foot playground designed for children ages 2-12.  
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**BICENTENNIAL PARK**

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This 30-acre community park features a 5,230-square-foot playground for children ages 2-12.  
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[pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum](http://pnw.edu/gabis-arboretum)

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

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#### VALPLAYSO

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#### WESTSIDE PARK

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#### WILL PARK

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This destination shop boasts an eclectic array of unique gifts, artisan foods, and Dune Clothiers products. 278 E. 1500 North | 219-926-1551 | [schoolhouseshop.net](#)



#### TETHAN'S CANDY & CONFECTIONS

This family-owned business sells chocolates, toffee, nostalgia candies, craft sodas, and more. 221 Broadway | 219-552-2639 | [tethanscandy.com](#)



#### THREE MOONS FIBERWORKS

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



#### HAPPY WOK

A dine-in or take-out Chinese restaurant.  
552-2 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-983-9755  
[happywokchesterton.com](http://happywokchesterton.com)

#### THE HIVE

A downtown district social life venue.  
139 1/2 S Calumet Rd. | 219-921-9162 | [Facebook](#)

#### HUNTER'S BREWING

Nano-brewery with traditional and hand-brewed beers.  
1535 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-728-6729  
[huntersbrewing.com](http://huntersbrewing.com)

#### JOE'S BREAD - ARTISANAL BAKED GOODS

Artisanal breads and pastries made in small batches.  
225 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-250-2286 | [joesbread.com](http://joesbread.com)

#### JOE'S DOWNTOWN TACOS

Street and America n-style tacos with other specials.  
139 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-983-1844 | [Facebook](#)

#### JONNA'S BEACH CAFÉ AND BAR AT THE PAVILION

Great food, coffee, and lake views in the State Park.  
1600 N. 25 East, 1st Floor | 219-803-9800  
[dunespavilion.com](http://dunespavilion.com)

#### LEMON TREE MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

Chicken, Steak, Falafel rice bowls. Vegan/Veg.  
356 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-926-8733  
[lemontreegrill.com](http://lemontreegrill.com)



#### LIA'S BELLA CUCINA

Homemade Italian-American cuisine.  
401 Broadway | 773-904-7266 | [liascatering1.com](http://liascatering1.com)



#### THE LOOKOUT AT THE DUNES PAVILION

Rooftop bar at the Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion.  
1600 N. 25 East | 219-250-5420 | [dunespavilion.com](http://dunespavilion.com)

#### LUCREZIA CAFÉ

Fine Italian cuisine, alfresco dining, wines, and cocktails.  
428 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-926-5829 | [lucreziaacafe.com](http://lucreziaacafe.com)

**MUSASHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR**

Sushi, noodle dishes, and hibachi favorites.  
757 Indian Boundary Rd., Ste. 1 | 219-728-1529  
[musashichesterton.com](http://musashichesterton.com)

**NAMASTE INDIA**

Expertly made Indian dishes with specific ingredients.  
715 Plaza Dr. | 219-929-9386  
[namasteindiachesterton.com](http://namasteindiachesterton.com)

**NORTHSIDE DINER**

Classic American diner that serves breakfast.  
100 N. Calumet Rd. | 219-926-9040 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northside)

**OCTAVE GRILL**

Next level beef and vegan black bean burgers.  
105 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-395-8494 | [octavegrill.com](https://www.facebook.com/octavegrill)

**PEGGY SUE'S DINER**

50's-style themed diner for breakfast and lunch.  
117 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-926-8524 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/peggysuesdiner)

**THE PORT DRIVE-IN**

Carhops serve American fare like hot dogs and root beer in frosted mugs.  
419 N. Calumet Rd. | 219-926-3500 | [theportdrivein.net](http://theportdrivein.net)

**RED CUP CAFE & DELI**

Local, organic, and gluten-free cafe items.  
117 Broadway | 219-929-1804 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/redcupcafe)

**ROOT & BONE**

Southern nostalgia located in Northwest Indiana.  
600 Gateway Blvd. N. | 219-250-2594  
[rootnbonechesterton.com](http://rootnbonechesterton.com)

**ROUND THE CLOCK RESTAURANT**

Family restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.  
1607 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-983-9900  
[roundtheclockrestaurants.com](http://roundtheclockrestaurants.com)

**RUNNING VINES WINERY**

Locally-made wines with excellent food pairings.  
101 Broadway | 219-771-9463 | [runningvines.com](http://runningvines.com)

**SMOKEY'S SOUTHERN BARBEQUE**

A smokehouse specializing in smoked meats.  
375 U.S. Hwy. 20 | 219-336-3829 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/smokysbarbeque)

