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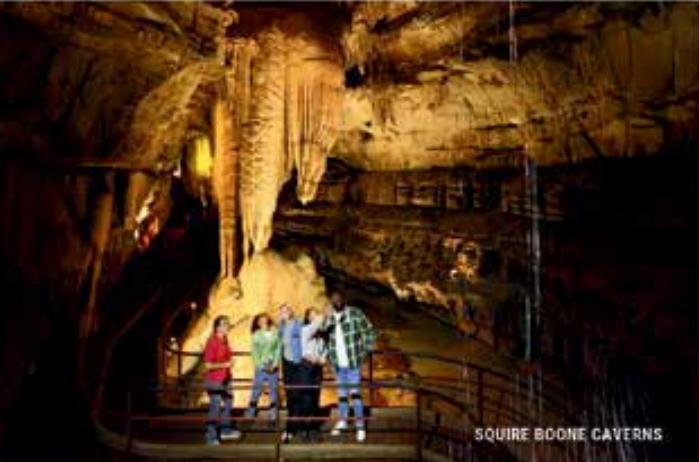
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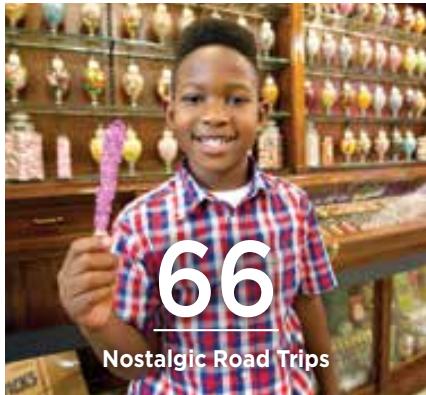
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“ ...the phrase “townsizing,” which reflects the “downsizing” of the destination, focusing on the simple pleasures in smaller places. We’ve dedicated our cover story to this very concept...



ON THE COVER:
Rockville, Indiana,
in Parke County.

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Publisher's Letter

If you’ve been reading *Travel Indiana* magazine anytime over the last 15 years, you’ve most likely picked up on the fact that we love to write about the joys of visiting Indiana’s smaller, more rural towns. The tourism industry has recently coined the phrase “townsizing,” which reflects the “downsizing” of the destination, focusing on the simple pleasures in smaller places. We’ve dedicated our cover story to this very concept, and while we could’ve filled this entire issue with “townsizing” travel ideas, I think we successfully pulled it off in 18 pages.

You don’t have to be a history buff to enjoy our Nostalgic Road Trips story. Here we highlight destinations that are steeped in history. Of course, you’ll read about museums and historic buildings, but you’ll also find fun road trip spots like old diners, candy shops, antique stores, and theatres.

With Valentines Day just around the corner, we’ve rounded up some great getaway ideas for couples. We’ve obviously included special overnight spots, but you’ll also read about fun activities you can do together. But the best part about this article is that the places and events mentioned will inspire romantic journeys you can take all year long.

Because this issue is the first for the new year, we’ve continued our tradition of publishing our “Staycation Guide” pages which provide detailed itineraries for areas all over Indiana. These “at a glance” pages will inspire you to plan your 2026 travel schedule right here in Indiana.

And be sure and check out all of our regular sections for more trip ideas: Destination, Outdoor, Culinary, and Arts. Also, log onto travelindiana.com for up-to-date events, attractions, and much more.

Happy and safe travels!

Stephanie Nicol, Publisher + Editor



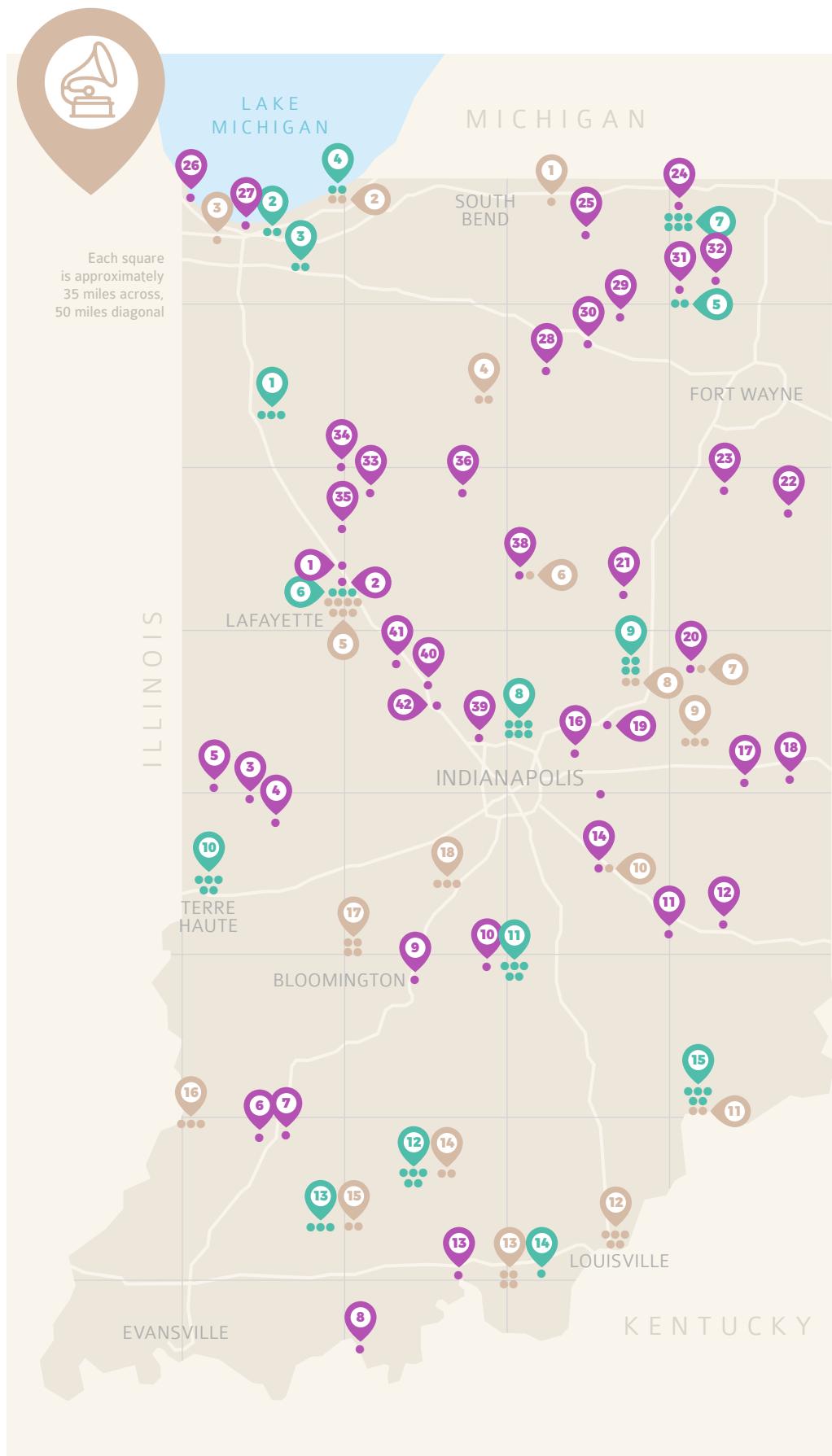
WHERE IS IT?

As you read about the great destinations in this issue of TravelIN magazine, you may be wondering where all these attractions are located, and how close they are to each other.

Use this handy reference map as you plan your excursion or staycation. A quick glance will help you decide which part of the state you want to explore at a time.

The numbers on the map correspond to the county or city that is mentioned in the story, and the dots under the numbers indicate how many attractions are described in the story at that location.

Each square is approximately 35 miles across, 50 miles diagonal



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TOWNSIZI

While we love our big cities, “townsizing” is a term that was coined to reflect the “downsizing” of the destination, focusing on simple pleasures like leisurely walks and visiting local shops, rather than adhering to a packed, high-pressure itinerary.

All too often we speed down the interstate in our rush to visit large cities, flying right past off-ramps that lead to hidden treasures. Next time, consider a different kind of excursion. Immerse yourself in the pleasures of small and more rural destinations to experience each area's local culture.