**SOUTHSHORE DRIFT CO. BAR & GRILL  
IN HILTON GARDEN INN**

Freshly prepared American favorites inside the Hilton.  
501 Gateway Blvd. | 219-983-9500 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southshoredriftco)

**SUNRISE BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

Family restaurant with homemade specials and soups.  
475 Sand Creek Dr. | 219-921-1488 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sunrisebreakfast)

**TAO CHEN'S**

Chinese and Thai traditional dishes.  
532 Indian Boundary Rd. | 219-926-2542  
[taochenschinese.com](http://taochenschinese.com)

**THIRD COAST SPICE CAFE**

Organic coffee, breakfast dishes, and sandwiches.  
761 Indian Boundary Rd., Ste. 6 | 219-926-5858  
[thirdcoastspice.com](http://thirdcoastspice.com)

**TIGER LILY CAFE**

Traditional, vegetarian, and vegan menus.  
1505-2 S. Calumet Rd. | 219-921-0488  
[tigerlilycafe.net](http://tigerlilycafe.net)

**VAL'S FAMOUS PIZZA & GRINDERS**

Pizza, calzones, wings, and grinders.  
112 S. 11th St. | 219-921-0056  
[valsfamouspizzaandgrinders.com](http://valsfamouspizzaandgrinders.com)

**VILLA NOVA PIZZERIA & BISTRO**

Upscale bistro serving pizzas made from scratch.  
213 Broadway | 219-728-6648 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/villanova)

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**FIRST BREW COFFEE COMPANY**

Coffee and donuts. Proceeds go to community.  
800 County Square Plaza | 219-996-2241  
[firstbrew.coffee](http://firstbrew.coffee)

**OUTLAW COFFEE HOUSE**

A western-themed coffee shop with ties to Wyatt Earp.  
105 W. Sigler St. | 219-299-5868 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/outlawcoffee)

**PAV'S PLACE**

Cheeseburgers, turkey, and pork sandwiches.  
642 N. Main St. | 219-996-7287 | [eatatpavs.com](http://eatatpavs.com)

**REGION BOWL & ROUND TABLE TAVERN**

A 16-lane bowling alley with food and drinks.  
725 State Rd. 2 | 219-996-7271 | [regionbowl.com](http://regionbowl.com)

**TRES AMIGOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

Quality and authentic Mexican cuisine with a full bar.  
816 Country Square Plaza | 219-509-3011 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/tresamigos)

**WANA PIZZA**

Dough mixed daily. Pizzas made with fresh ingredients.  
618 Front St. | 219-996-9262 | [wanapizza.com](http://wanapizza.com)

**Kouts**

**BAUMS BRIDGE INN**

A fun, energetic restaurant and bar with outdoor seating.  
1092 S. Baums Bridge Rd. | 219-766-0515 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/baumsbridgeinn)

**CRONIES CHARHOUSE & GIN MILL**

Hometown bar known for frog legs, prime rib, and perch.  
310 S. Main St. | 219-766-3172 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cronies)

**DESSERTS BY JULIETTE**

Desserts and famous Chocolate Italian Buttercream.  
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**JOHN ANDY'S DELI & CAFE**

Veteran-owned and operated cafe and deli.  
205 S. Main St. | 219-766-9085 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/johnandys)

**Pines**

**JOE & FREDDY'S BAR & GRILL**

Wings, pizza, cool salads, burgers, and daily features.  
2958 W. Dunes Hwy. | 219-879-9336  
[joefreddys.com](http://joefreddys.com)

**Portage**

**ANDY'S RED HOTS**

Hot dogs and polish sausages with a variety of sides.  
6220 Central Ave. | 219-763-2333 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/andysredhots)

**BAM PIZZA COMPANY**

Thin crust, deep dish, and stuffed crust pizza.  
2556 Portage Mall | 219-763-1767 | [bampizzaco.com](http://bampizzaco.com)

**BEIJING CHINESE RESTAURANT**

Carry-out, delivery, and catering Chinese. No dine in.  
6214 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-763-3288 | [beijingportage.com](http://beijingportage.com)

**BIG TIME BURGERS & BREW**

Huge burgers, savory sides, and a selection of beer.  
2545 N. Founders Sq. | 219-841-9984 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/bigtimeburgers)

**BLUEBERRY HILL PANCAKE HOUSE**

Pancake creations, home-cooked breakfast and lunch.  
2606 Portage Mall | 219-850-4592 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/blueberrhill)

**CAPPO'S**

Pizza, chicken, and award-winning ribs.  
6656 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-762-5563  
[capposcasualdining.com](http://capposcasualdining.com)

**CINCO DE MAYO MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
BAR AND GRILL**

Authentic Mexican cuisine with a full bar.  
3380 Willowcreek Rd. | 219-763-3833 | [5demayo.co](http://5demayo.co)

**DARI-DIP**

Soft-serve dipped cones, shakes and delicious food.  
5469 Central Ave. | 219-763-7002 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/dari-dip)

**DEEP BLUE SEAFOOD**

Seafood boils, land & sea, lobster, and southern sides.  
5455 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-841-9514 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/deepblue)

**DEPOT HOT DOGS**

Seasonal hot dog stand near West Beach.  
5016 Melton Rd. | 219-406-2209 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/depot-hot-dogs)

**EL CHARRITO MEXICAN GRILL**

Traditional-style full-service restaurant and bar.  
6291 Central Ave. | 219-841-9466 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/elcharrito)

**EL PUEBLO RESTAURANT**

Authentic Mexican food and quality service.  
5350 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-764-8226  
[elpuebloportageindiana.com](http://elpuebloportageindiana.com)

**FIRST WOK**

Szechuan, Hunan, and Cantonese Chinese food.  
2555 Willowcreek Rd. | 219-762-8858  
[firstwokportage.com](http://firstwokportage.com)

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Artfully prepared sushi and Japanese dishes.  
5942 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-763-4131  
[fujisushiportage.com](http://fujisushiportage.com)

**GELSOSOMO'S PIZZERIA**

Award-winning pizza-pies, pasta, and wings.  
5023 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-763-1545  
[gelpizza.com/portage](http://gelpizza.com/portage)

**J&J'S PIZZA SHACK**

Home of the Kitchen Sink Pizza and other fixings.  
6275 Central Ave. | 219-763-6767 | [jjspizzashack.com](http://jjspizzashack.com)

**LA CABAÑA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND CANTINA**

Authentic Mexican food that is known for its rich flavor.  
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[lacabanarestaurants.com](http://lacabanarestaurants.com)

**LOUIE WINGS & CATFISH**

Scrumptious fried chicken and fresh catfish.  
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Family-friendly meals with a view.  
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[marinashoresindiana.com](http://marinashoresindiana.com)

**MERAKI GREEK STREET FOOD**

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3378 Willowcreek Rd. | 219-945-9974 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/meraki)

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

**NICKY'S GYROS**

Gyros, sandwiches, tortas, hot dogs, and hamburgers.  
6401 Melton Rd. | 219-734-6744 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nickysgyros)

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Shakebar, healthy shakes, good vibes, and family.  
6008 Central Ave. | 219-734-6565 | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nutritionplace)

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6475 U.S. 6 | 708-706-9946 | [popsbeef.com](http://popsbeef.com)

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Ice cream sandwiches, sundaes, and toppings.  
2556 Portage Mall | 219-763-1767  
[superscoopsporange.com](#)

**TATE'S PLACE**

Family restaurant with homemade specialties.  
3051 Willowcreek Rd. | 219-764-8283 | [Facebook](#)

**TEATERY**

Bubble tea & waffles with bean-to-cup dishes.  
2531 Willowcreek Rd. | 219-841-9175 | [teatery.us](#)

**TOCAYOS EXPRESS MEXICAN FOOD**

Express Mexican restaurant for dining in or carrying out.  
6652 U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-850-4458 | [Facebook](#)

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Authentic, freshly-made Mexican food.  
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Premium coffee and brunch in a distinct atmosphere.  
1215 N. State Rd. 49 | [fluidcoffee.com](#)

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Mexican and American cuisine. Music every weekend.  
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Chicago deep dish pizza, made from scratch every day.  
333 N. Mineral Springs Rd. | 219-934-7677 | [unos.com](#)

**VILLAGE TAVERN & BAR**

Famous ½ lb. burgers, ribs, salads, and turkey clubs.  
128 Lincoln | 219-926-5002 | [villagetavernporter.com](#)

**WAGNER'S RIBS**

A full menu with specialty-pork ribs and BBQ.  
361 Wagner Rd. | 219-926-7614 | [wagnerribs.com](#)

**Valparaiso**

**AMICI GRILL & PIZZERIA**

Fast-casual pizza, pasta, and sandwich shop.  
1409 Lincolnway | 219-286-6293 | [amicigrill.com](#)

**ANDERSON'S WINERY AND VINEYARD**

Anderson's offers 24 different wines.  
430 E. U.S. 6 | 219-464-4936 | [andersonswinery.com](#)

**BAO'S PASTRY**

Authentic French patisserie with traditional desserts.  
12 Jefferson St. | 219-299-8693 | [baopastry.com](#)