Take **Battle Ground**, for example, in Tippecanoe County and home to the **Tippecanoe Battlefield Park**, a National Historic Landmark located within a 96-acre park setting



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LEFT:
Fairmount welcome sign.
PHOTO: Grant County Visitors Bureau

BELOW:
Lavender & Sage Garden & Home Decor
in Centerville.
PHOTO: Richmond/Wayne County Tourism Bureau

BOTTOM LEFT:
Mural in downtown Corydon.
PHOTO: Harrison County Visitor's Bureau





**Smaller, quieter towns encourage
you to slow down and enjoy
locally-authentic experiences.**



where the 1811 battle between U.S. forces and Native Americans took place. You'll also discover picnic areas, a nature center, chapel, and scenic hiking trails.

At nearby **Prophetstown State Park** you can hike, picnic, and learn about the area by way of historical exhibits. Also in Battle Ground is the 78-acre **Wolf Park** where visitors can see resident wolves, foxes, bison, and a **Turtle Garden**, then can return at night to howl with the pack. The **Shoup House**, built in 1860, houses **Shoup House Antiques and Interiors**. Browse through their collection of furniture, collectibles, and accessories.

Farther south is Parke County, known as the Covered Bridge Capital of the World. The area is dotted with quaint small towns like **Rockville**, the county seat; **Bridgeton**, home of the iconic **Bridgeton Mill** and **Covered Bridge**; and **Montezuma**, featuring the historic **B&O Railroad Bridge** over the Wabash River. Start your day with a hike at **Turkey Run State Park** among its sandstone ravines, scenic overlooks, and forested trails. Cool off with a dip at **Raccoon Lake**, then visit some of the area's antique shops, among them **Aunt Patty's, Vintage Relics Antiques**, and **Antiques on York**.

Washington and **Montgomery**, both in Daviess County, are where you'll find examples of Amish furniture, handiwork, and food. A sumptuous buffet that includes their signature fried chicken, noodles, and pies can be found at the **Gasthof Amish Village** with more at **Dutchman's Diner** and at the **Homestead Restaurant**.



and Bakery. For coffee and a sweet, the **Cherry Ghost Coffee Shop** is also worthy of a stop.

The Historical Society maintains and curates an extraordinary collection of artifacts at the **Daviess County Museum** into engaging displays that explain the local agriculture, politics, clothing, and lifestyle. One of these is a completely re-created one-room schoolhouse.

Shopping here yields unusual items you probably won't find anywhere else. Best bets are **A Wonderful Life**, the **Chandelier Barn Market**, **Top-Notch Boutique**, **Wittmer Furniture and Gift Shop**, and **Arts Unleashed Presents: The Gallery**.

Small-town shopping gives visitors the chance to support local businesses while discovering unique finds. In **Tell City** in southwest Indiana, you can browse at **Antiques & More**, **Tell City Pickers**, and **Celebrations on Main**. Then grab a bite and something to drink at **Pour Haus**. Outdoor fun here includes Buzzard Roost and Saddle Lake trails inside the scenic **Hoosier National Forest**. For a secluded accommodation, select a cabin at **Tipsaw Lake** or **Patoka Lake**.

TOP LEFT:
Downtown Corydon.
PHOTO: Harrison County Visitor's Bureau

LEFT:
The Cheese Curd Burger at Griggsby's Station in Greenfield.
PHOTO: Griggsby's Station

ABOVE:
The State Theatre in Logansport.
PHOTO: Cass County Visitors Bureau

Bloomington, set in the picturesque rolling hills of south-central Indiana, is one of the most multicultural places in the state, thanks to its being the home of **Indiana University**. On campus you'll find the impressive collections at the

Eskenazi Museum of Art. Across the street is the **Lilly Library**, with some of its rare books and papers always on display.

The **Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center**, located on the grounds of a monastery, is dedicated to fostering and preserving the Tibetan and Mongolian cultures. Share in their rituals and spend a night in one of their yurts.

Not too far from campus, you can taste the wines at either the **Oliver Winery**, Indiana's largest and one of the largest in the country; or the **Butler Winery**, one of the oldest in Indiana. Then follow that with dinner on "**international row**," a series of authentic restaurants from around the world on **Fourth Street**.

Brown County's **Nashville** is the art colony first made famous by artist T.C. Steele. Visit his home and studio as well as the **Brown County Art Gallery** and the **Brown County Art Guild** to view and maybe purchase local and Midwestern pieces.

Enjoy a live show at the **Brown County Playhouse** — perhaps with some warm roasted nuts from the nearby **Jack and Jill Nut Shop**. Save time for browsing in the boutiques and bookstores within walking distance. When you leave Nashville, take the winding road to **Story** and you'll find a historic village that has been transformed into the **Story Inn**, an unique inn, restaurant, and tavern.

The colorful murals adorning many buildings might be the first thing you notice in **Greensburg**, but there's much more to see and do. The award-



winning **Building Bridges Inclusion Park**, is a safe, accessible playground with colorful equipment for children of all abilities. Local shopping here includes **Dog-Eared Pages**, a woman-owned bookstore, where you are invited to "get your paws on a good book."

Oldenburg in Franklin County, known as the "Village of Spires" for its many churches, was founded in 1837 by German immigrants. This would explain why the street signs are in two languages, the architecture is European, and the menus in many of the restaurants include German cuisine. One of those restaurants, the James Beard Award-winning **Wagner's Village Inn**, claims to have the best fried chicken in the Midwest. Other spots for a tasty meal are the **Pearl Street Pub**, **Sister Haus**, and **Brau Haus**. **Carriage House Antiques** also sells ice cream made by Sister Cleo, one of the residents of the **Sisters of St. Francis Convent**. (At the convent itself you can book a tour for a peek at how religious orders live and do their work.)

Just across the street, a charming array of boutiques and gift shops awaits, including **A Beautiful World**, known for its elegant home décor; **Schwestern Art Gallery**; and **The Golden Turtle Trading Company**, where shoppers can find authentic dirndls and lederhosen ideal for celebrating Oldenburg's beloved annual **Freudenfest**.

LEFT:
Muensterberg Plaza and Clock Tower in Berne.

TOP:
Shipshewana welcome sign.

RIGHT:
Downtown Nashville.

PHOTOS: Visit Indiana



Brown County's Nashville is the art colony first made famous by artist T.C. Steele. Visit his home and studio.



WHAT'S IN DUBOIS COUNTY?

TRAIN RIDES, MOVIE SITES, & UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS
HISTORIC TOWNS & INSPIRING ARCHITECTURE
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SOUTHERN INDIANA