**BE GOOD JUICERIE**

Cold-pressed juice shop with Flora Plants.  
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[begoodjuicerie.com](#)

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Valparaiso's only 15-passenger pedal-powered pub.  
359 Jefferson St. | 219-707-6257 | [beerpedaler.com](#)

**BELLE ESTANNI BAKE SHOPPE  
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Specialty bakery serving coffee and smoothies.  
66 W. Lincolnway | 219-510-1066 | [belleestanni.com](#)

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Detroit Style, New York Style and gourmet pizzas.  
15 Roosevelt Rd. | 219-462-2000 | [benellisizzeria.com](#)

**BENTO BOWLS - POKE BOWL & BUBBLE TEA**

An authentic journey of Chinese flavor.  
1330 East Lincolnway | 219-286-6478  
[bentobowlsin.com](#)

**BIRDIES DINER**

Fresh, modern flair to the American diner concept.  
218 E. Lincolnway | 219-312-5512 | [birdiesvalpo.com](#)

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Coffee, homemade sandwiches, and baked goods.  
114 E. Lincolnway | 219-548-2811 | [blackbirdvalpo.com](#)

**BLOCKHEAD BEERWORKS**

A "brewstillery" and Asian fusion restaurant.  
150 Washington | 219-707-5749 | [blockheadbeer.com](#)

**BLUE POINT OYSTERS & SUSHI BAR**

Fresh daily seafood with steak, chicken, and pasta.  
13 E. Lincolnway | 219-286-7166  
[bluepoint-seafood.com](#)

**BOBALICIOUS SNACK BAR**

Sweet sips and bites, including creamy Boba Milk.  
4405 N. Calumet Ave. | 219-231-1876 | [Facebook](#)

**BRICK STREET BURRITO**

California burritos stuffed with french fries, not beans.  
3 Napoleon St. | 219-510-1100 | [brickstreetburrito.com](#)

**BRU-MANS HOT CHICKEN**

Bold, fiery Nashville Hot Chicken with fresh sauces.  
1608 Lincolnway, Ste. B & C | 219-247-4447  
[bru-mans.com/](#)

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Authentic Italian with the bold flavors of Chicago.  
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Tacos, carnitas, gorditas, mole, and even menudo.  
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**CHINA HOUSE**

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120 E. Lincolnway | 219-462-5788 | [chinahousein.com](#)

**DAGGER MOUNTAIN ROASTERY**

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[daggermountain.com](#)

**DESIGNER DESSERTS**

Huge, decadent cupcakes and desserts.  
56 W. Lincolnway | 219-465-0008  
[designerdessertsbakery.com](#)

**DON QUIJOTE RESTAURANTE AND IMPORTS**

Authentic Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine.  
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Authentic Mexican cuisine.  
3032 N. Calumet Ave. | 219-531-5606 | [Facebook](#)

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Authentic Mexican cuisine with a complete bar.  
3530 N. Calumet Ave. | 219-462-0100  
[elsaltoreastaurant.com](#)

**EVOLUTION ARTISAN CONFECTIONS**

Chocolates and desserts that look like works of art.  
901 Calumet Ave., Ste. 2 | 219-242-9980  
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Great Mexican food and drinks.  
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**FIGS & FABLES**

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[figsandfables.com](#)

**FLUID COFFEE ROASTERS - NORTH**

Premium coffee in a distinct atmosphere.  
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[fourcornerswinery.com](#)

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58 S. Campbell St. | 219-707-5468  
[franklinhousevalpo.com](#)

**FURIN JAPANESE RESTAURANT & BAR**

Japanese classics and modern sushi and sashimi.  
21 E. Lincolnway | 219-286-6648 | [furinvalpo.com](#)

**GEITONIA GREEK GRILL**

Gyros, platters, meze, and homemade sweets.  
1703 Calumet Ave. | 219-286-7183 | [eatgeitonia.com](#)

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Pizza, pasta, and sandwiches with banquet facilities.  
2605 Laporte Ave. | 219-477-4255  
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Sandwiches, ribs, gyros, and more.  
391 W. U.S. Hwy. 6 | 219-254-2351 | [Facebook](#)


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902 Calumet Ave., Ste 2 | 219-242-8521 | [Facebook](#)

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Doughnuts, danishes, pastries, pies, and other sweets.  
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Cantonese cuisine with a Chinese atmosphere.  
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[jadegardenvaiparaiso.com](#)

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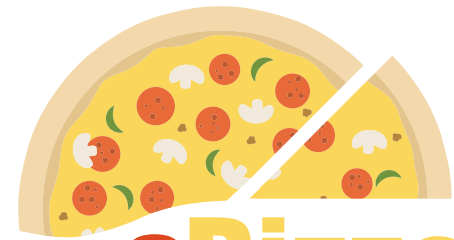
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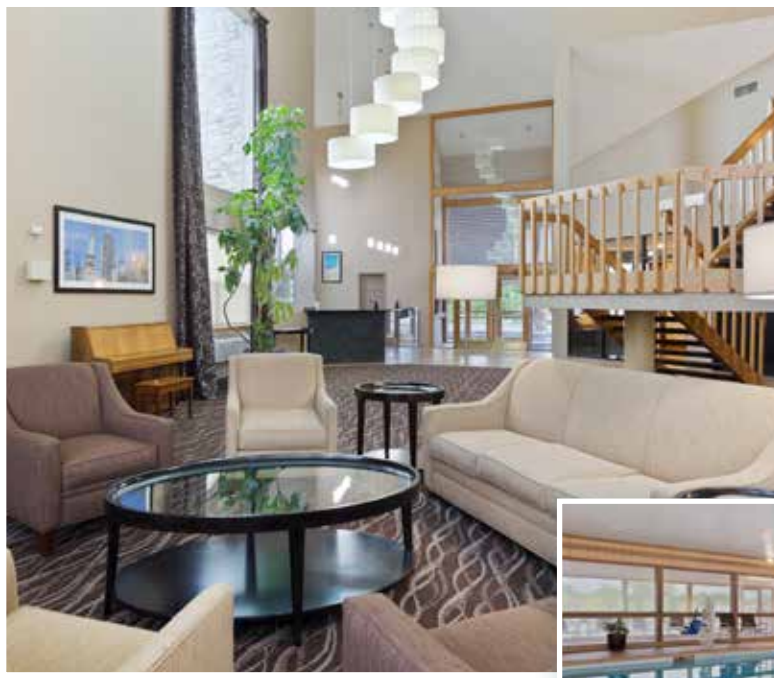


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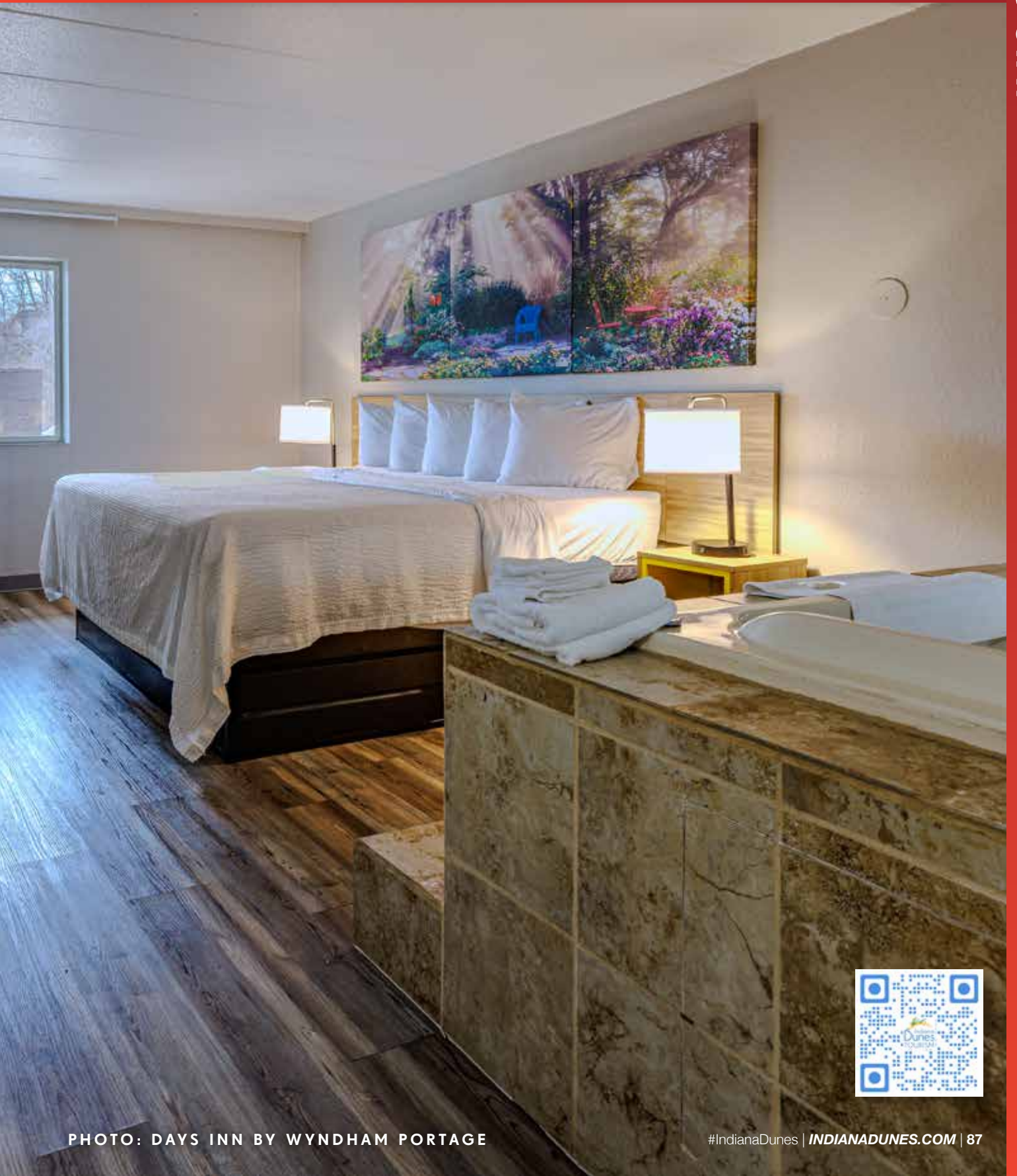
Relax and unwind in the warm, welcoming aura of this Porter hotel. Located only a few miles from the Indiana Dunes and just off I-94, it's the perfect place for guests looking for a no-details-missed stay while being close to everything they want to experience. Casinos, cocktail lounges, restaurants, and the Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets Mall are just a short drive away. Don't miss the Comfort Inn & Suites complimentary hot breakfast—especially their made-right-when-you-want Belgian waffles!