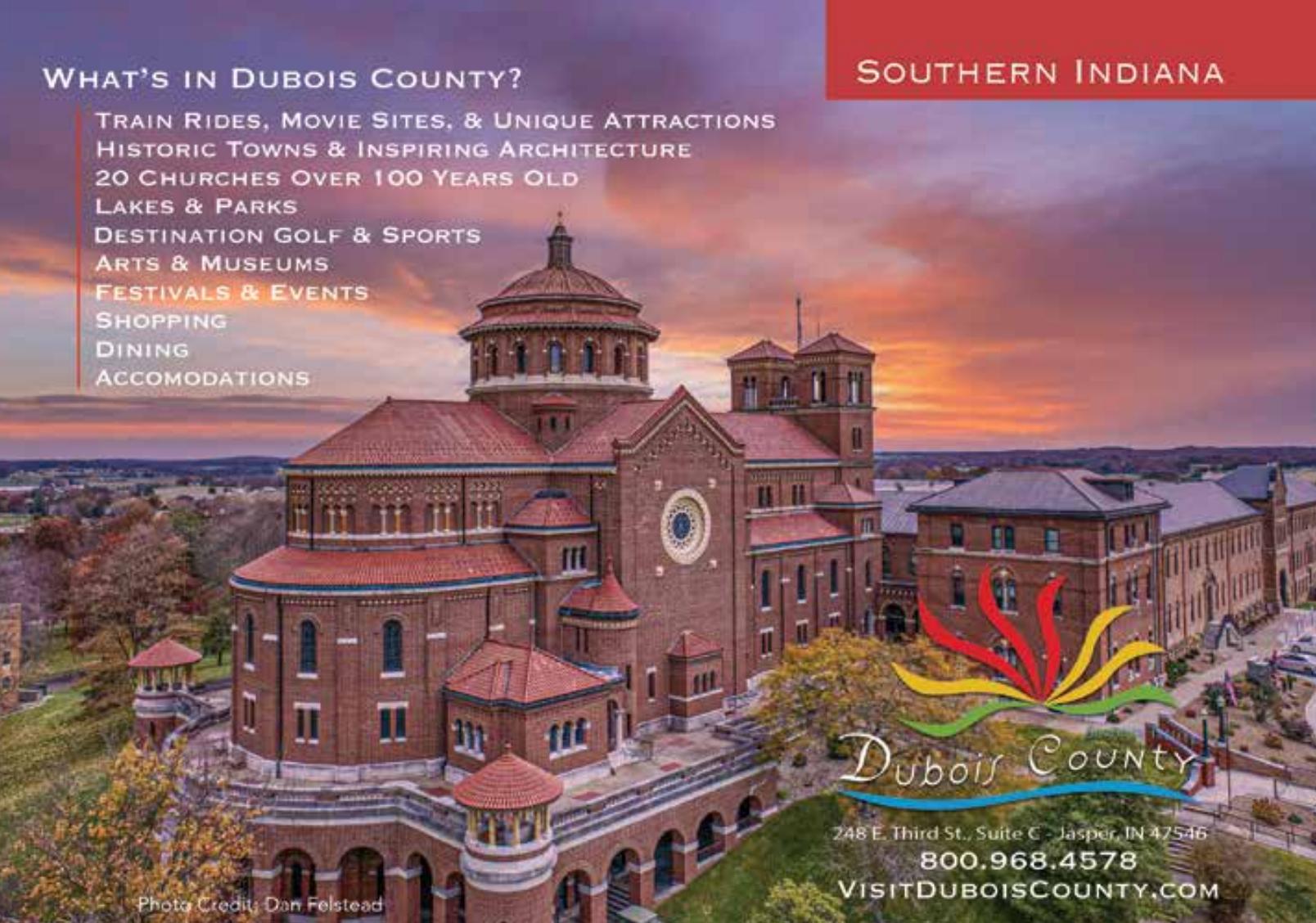


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Leavenworth is a historic river port and serves as the gateway to attractions like **Wyandotte Caves**, **Marengo Cave**, and **Harrison-Crawford State Forest**. **The Overlook Restaurant**, perched high above the Ohio River, is a perfect spot to enjoy breathtaking views. Take a step back in time at **Stephenson's General Store**, an old-fashioned general store selling ice cream, candy, sandwiches, and household items.

Over in **Shelbyville** is the **Blue River Trail**, with 4.5 miles of paved trails that run through downtown and along the Big Blue and Little Blue rivers and another 16 miles surrounding the area. Also here is **Meltzer Woods**, the oldest standing natural forest in the state.

Shopping in Shelbyville is highlighted by the 7,000-foot **Me and My Sisters Flea Market**, open seven days a week, with 75 vendors offering items that range from antiques, furniture, and clothing to home décor items, vinyl records, and goat's milk soaps. Get an early start at **Just Peachy**, which features homemade cinnamon rolls and peach smoothies for breakfast and healthy and delicious sandwiches, soups, and salads for lunch.

The place to book for a special dinner in **Greenfield** is **Carnegie's** — a former Carnegie library. **Griggsby's Station** also gets high marks. Don't miss the **James**



Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home and Museum, or plan a picnic in **Riley Park**, 40 creek-side acres that include a playground, paved walking areas, aquatic center, and museums.

Nearby **Fortville** surprises with an unexpected dining scene, including the **Taxman Brewing Co.**, which has been noted as one of the best breweries in the state.

Wayne County has more than its share of charming small places. **Cambridge City** is the hub of Indiana's **Antique Alley**, with ten antique shops and malls within a four-block area of restored historic buildings. Relax in the tasting room at the **Pilgrimage Winery and Vineyard** and then dine on giant tenderloins at **Lumpy's**, steaks at **No. 9 Grill** or comfort food with a view at **Lakeview Restaurant**. Spending the night? Bed down at **The Lofts on Main Street** or **Monet on Main Airbnb** in a restored 1888 bank building in the heart of Cambridge City.



ABOVE, TOP TO BOTTOM:
Chestnut Street Market in Corydon.
PHOTO: Harrison County Visitor's Bureau

Chandelier Barn Market in Washington.
PHOTO: Chandelier Barn Market

LEFT:
The 3,000-pound concrete egg in Mentone.
PHOTO: Kosciusko County Convention & Visitors Bureau



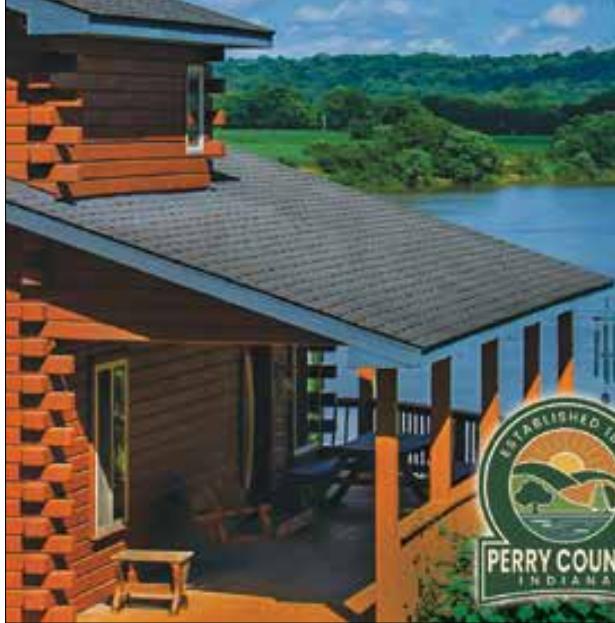


Centerville invites you to shop at the **Warm Glow Candle Co., Centerville Antique Mall** and **Wheeler's Antiques**. In nearby **Hagerstown** watch as hand-crafted chocolates and caramels are made the old-fashioned way at **Abbott's Candies**, Indiana's oldest candy factory.

Then it's on to **Pendleton** in Madison County where you can park your car once and walk to several shops like **B'Dazzled Boutique, The Rusty Hinge Boutique, and Burmeister's Olde Towne Antiques**. Walkable dining options include **Falls Perk** and **Sophie's Bagels, Catello's Italian Art Cuisine**, and more. **Falls Park** has a variety of amenities, and the town puts on some great festivals throughout the year.

Muncie fun begins on the campus of **Ball State University** at the **David Owsley Museum of Art** with its

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excellent collection for a town of this size. Also here are the **Minnetrista Museum and Gardens** that tell the story of the family who created Ball Mason canning jars. On the grounds are the family's opulent homes, one of which offers the **Bob Ross Experience** since this is where the artist often worked and taped his TV shows.

Internationally-known as the hometown of James Dean, **Fairmount** in Grant County treats visitors to the **James Dean Museum**, along with the **James Dean Gallery**, both of which give you insights into the star's small-town roots. While there, be sure and enjoy a meal at **Grains & Grill**, or **Bad Dad Brewing Company**.

Two small towns in Adams County are worth your while to visit. **Berne**, known as the furniture capital of Indiana, was settled by Swiss immigrants and Mennonites in

the 1800s and grew when the railroad came through town. Today you can experience that legacy with visits to the **Swiss Heritage Village and Museum** as well as the **Muensterberg Plaza and Clock**. Nearby **Decatur** offers the **Adams County Historical Museum** with knowledgeable docents to give you a tour, as well as the **Charles Dugan Mansion**. Or get outside and take a walk or bike ride on the town's many trails and greenways. Shoppers won't want to miss **Yvonne Marie's Antique Mall**.

In **Bluffton**, look for the extraordinary murals throughout historic and restored downtown, then learn about Wells county's

LEFT:
June Jamboree in Pendleton.
PHOTO: Anderson Madison County Visitors Bureau

RIGHT:
Just Peachy Cafe in Shelbyville.
PHOTO: Just Peachy Cafe



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past at the **Wells County Historical Society and Museum**. Be sure to stop for a cookie, cake, or donut at the **Grand Sweet Shop**. Want to get outdoors? Explore Bluffton on bike with easily accessible trails that connect downtown to the **Ouabache State Park, River Greenway Trail, Native Habitat Waterway and Acres Along the Wabash Nature Preserve** are all at your disposal.