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	# Rooms/campsites	Indoor/outdoor pool (IP/OP)	Full/continental breakfast (FB/CB)	High-speed internet (Y)
<b>AL &amp; SALLY'S MOTEL</b> 3221 W. Dunes Hwy., Michigan City (Pines) 219-872-9131   <a href="http://alandsallys.com">alandsallys.com</a>	16			Y
<b>AT HOME IN THE WOODS BED AND BREAKFAST</b> 898 N. 350 East, Chesterton 219-728-1325   <a href="http://athomeinthewoodsbb.com">athomeinthewoodsbb.com</a>	8	OP	FB	Y
<b>BEST WESTERN INDIAN OAK</b> 558 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton 219-926-2200   <a href="http://indianoak.com">indianoak.com</a>	62	IP	FB	Y
<b>COMFORT INN &amp; SUITES - PORTER</b> 1800 W. U.S. 20, Porter 219-250-2181   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in253">choicehotels.com/in253</a>	70	IP	FB	Y
<b>CYPRESS LOG CABIN BY IN THE DUNES</b> 231 W. Lakefront Dr., Beverly Shores 219-221-6249   <a href="http://inthedunes.com">inthedunes.com</a>	3			Y
<b>DUNES VACATION RENTAL</b> 4942 W. Dunes Hwy., Beverly Shores 773-704-8557   <a href="http://airbnb.com/rooms/22570562">airbnb.com/rooms/22570562</a>	2			Y
<b>DUNEWOOD CAMPGROUND</b> Golf Wood Rd. & Dunewood Prkwy, Beverly Shores   219-395-1882   <a href="http://recreation.gov">recreation.gov</a>	66			
<b>FAIRBRIDGE INN EXPRESS</b> 713 Plaza Dr., Chesterton 219-929-4416   <a href="http://fairbridgeinns.com">fairbridgeinns.com</a>	30			Y

<b>FURNESS MANSION AT THE DUNES - BOUTIQUE HOTEL</b> 1491 N. Furnleigh Lane, Chesterton 224-656-2450   <a href="http://hotels.com">hotels.com</a>	5			Y
<b>HILTON GARDEN INN CHESTERTON</b> 501 Gateway Blvd., Chesterton 219-983-9500   <a href="http://hilton.com">hilton.com</a>	120	IP		Y
<b>INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK CAMPGROUND</b> 1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton   1-866-622-6746 <a href="http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com">indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com</a>	140			
<b>QUALITY INN - CHESTERTON</b> 418 Council Dr., Chesterton 219-929-5549   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in389">choicehotels.com/in389</a>	47		CB	Y
<b>RILEY'S RAILHOUSE BED &amp; BREAKFAST</b> 123 N. 4th St., Chesterton 219-395-9999   <a href="http://rileysrailhouse.com">rileysrailhouse.com</a>	5		FB	Y
<b>SAND CREEK CAMPGROUND</b> 1000 N. 350 East, Chesterton 219-926-7482   <a href="http://sandcreekcamp.com">sandcreekcamp.com</a>	150			Y
<b>SPRING HOUSE INN</b> 303 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter 219-929-4600 <a href="http://spring-house-inn.indianahotelsweb.com">spring-house-inn.indianahotelsweb.com</a>	50	IP	CB	Y
<b>TRAILS END AT THE DUNES</b> Chesterton, IN 219-577-2786   <a href="http://trailsendatthedunes.com">trailsendatthedunes.com</a>	1			Y
<b>THE WANDERLUXE COLLECTION</b> Chesterton and 100 Anchor Rd., Michigan City 219-228-4325   <a href="http://thewanderluxecollection.com">thewanderluxecollection.com</a>	Varied locations. Call for more details			
<b>WATERBIRD LAKESIDE INN</b> 556 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton 219-928-1501   <a href="http://waterbirdinn.com">waterbirdinn.com</a>	40			Y

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<b>AFFORDABLE SUITES OF AMERICA PORTAGE</b> 1550 Olmstead Dr. 219-734-6111   <a href="http://affordablesuites.com">affordablesuites.com</a>	49				Y
<b>BAYMONT INN BY WYNDHAM</b>  2323 Willowcreek Rd. 219-706-3058   <a href="http://wyndhamhotels.com">wyndhamhotels.com</a>	76	IP	CB		Y
<b>COUNTRY INN &amp; SUITES BY RADISSON - PORTAGE</b> 1630 Olmstead Dr. 219-764-0021   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in584">choicehotels.com/in584</a>	100	IP	CB		Y
<b>DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM PORTAGE</b> 6161 Melton Rd. 219-762-2136   <a href="http://wyndhamhotels.com">wyndhamhotels.com</a>	111	IP	CB		Y
<b>ECONO LODGE</b>  6101 Melton Rd., Bldg. A 219-254-2934   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in188">choicehotels.com/in188</a>	131				Y
<b>HAMPTON INN PORTAGE</b> 6353 Melton Rd. 219-764-1919   <a href="http://hilton.com">hilton.com</a>	60	IP	CB		Y
<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS &amp; SUITES PORTAGE</b> 6295 Melton Rd. 219-734-6000   <a href="http://hiexpress.com">hiexpress.com</a>	86	IP	CB		Y
<b>LAKESHORE CAMP RESORT</b>  5300 Old Porter Rd. 219-762-7757   <a href="http://lakeshorecampresort.com">lakeshorecampresort.com</a>	125	OP			Y
<b>OYO HOTEL PORTAGE 1-94</b>  6118 Melton Rd. 219-762-8857   <a href="http://oyorooms.com">oyorooms.com</a>	65				Y
<b>PORTAGE INN</b> 6142 U.S. 20 219-763-6601   <a href="http://hotels.com/ho2947523392">hotels.com/ho2947523392</a>	50				Y
<b>QUALITY INN &amp; SUITES - PORTAGE</b>  2300 Willowcreek Rd. 219-763-7177   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in123">choicehotels.com/in123</a>	52		CB		Y
<b>RODEWAY INN</b> 6200 Melton Rd. 219-734-6727   <a href="http://hotels.com/ho2947523392">hotels.com/ho2947523392</a>	100	IP	CB		Y
<b>SUBURBAN STUDIOS PORTAGE</b>  6101 Melton Rd., Bldg. B 219-350-0223 <a href="http://choicehotels.com/indiana/portage">choicehotels.com/indiana/portage</a>	131				Y
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<b>BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY INN AT VALPARAISO</b> 760 W. Morthland Dr. 219-850-1100   <a href="http://bestwestern.com">bestwestern.com</a>	53			FB	Y