Shipshewana is home to a large population of Amish, and it's here that you can immerse yourself in the culture. Start at **Menno-Hof**, a museum where you'll learn about Amish and Mennonite

LEFT:
Grand Sweet Shop in Bluffton.
PHOTO: Visit Wells County

Downtown Oldenberg.
PHOTO: Franklin County Convention, Recreation, and Visitors Commission

RIGHT:
Antique shopping in Cambridge City.
PHOTO: Richmond/Wayne County Tourism Bureau

lifestyles and beliefs, then shop for items these people have made in local stores and cottages along the **Off the Beaten Path tour**. In nearby **LaGrange**, don't miss the **Bloomfield Schoolhouse Apothecary** for all things lavender; then settle in for drinks and dinner at **Fireside Craft Burgers and Brews**.

In **Goshen** shopping starts at **Found**, a three-story shop that began with a family's personal collection and grew to a treasure-trove of pieces acquired from around the world. **Woodruff's Footwear and Apparel** offers shoes and clothing you won't find anywhere else, and **Snyder's Men's Store** is one of only a few remaining elegant men's shops. **The Bag Factory** now houses unusual shops and restaurants, or you could go to the **South Side Soda Shop**, featured on the Food Network, for a retro diner meal. Have a

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Since **Whiting** is right on Lake Michigan, this is where to go for water play at **Whiting Lakefront Park** and **Whihala Beach** or take a stroll to watch a sunset with the Chicago skyline in the background. The downtown area on 119th Street is home to boutiques, antiques, local cafés, pubs, and bakeries.

Catch a show at the historic **Hoosier Theatre** or visit during one of some 25-30 festivals each year. The most notable is the **Pierogi Fest**, where you can fill up on Polish food, polka the night away, and enjoy a parade.

Also in Lake County is **Miller Beach** in **Gary**, located at the southernmost point of Lake Michigan, nestled within five miles of sandy beaches and surrounded



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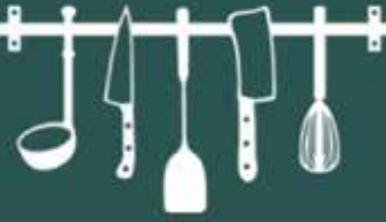
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TOP RIGHT:
Whyte Horse Winery in Monticello.
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BELOW:
Bloomington's iconic Sample Gates.
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along the shore of Winona Lake.

While the pace in Noble County is relaxed, the towns here still have plenty of entertainment options. In **Albion**, there's the **Black Pine Animal Sanctuary**, and in **Kendallville** there's the **Mid-America Windmill Museum**.

Towns in White County such as **Monticello**, **Monon**, and **Chalmers** are close-knit and welcoming, yet you're never far from major attractions such as **Indiana Beach Amusement and Water Park**, **Lake Shafer**, and **Lake Freeman**. Also here are **Altherr Nature Park**,



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The Village at Winona in Kosciusko County.
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Dentzel Carousel at Riverside Park is one of the oldest surviving hand-carved menagerie-style carousels still in service. Culinary offerings include **Bonus Pints**, an unusual combination of restaurant, pub, arcade and record store, while **Black Dog Coffee** offers food, gifts, works by local artists, beer, and wine.

Bluestem Nature Center, and the **Monon Connection Museum**, which is a train enthusiast's dream. At the **Fiberglass Freaks' Batman Museum** in **Logansport** explore the 1960s bat cave; see props, art, and memorabilia; and witness an authentic 1960s Batmobile made in Logansport. The

Tucked away in the heart of North Central Indiana, Delphi in Carroll County is full of warm hospitality and scenic beauty. Enjoy shows at the historic **Delphi Opera House**, along with local shops filled with character and one-of-a-kind treasures. There are several local restaurants such as **Buttermilk Biscuit Company and Coffee Shop**, **Stone House Restaurant & Bakery**, and others that offer made-from-scratch favorites and small-batch sweets.

Boone County is full of charming towns, including **Zionsville** with its brick-paved Main Street with boutiques, art galleries, and cafes. **Lebanon**'s downtown is full of historic charm with lots to do, while **Whitestown** and **Thorntown** attract visitors with special events and festivals.

Not to miss in **Kokomo** is a tour of **Kokomo Opalescent Glass**, the oldest art-glass company in the United States. Watch glass being made the same way it was done when the company opened in the same location in 1888. Other attractions are the **Elwood Haynes Mansion**, the **Grissom Air Museum**, **Raceway Fun Park** and **Kendall Family Farm Adventures** — all of which you would have missed had you not taken a chance on small towns.



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Discover festivals like the **Remington Fountain Park Chautauqua**, DeMotte **Touch of Dutch Festival**, and the **Little Cousin Jasper Festival** in Rensselaer, and **Sandhill Crane Festival** in Wheatfield. Throughout the county you'll also find classic cars, unique shopping, charming eateries, and local entertainment events. Discover more in Jasper County!



CITY OF WHITING

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The City of Whiting is your little city on the lake with a big heart. Known for the famous Pierogi Fest, Whiting also hosts 25–30 events year-round. From cruise nights and Friday concerts to sports clinics, parades, and other family-friendly activities. There's always something happening for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.



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In the chill of Winter, **Cass County** has some warm places to keep you occupied. Start a weekend at **Black Dog Coffee** or the **Gathering Grounds** in **Walton** for a cozy atmosphere and hot coffee drinks or try Bolin's Donuts for fresh donuts. Spend the day at the **Batman Museum** exploring 1960s Batman memorabilia, spend time at **Bonus Pints** playing arcade games, watch a movie at **Mary Max theaters**, or visit the world-famous **Dentzel Carousel**. As always, **Logansport** has music every



weekend at one of the downtown eateries too. Two new event centers, **Vibrant Event Center** (Logansport) and **Ember Woods Events** (Walton) are available to host shows, weddings and other events while the Parks department will have a Nerf War in January. **Pins for Kids** happens in March along with **Civic Players** show 12 Angry Jurors at the **Historic State Theater**! Add sports, good food, warm smiles, and all of the surprises around Valentines Day, and **Cass County** has something for you to enjoy and escape the winter doldrums.

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Tucked in the heart of north-central Indiana, White County offers a vibrant blend of small-town charm, natural beauty, and year-round adventure. While its sparkling lakes, **Shafer** and **Freeman**, often steal the spotlight in summer, locals know the magic doesn't disappear when the seasons change. Lake life here is more than boating and sunbathing; it's sunrise fishing, lakeside barbecues, cozy waterfront dining, and a community that knows how to embrace the outdoors all year long.

Across White County, award-winning and nationally recognized restaurants deliver memorable culinary experiences, from elevated comfort food to chef-crafted specialties that keep visitors returning season after season. Its towns are dotted with one-of-a-kind shops offering handmade goods, antiques, boutique fashion, and unique finds that reflect the area's creative spirit.

And of course, this year brings something extra special: **Indiana Beach** celebrates its 100th anniversary of lakeside thrills, iconic rides, and nostalgic fun that has helped shape White County's story. Along with historic sites and festive events throughout the year, it's the perfect time to rediscover a destination where every season offers new ways to unwind, explore, and make lasting memories along the water's edge.



VISIT ADAMS COUNTY

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Discover Berne, a charming Swiss-heritage town featuring a quaint downtown, local shops, cozy cafés, and its iconic clocktower. Explore paved walking trails, enjoy seasonal festivals, splash at Pine Lake Waterpark, and experience the warm hospitality that makes this small Indiana community a true hidden Midwest gem.

VISIT MILLER BEACH

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Miller Beach offers a true small-town destination feel with unique shops, cafés, and galleries along a walkable main street beside the South Shore station. Steps away, the National Park's visitor center, wooded trails, and scenic Lake Michigan beaches lined with coastal dunes create an easy, unforgettable blend of nature, culture, and local charm.



BOONE COUNTY

Offers a mix of historic charm, outdoor adventures, shopping, and events.

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Zionsville offers a storybook experience on its brick-paved **Main Street**, with boutique shopping, art galleries, and locally owned cafés. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the Big-4 Rail Trail, parks, and the highly anticipated **Carpenter Nature Preserve**, opening in 2026, which will showcase 200 acres of natural beauty.

Lebanon is home to historic charm with a downtown square full of unique shops and restaurants. Families and adventure seekers flock to **Stone Eater Bike Park** for year round mountain biking adventures. Seasonal events like **Boone County Summer Fest**, and **Christmas on the Square** bring the community and visitors together for family-friendly fun.



Whitestown is a growing community with parks, trails, and local shopping and dining favorites. The annual **Whitestown Viking Fest** is a popular festival for residents and visitors with music, battle reenactments, and Viking Villages.

Thorntown charms visitors with the **Sugar Creek Art Center**, the seasonally popular **Dull's Tree Farm**, and the **Festival of the Turning Leaves** providing fun for all ages.



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TOWN-SIZED LUXURY: The Story of FRENCH LICK, WEST BADEN and the hidden treasures of Orange County

Some places don't need sky-high buildings or flashing billboards to stand out. Surrounded by the scenic hills of Orange County, small towns like French Lick, West Baden, Paoli, and Orleans are proving that less really is more. They offer everything a traveler could want, historic charm, luxury lodging, outdoor adventure, family attractions, and a deep sense of character all within minutes of each other.

It starts with the crown jewels: **French Lick Springs Hotel** and **West Baden Springs Hotel**. These two historic resorts set the tone for a visit that's both elevated and easygoing. **French Lick Springs Hotel** is the anchor. Bright yellow and full of history, it offers full-service everything, fine dining, a luxury spa, boutique shopping, a casino, and a bowling alley. It's central, walkable, and seamlessly connects to the town's attractions. Step outside and you're already part of the action.

Just up the road, **West Baden Springs Hotel** is a jaw-dropping experience. Known for its massive domed atrium, often called the "Eighth Wonder of the World," this hotel delivers high-end lodging and peaceful luxury in a way that feels like stepping back in time. It's ideal for couples and anyone seeking a slower pace without giving up comfort or quality.

Families and animal lovers head straight to **Wilstem Wildlife Park**. Here, you can feed a giraffe, meet kangaroos, and even get close to elephants. Kids love hands-on animal encounters. Adults appreciate the scenic setting, peaceful cabins, and bonus adventure options like ziplining and ATV rides. It's a laid-back wildlife experience that still feels exciting.

When the weather cools or a rainy-day hits, **Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park** keeps things fun. Slides, splash zones, and a lazy river make it a year-round hit. And since it's right in town, it's easy to add a water day to any trip.

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For outdoor winter fun, **Paoli Peaks** is the go-to spot. Located just minutes away, this ski resort offers slopes for all skill levels. Snowboarding, tubing, rentals, and lessons are all available. It's accessible, manageable, and perfect for families or beginners. Not visiting in winter? Paoli still delivers. Explore the trails of the **Hoosier National Forest**, a vast outdoor playground for hiking, fishing, and exploring natural beauty.

Need a break from the trails? **Paoli Rock n Bowl** combines classic fun, bowling, and roller skating in a retro atmosphere, and **Green Acres Restaurant & Golf Course** offers casual golf with local food favorites, all in a relaxed setting.

While Paoli brings the adventure, Orleans delivers old-fashioned charm. Just a short drive from French Lick, this quiet town feels like a scene from a storybook. Start in **Congress Square**, a lovely town center surrounded by local shops and restaurants. The historic bandstand, often filled with live music and community events, anchors the square. Nearby, the **Stetson House**, owned by a member of the famed hat-making family, offers a look at local history. The **Historic Orleans Cemetery** adds another layer of storytelling to this town that wears its heritage with pride.

Back in French Lick, those looking for something more refined can unwind at **French Lick Winery**, which features tastings and a relaxed, inviting vibe. Take a drive out to Patoka Lake Winery and enjoy scenic views, delicious wine, and even cabin accommodations. These aren't just stops for a quick drink, they're places to slow down, sip, and stay for a while.

Love a quiet walk? You'll find scenic trails around **Patoka Lake** that offer forested paths, lake views, and plenty of wildlife. The resort grounds in French Lick also feature manicured walkways and gardens, ideal for a morning stroll or evening wind-down.

Golfers looking for a challenge can't miss the **Pete Dye Course** at French Lick. Built on Indiana's second-highest elevation, this professional-level course is as beautiful as it is demanding. With panoramic views and bold design, it's a bucket-list experience for anyone serious about the game.

As the holidays approach, the whole region lights up, literally and figuratively. **The Polar Express™ Train Ride**, departing from the **French Lick Scenic Railway**, brings the classic children's story to life. Riders wear pajamas, sip hot chocolate, and meet characters on their way to the "North Pole." It's a magical, limited-time experience that books up fast and leaves a lasting impression on families.



To tie it all together, hop aboard the **Historic Trolley Ride**. This free ride connects French Lick and West Baden hotels, shops, and attractions. It's both a practical way to get around and a fun way to see the area without having to drive.

These small towns deliver more value, scenery, and variety than most cities, without the noise, traffic, or stress. In one trip, you can

stay in historic hotels, feed exotic animals, sip wine with a view, hit the slopes, and explore rich local history, all within minutes of each other. That's the power of town-sizing: everything close, real, and easy to enjoy. For a weekend trip, family getaway, or seasonal adventure, French Lick, West Baden, Paoli, and Orleans offer big experiences without the big-city hassle.



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STARS AND STRIPES IN TERREDISE

story by GLENDA WINDERS

People all over the country are celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States this year, and those of us lucky enough to live in or visit Indiana have an opportunity to do it up in a special way. Terre Haute, the "Crossroads of America" at the intersection of U.S. Highway 40 and U.S. Highway 41, invites us to join them for "Stars and Stripes in Terredise."

Karen Dyer, executive director of the **Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau**, suggests one way to mark the occasion might be taking a road trip and stopping by. "Americans love road trips," she said. "They love the freedom of getting into their cars and stopping whenever they want at roadside attractions." "It's part of the American experience."

Terre Haute offers so many attractions for travelers, it's hard to know where to begin, but exploring the city's more than 50 public art pieces is a perfect place to start. At the Vigo County Courthouse, the **Turn to the River** sculpture elegantly traces the flow of the Wabash River in sleek black granite, grounding Terre Haute in natural beauty and rich history. Just blocks away, the **Terre Haute Postcard Mural** offers a tribute to the city's vibrant past. Together, these inspiring works of public art invite

visitors to experience Terre Haute's creative spirit and the powerful stories that shape its soul.

Stiffy Green, a bulldog said to have guarded his master's mausoleum until his own death, turns up in several murals, such as one at **Charlie's Neighborhood Pub and Grub**. Visit the **Highland Lawn Cemetery**, on the National Register of Historical Places, to see where the pet maintained his vigil, or photograph the actual stuffed dog at the **Vigo County History Center**.

The **Terre Haute Brewing Company**, the original home of the legendary Champagne Velvet beer, crafts the bold Stiffy Green IPA and serves other local brews by the glass. Afterward, go next door to **M. Moggers Restaurant and Pub** to explore the hidden web of underground tunnels that once earned Terre Haute its "Sin City" nickname during Prohibition. Cap off your visit with a perfectly grilled steak at **The Stables Steakhouse**, now housed in the historic building where the brewery once kept its horses.

Enjoy the locally famous Stiffy Green Pickles at **The Copper Bar**,

where history lives on behind the original mahogany bar from the iconic **Terre Haute House Hotel**. While you're there, check out John Dillinger's favorite corner seat, chosen for its perfect escape view. Legend has it Al Capone was a regular, too.

On the wall outside the building where the Copper Bar is located is a 33-foot-tall mural featuring the 1979 cover of Sports Illustrated with Larry Bird on the cover in his ISU No. 33 jersey. Bird rose to fame as a college basketball star here in the 1970s before he went on to become a professional player and coach. The **Larry Bird Museum** (1 of 12 in the city) is next door, and a 15-foot-tall Larry "the Legend" Bird sculpture greets visitors at the **Hulman Center**, where he once played and his number has now been retired.

Terre Haute is home to the original Coke bottle, designed to resemble a cocoa pod with an elongated shape and distinctive ribs. Before the Root Glass Company won the design competition, the beverage was bottled at several locations in whatever bottles that company had on hand. Coca-Cola was in competition with several other colas, and they wanted distinctive packaging to make them stand out as the cola of choice. The original bottle is also on display at the **Vigo County History Center**, where a building-size Coke mural adorns the outside of the building. Next door is the iconic **Square Donuts**, another city legend.

Experience a great photo op at the 44-foot-long **Clabber Girl billboard** along U.S. Highway 40 near **Rose Hulman Institute of Technology**, which marks the history of Terre Haute as the home of the famous baking powder. Believed to be the oldest billboard in existence in Indiana, its large clock makes it one of the first electric billboards in the country.

A print of Andy Warhol's Marilyn Monroe resides at the **Swope Art Museum**, known as "The Midwest's best American Art Museum," alongside works by Edward Hopper and Grant Wood. The **Indiana Theater**, built in the 1920s and on the National Register of Historic Places, is currently closed for renovation, but it is worth a drive past to appreciate its architectural features.