<b>COUNTRY INN &amp; SUITES BY RADISSON - VALPARAISO</b> 2020 Laporte Ave. 219-476-0000   <a href="http://choicehotels.com/in586">choicehotels.com/in586</a>	59	IP	CB		Y
<b>FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT</b> 2101 E. Morthland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219-465-6225   <a href="http://marriott.com/vrpf">marriott.com/vrpf</a>	63	IP	CB		Y
<b>HAMPTON INN &amp; SUITES VALPARAISO</b>  1451 S. Silhavy Rd. 219-531-6424   <a href="http://hilton.com">hilton.com</a>	77	IP	FB		Y
<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS &amp; SUITES VALPARAISO</b> 1251 Silhavy Rd. S. 219-464-9395 or 888-897-0084   <a href="http://ihg.com">ihg.com</a>	85	IP	FB		Y
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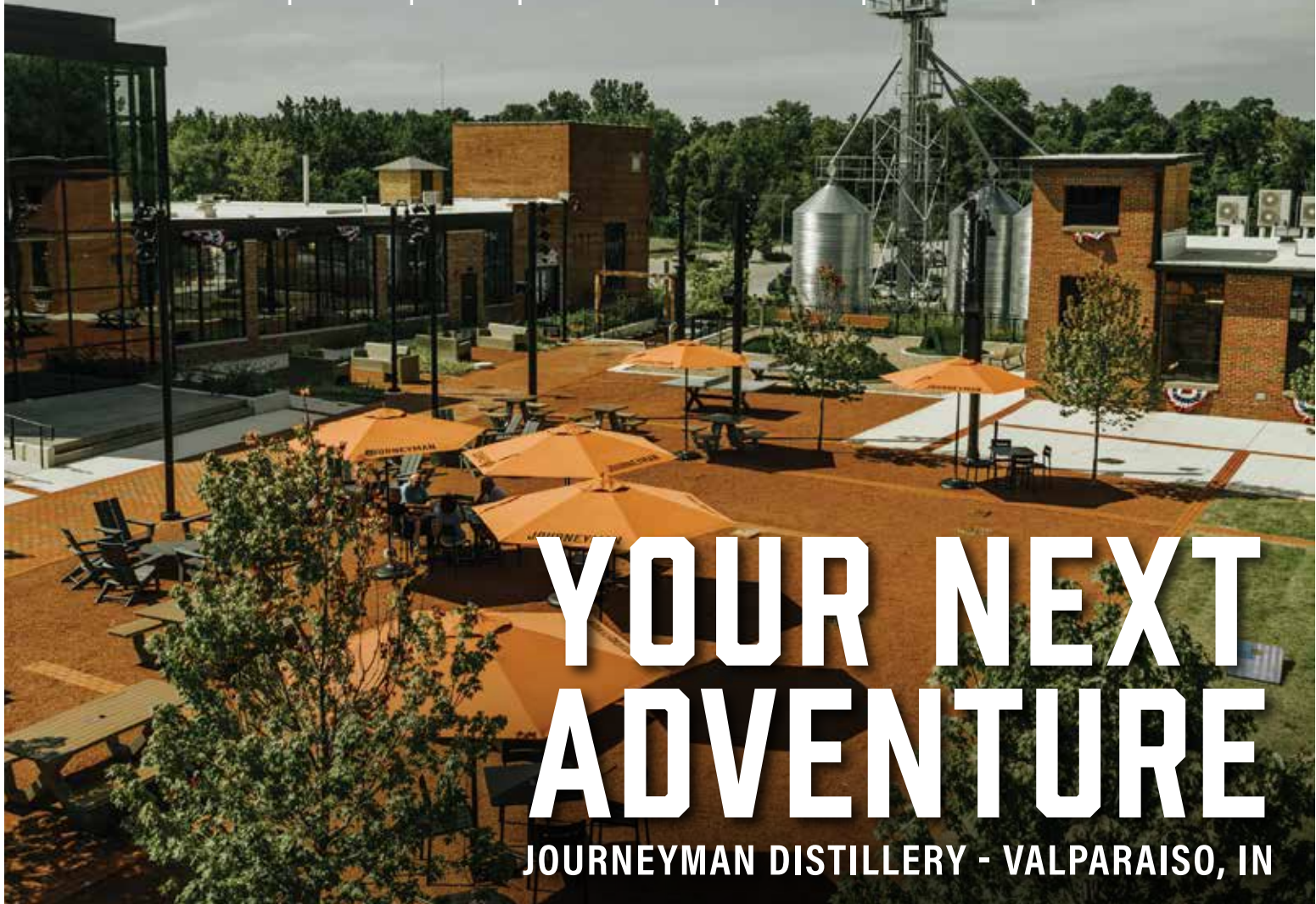
## LOOKING FOR AN EVENT?

Look no further! Whether you're passing through, staying the night, or just looking for something to do during your vacation, be sure to check out the amazing things happening in the Indiana Dunes area.

- **Step 1:** Visit [IndianaDunes.com/Events](http://IndianaDunes.com/Events).
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## Dinner, Drinks, and Music

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

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

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

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

333 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter, IN 46304  
219-934-7677  
[thespaspeakeasy.com](http://thespaspeakeasy.com)

Weekdays: 4–10pm  
Weekends: 4–11pm





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## Spring House Inn

303 N. Mineral Springs Rd.  
Porter, IN 46304  
219-929-4600  
[springhouseinn.com](http://springhouseinn.com)

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

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

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

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



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

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