Songwriter Paul Dresser, who composed Indiana's famous "On the Banks of the Wabash" state song, was a Terre Haute native. He is commemorated by a sculpture titled "**A Song for Indiana**" next to his family home and near the Wabash River at **Fairbanks Park**.

The famous **Shell Chapel** on the campus of **Saint Mary of the Woods** was built in the 1800s by the Sisters of Providence and is one of the oldest buildings in central Indiana. Lined with extinct mussel shells from the Wabash River, it honors Indiana's only saint, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin.

Wabashiki Wetlands is a place to spend time outside in nature, with its viewing overlook and walking trails just on the west side of the Wabash River. Stop here to see eagles nesting and other wildlife.

Outside of town on U.S. 40 at the Indiana-Illinois state line is the **Clear Creek Welcome Center**. The Indiana Department of Transportation spent \$54 million on this jewel of a rest stop, which was designed on an Indy 500 theme. Inside, discover a real race car and a towering 30-foot replica of the iconic Borg-Warner Trophy. Outside, unwind with a playground and scenic walking trails. Former Terre Haute icon Tony Hulman bought and restored the Indianapolis Motor Speedway after World War II, essentially saving it for generations of Indiana race fans to come.



LEFT: CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Terre Haute Postcard Mural offers a tribute to the city's vibrant past.

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RIGHT: TOP, MIDDLE, BOTTOM:

Charlie's Neighborhood Pub and Grub with patio dining while Stiffy Green looks on.

Terre Haute city fountain outside of the Vigo County Courthouse.

Vigo County History Center, where a building-size Coke mural adorns the outside of the building.



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SUMMER

Shop fresh produce and more during the **Crown Point Farmers Market** at Bulldog Park. Rock out at the free **Summer Concert Series** or check out classic autos during the **Car Cruise** at Bulldog Park. Shred at the new **Crown Point Skate Park**. Sample Crown Point's best cuisine during **The Taste**. Dine al fresco at **various restaurants** throughout the City.



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FALL

Stroll the grounds of Bulldog Park during **Wine Fest**. Grab your lederhosen and head to **Oktoberfest** at Bulldog Park. Trick or treat downtown during the **Pumpkin Walk**. Visit the many **antique shops, boutiques** and **stores** throughout the City.



BALL DROP CEREMONY

WINTER

Celebrate the holidays with the **Crown Point Tree & Tank Lighting Ceremonies**. Get an early start on holiday shopping with dozens of local artisans at the **Crown Point Winter Market**. Bundle up and skate under the lights on the **Timothy Grzych Ice Rink at Bulldog Park**. Ring in the New Year at our annual **Ball Drop Ceremony** in the heart of our beloved downtown.



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GIRLFRIEND'S GETAWAY

Culver provides the perfect backdrop and home base for a fun-filled girlfriend's getaway! For day one, after a filling breakfast at **Café Max**, plan to spend the entire day shopping downtown. Culver's colorful downtown has a plethora of unique and locally owned businesses. There are endless options to find one-of-a-kind clothing, handmade goods, art, books and unexpected finds. Enjoy lunch at one of several local restaurants, such as **Frida's** for Mexican cuisine and margaritas, or for classic American food during the summer – **Lake Max Beach Bar** and **The Original Rootbeer Stand**. Culver hosts two annual shopping and dining events, **Cupid's Crawl** during **Winterfest** (February) and **Holiday Hop** (December), with special deals and retail items. Say CHEERS as you indulge in delicious cocktails from **Lucrezia** for dinner and a night out!

Day two starts out with a coffee or tea from the **Good News** coffee truck. Don't forget to bring your bike. Walk or bike the **National Register of Historic Places**, the trail in **Culver Park** and along **Main Street**. For the more ambitious bikers, be sure to check out the Culver maps section on the Visitor Center website, for the 12-mile route around **Lake Maxinkuckee**. Plan ahead by bringing portable hammocks to the **Culver and Union Township Park** and enjoy the afternoon relaxing and catching the breeze off the lake.



FAMILY FUN GETAWAY

Start your visit with a morning walking tour of **Culver Academies**. Afterward, stroll over to **The Lakehouse Grille** for patio dining and more views of Lake Maxinkuckee.

On day two, spark some creativity with the kids and book an appointment at **Art Awakened by Suzi Q**. Suzi has an extensive selection of color palettes and staff who can help the most novice artist. In a short span of time and at a very affordable cost, you can create a unique and worthy piece of art which is appealing for all ages – adults included! **Bourbon Street Pizza** is the perfect dining location for the kids for lunch or dinner.

Day three starts with breakfast and coffee at **The Culver Coffee Company**, the town's upscale and locally-owned cafe. Next, head over to **Culver Beach** and rent a kayak or standup paddle board and spend the afternoon out on the lake. You can enjoy the beach at Culver Park for an affordable daily admission. Swim, paddle, and take in the views. Once you finish, head over to **Papa's** for an evening meal.

Consider renting a pontoon boat at the **Culver Marina**. You can't go wrong on the lake! During winter months, plan your adventure during **Winterfest**, an entire weekend of winter fun with sledding, ice sculpting, a beer garden, polar plunge and much more!





NORTHERN REGION

Fair Oaks Farms

CONNECT TO WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM.



ROPE COURSE



HOTEL WITH POOL



DAIRY ADVENTURE MUSEUM



ARTISANAL CHEESE



BIRTHING BARN

AN HOUR-AND-HALF NORTHWEST OF INDIANAPOLIS / FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FOFARMS.COM

Winter Wonders at Fair Oaks Farms

When winter's chill sets in and cabin fever starts to take hold, there's no need to venture far for a memorable getaway. Fair Oaks Farms, nestled in the rolling prairie landscape of Northwest Indiana, offers an unexpected winter sanctuary where agricultural adventure meets cozy comfort.

A Warm Welcome at the Onsite Hotel

Your winter escape begins at the Fairfield by Marriott at Fair Oaks Farms, where families are greeted with an indoor heated pool—a perfect cold-weather retreat. While snow drifts outside, it's all splashes and smiles inside. The hotel offers special winter packages that bundle accommodations with farm tours and dining experiences, making it easy to plan every part of your stay.

Dining in Your Own Winter Wonderland

Through mid-February, The Farmhouse Restaurant's private dining igloos offer an experience unlike anything else in Indiana. Heated and intimate, these transparent domes provide a magical setting for farm-fresh cuisine, with the full Farmhouse menu available and crafted from the highest-quality ingredients in the region. Whether you're planning a romantic date night, a festive gathering, or a memorable family meal, the igloos deliver winter dining at its most enchanting.



Behind the Scenes of Modern Farming

Thanks to climate-controlled facilities, Fair Oaks Farms' agricultural adventures run year-round. The Dairy Adventure, Pork Adventure, and Crop Adventure highlight the fascinating intersection of technology and tradition through robotic milking systems, sustainability initiatives, and hands-on exhibits. The Birthing Barn remains a guest favorite, offering the chance to witness calves being born multiple times per day—even in the depths of winter.



A Taste of Fresh Farming

No winter visit is complete without a stop at The Red Barn Milk Bar and Dairycatessen. Enjoy rich, creamy ice cream made from the very milk produced at the toured farms and sample artisan cheeses crafted with the same dedication to quality. Take home farm-fresh products and specialty gifts as delicious reminders of your stay.



Indoor Thrills

For families seeking adventure without the frostbite, the indoor ropes course brings the excitement. Navigate suspended obstacles and challenging elements high above the ground, while a lower-level course offers safe, age-appropriate fun for even the youngest walkers.



Looking Ahead

Winter at Fair Oaks Farms has a charm all its own, but a visit this season is just the beginning. As temperatures rise, Mooville—the outdoor play area—opens for the season, expanding the family-friendly fun. Summer and fall bring U-Pick experiences in the orchard, outdoor activities, and the full scope of seasonal farm offerings. Visiting in winter gives guests the perfect preview to plan their return for warm-weather adventures.

Planning Your Visit

Fair Oaks Farms is conveniently located just an hour and a half northwest of Indianapolis. Winter visits offer smaller crowds and a relaxed pace, giving families ample time to enjoy the educational and interactive experiences. Operating year-round, the farm provides an authentic glimpse into modern American agriculture, no matter the season.



NORTHERN REGION

Fulton County

FOUND BY ACCIDENT, STAYED ON PURPOSE



NICKEL PLATE TRAIL



ROUND BARN GOLF CLUB AT MILL CREEK



LAKE MANITOU



REDBUD RENDEZVOUS



ROUND BARN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FULTONCOUNTYINDIANA.COM / CONVENIENTLY LOCATED OFF US 31 IN NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA

SPRING

Play a round of golf at the **Round Barn Golf Club at Mill Creek**. Enjoy lunch at one of the unique restaurants in **Historic Downtown Rochester**. Tour the **living history village**. Attend the **Redbud Rendezvous**.



TIPPECANOE RIVER

Nestled amongst the Tippecanoe River and conveniently located off US 31, Fulton County will give you reasons aplenty to become a repeat visitor. Meander through the countryside taking in the beautiful old barns, new barns, and of course our famous round barns. Your rural route may be lined with miles of wild orange day lilies or beautiful fall foliage depending on which wildly diverse season you arrive. Travel into historic towns and pass by quaint Amish and Mennonite homesteads. Come visit our charming communities and discover why you will fall in love with our laid-back vibe and friendly hospitality.



SUMMER

Float the **Tippecanoe River**. Rent a pontoon and explore 713-acre **Lake Manitou** in Rochester. Visit our unique **drive-in restaurants**. Plan a **fishing** trip. Cycle on the **Nickel Plate Trail**, a 38-mile railbanked railroad corridor.

FALL

Attend the **Kewanna Fall Festival** or **Trail of Courage Living History Festival**. Visit the **car show** and chili cook-off in Downtown Rochester. Check out Fulton County's historic round barns.



FULTON COUNTY MUSEUM

WINTER

Visit our antique shops and boutiques. Explore the **Round Barn Museum**. Watch a film or live concert at the **Historic Times Theater**. Experience a variety of unique restaurants located within our downtowns.



NORTHERN REGION

Journeyman Distillery

EVERYTHING IS HANDCRAFTED, CREATING AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS.



AMERICAN FACTORY



FAMILY DINING AT UNION HALL



CRAFT COCKTAILS



CRAFT BREWS AT SEA OF MONSTERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS, VISIT JOURNEYMAN.COM LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 45 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CHICAGO

Journeyman Distillery at the American Factory in downtown Valparaiso is more than a landmark—it's a destination woven from history, hospitality, and modern craft. Set at the newly christened corners of Distillery St. and Brewery St., the former mid-1800s textile mill and later ANCO wiper blade factory has been thoughtfully restored, earning its place on the National Register of Historic Places. What stands today is a vibrant gathering place where the past and present meet in every pour, plate, and experience.

DINING AT UNION HALL

At the heart of the campus is **Union Hall Restaurant**, home to Journeyman's signature "Whiskey Garden" and a menu inspired by elevated American comfort food. Guests can indulge in craft cocktails made exclusively with Journeyman's organic spirits—led, of course, by the celebrated Old Fashioned and award-winning **Corsets, Whips & Whiskey**, named Whiskey of the Year in both 2022 and 2023. Other local favorites, like **Pit-Spitter Cherry Whiskey**, **Last Feather Rye**, and playful **Popcorn Bourbon**, round out the bar's spirited lineup.



Lunch and dinner are served daily, with a weekend brunch that leans delightfully into both savory standouts and sweet indulgences. And right on site, Journeyman's craft brewery, **Sea of Monsters**, adding another layer to the experience—releasing bold, narrative-driven house beers, available on tap or to-go.

EVENTS

The American Factory offers an expansive collection of event spaces that set the stage for unforgettable gatherings. The **East and West Rooms** provide flexible, beautifully restored venues ideal for weddings, corporate events, and milestone celebrations of all kinds. Beyond private bookings, the entire campus comes alive throughout the year with Journeyman-hosted experiences—courtyard concerts in the summer, seasonal festivals, bustling Artisan Markets, and more. Guests can explore an ever-evolving lineup of happenings on the Journeyman events calendar.



FAMILY FUN

A visit to Journeyman isn't complete without a stop at the **Spirit Shop**, where shelves are lined with award-winning spirits, specialty barware, apparel, and thoughtfully curated local gifts. Families can explore the campus at their own pace—enjoying the expansive outdoor spaces in the warmer months, admiring the craftsmanship woven throughout the property, and taking in an atmosphere that's both welcoming and inspiring. Whether you're a longtime local or a first-time guest, the American Factory offers a memorable blend of history, creativity, and unmistakable Midwest charm.

Come for the food, stay for the stories, and leave with memories—perhaps even a bottle of Popcorn Bourbon to enjoy long after your visit.



NORTHERN REGION

City of La Porte

INDIANA'S BEST-KEPT SECRET



BEECHWOOD GOLF COURSE



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LA PORTE



STONE LAKE



LAKEFEST



CHESSIE TRAIL

YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS IN LA PORTE, TO PLAN YOUR STAY VISIT LIVINTHELAKE.LIFE.ORG

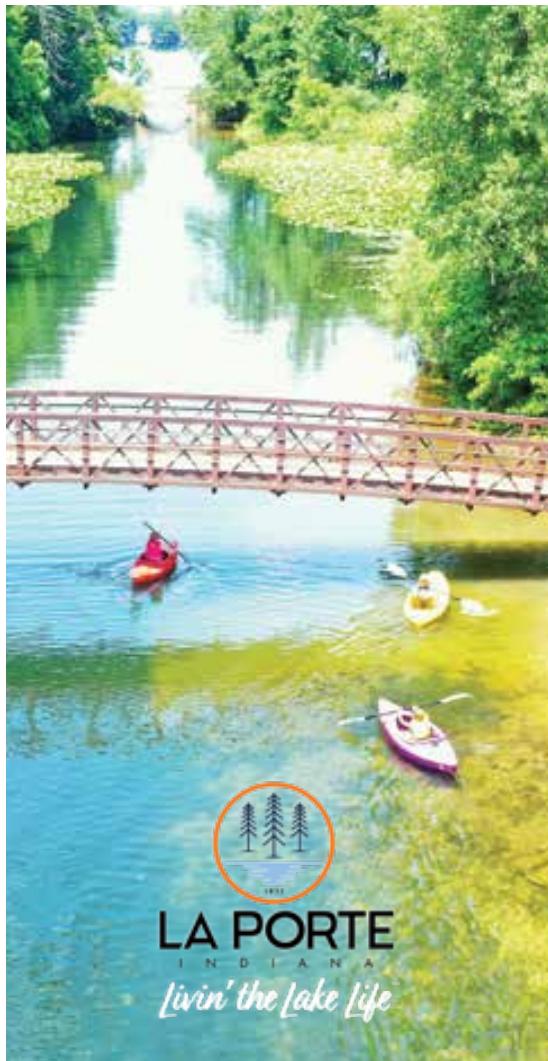
The City of La Porte is Indiana's best-kept secret. With nearly half a dozen lakes and an abundance of parks inside city limits, there is no shortage of outdoor recreation experiences for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. From boating and fishing to kayaking and paddleboarding, an active, lakeside lifestyle is accessible to all who choose to live or visit here.

Take a walk through our historic downtown and admire the Victorian-style architecture, smack dab in the heart of the city. Our quaint local shops and restaurants will charm you with their wonderful service and warm hospitality.

Whether you're looking for a getaway with the girls, a fishing trip with the boys or a weekend of fun for the whole family, you can find it here in the City of La Porte. Come live the Lake Life with us.

SPRING

Play a round of golf at the beautiful **Beechwood Golf Course**. Enjoy a nice walk or bike ride on the **Chessie Trail**. Cast your reel for a while in quiet **Clear Lake**. Catch a concert at the historic **La Porte Civic Auditorium**.



SUMMER

Launch a kayak in **Stone Lake** or rent a boat for the day on **Pine Lake**. Celebrate Independence Day at Indiana's largest **4th of July Parade**. Enjoy some tunes by the lake at **Arts in the Park**, or rock out at one of the **Friday Night Live** events in downtown. Bring the whole family for a weekend of fun at **LakeFest**.

FALL

Spend an afternoon apple picking at **Garwood Orchards**. Take a ride on a piece of living history at the **Hesston Steam Museum**. Peruse hundreds of local craft and food booths at the famous **Sunflower Fair**. Go for a stroll around La Porte's **Historic Downtown**.

WINTER

Get in the holiday spirit at the **La Porte Santa Parade**. Warm up with a cup of joe at any one of our delicious **coffee shops and cafes**. Watch high school hoops like you've never seen before at the **La Porte Invitational**. Visit the many **antique shops and boutiques** throughout the city. Bundle up for a weekend of outdoor activities at **WinterFest**.



NORTHERN REGION

South Shore

PLAN YOUR SOUTH SHORE STAYCATION AND DISCOVER JUST HOW MUCH ADVENTURE AWAITS CLOSE TO HOME.



FAIR OAKS FARMS



BARKER MANSION



THE MUSEUM AT LASSEN'S RESORT



JOURNEYMAN DISTILLERY

TO PLAN YOUR STAY, VISIT ALONGTHESOUTHSHORE.COM / LOCATED TWO HOURS NORTHWEST OF INDIANAPOLIS

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Rediscover the beauty of your own backyard with a staycation or getaway along the South Shore of Lake Michigan. Start at **Indiana Dunes National Park**, where 15,000 acres of towering dunes, peaceful woodlands and winding wetlands invite adventure. Spend the day hiking more than 50 miles of paved or natural trails, paddling along calm waterways, birdwatching in world-renowned habitats or sunbathing on pristine beaches as the waves roll in. If you are looking for more of an adventure, cast a line with a local charter fishing captain who knows the lake best and can lead you to salmon, trout or perch.



PADDLING ON LAKE MICHIGAN

REGION ATTRACTIONS

Northwest Indiana is full of unique attractions. Walk the spiritual, life-sized Stations of the Cross at **The Shrine of Christ's Passion**, or spend a full day exploring agriculture, animals, and hands-on exhibits at **Fair Oaks Farms**. Step back in time at the historic **Barker Mansion**, the **Hesston Steam Museum**, or **The Museum at Lassen's Resort**. With so many one-of-a-kind experiences, there's something to captivate every interest.



THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

FLAVORFUL DIVERSITY

From sweet confections to world-class global cuisine, the South Shore serves up a flavorful range sure to satisfy every craving. Treat yourself at the famous **Albanese Candy Factory**, then dine out and savor a local favorite like a warm bowl of lemon rice soup or dig into an authentic Chicago-style pizza. Round out your getaway with visits to local breweries and wineries. Enjoy a craft-focused cocktail at **Journeyman Distillery at The American Factory** or discover something that suits your taste at **Manic Mead. Wine. Cider.**



PIEROGI FEST®



MANIC MEAD. WINE. CIDER.



NORTHERN REGION

Steuben County

HOME OF MORE THAN 100 LAKES AND LOTS OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS



POTAWATOMI INN



POKAGON STATE PARK TOBOGGAN RUN



SATEK WINERY



WILD WINDS BUFFALO PRESERVE



INDIANA RAILWAY EXPERIENCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLAN YOUR VISIT, LAKES101.ORG LOCATED 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF INDIANAPOLIS

DAY 1

Spend the day at **Pokagon State Park**, seasonally enjoy the toboggan run or rent a boat on **Lake James**. There's also hiking, camping and a nature center.



POKAGON STATE PARK

DAY 2

Pokagon offers so much, two days are needed! On your second day, explore the adjacent **Trine State Recreation Area**.



TRINE STATE RECREATION AREA

Steuben County, Indiana offers year-round recreational opportunities.

Enjoy a ride down Indiana's only refrigerated toboggan at **Pokagon**

State Park. The park on Lake James has hiking trails, camping, a nature center, boat rentals and the 137-room Potawatomi Inn. Find unique shopping in quaint downtowns and at **The Outlet Shoppes at Fremont**. End the day at one of Northern Indiana Lakes Country's hotels. Special hotel and lodging packages are available throughout the year.

Pokagon State Park, nestled on the shores of **Lake James**, is a picturesque 1,260-acre park in extreme northeast Indiana complete with beaches, an interpretive nature center, cross country skiing, hiking trails, boat rentals and guided horse rides plus the state's only refrigerated toboggan. Potawatomi Inn offers two restaurants, library, cabin suites, gift shop and indoor pool. The **Trine State Recreation Area** is also a part of Pokagon State Park. The 186 acres are steeped in natural and cultural history. Family cabins plus the Wild Turkey Shelter are available to rent.

Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve features 400 acres of rolling Indiana prairie, natural waterways, lakes and birds and is home to approximately 250 bison. Tours are available via open-air vehicle. There's a bed and breakfast and gift shop plus spring and fall rendezvous events.

Everything from fine dining to meals served in historic surroundings can be found in Steuben County. Before your meal, take a ride on a **1940's era steam locomotive** and learn more about its remarkable history and ties to Indiana. A variety of new trips on the **Indiana Rail Experience** are planned in 2026.

With direct-from-the-manufacturer stores including **American Eagle** and **Under Armour**, **The Outlet Shoppes at Fremont** offer convenient shopping at discounted prices. In the afternoon, visit award-winning **Satek Winery** for fun wine tastings.

Several overnight options are available, from campgrounds to hotels to inns.

DAY 3

Take the family to **Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve** for a tour via the open air vehicle and enjoy dinner at one of our unique restaurants.



CARUSO'S RESTAURANT

DAY 4

Spend the day browsing through our many specialty shops, both in downtown Angola and throughout the county.



BOUTIQUE AND SPECIALTY SHOPS



NORTHERN REGION

Valparaiso

DISCOVER AND DELIGHT IN DOWNTOWN VALPO.



DESIGNER DESSERTS



VALPO VELVET



DOWNTOWN



BLOCKHEAD VALPO CREATES MURAL



JOURNEYMAN DISTILLERY

VISIT VALPARAISOEVENTS.COM TO PLAN YOUR NEXT GETAWAY.

Located just 14 miles south of the Indiana Dunes National Park sits Northwest Indiana's hidden gem – the city of Valparaiso (nicknamed Valpo). With 19 city parks, many miles of pathways and trails, year-round community events and charming neighborhoods, you'll want to make Valpo your new go-to destination. Whether you're looking for a getaway with friends, a fun road trip with the family or a worry-free staycation with your partner, a weekend discovering Valpo's thriving, Hallmark-movie-worthy historic downtown is the perfect fit!

EAT & DRINK

From smoked ribs to sushi and wood-fired pizza to handcrafted burgers, there is a restaurant downtown to satisfy all tastebuds. Both fine diners and casual connoisseurs have abundant options with over 35 restaurants, coffee shops and bars. And the dessert choices are mouthwatering with everything from authentic French pastries to gourmet cupcakes to locally made ice cream. Be sure to check out **Be Good Juicerie**, **Blockhead Beerworks**, **Designer Desserts**, **FLUID Coffee Roasters**, **Journeyman Distillery**, **Peddlers Pizza Pub**, **Super Submarine**, **Valpo Velvet** and **Waiting Room**.



BLOCKHEAD BEERWORKS

SHOP

Spend the day discovering one-of-a-kind artwork, home décor, clothing and accessories at more than 20 locally owned, unique downtown retailers. Get your shopping fix as you discover a diverse array of items, from handcrafted gifts and artisanal goods to vintage treasures and the latest fashion styles. Find treasures at **ELLA JAYMS**, **Indie Indie Bang Bang**, **Lifestyles**, **Old World Market**, **Pickles**, **Pieces of Jayde**, **Rocket Fizz**, **Scented Science**, **Six Cypress Boutique**, **The Spice & Tea Exchange** and the seasonal **Valpo Market**.



ELLA JAYMS

PLAY

Enjoy year-round fun in downtown Valpo as you show off your ice-skating skills in winter and frolic on the splash pad during the warmer months at **Central Park Plaza**. Find something for everyone with family-friendly events like the **Summer Outdoor Movies**, the **Summer Concert Series**, **Downtown Trick-or-Treat** and **Holly Days** and 21+ events, including **Valpo Brewfest** and the **Valparaiso Wine Festival**. Don't miss the iconic **Popcorn Festival**, held every September, which celebrates the original home of Orville Redenbacher's popcorn empire and includes over 325 vendors, the Popcorn Parade, the Ultimate Poppin' Play Zone, live music and a beer tent.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

EXPLORE

Stroll around the courthouse square and stop at the **PoCo Muse** to catch an exhibition and learn about the rich history of Porter County. Then have your camera ready as you explore the many fun, vibrant outdoor murals throughout downtown. Discover all the **Birds of Paradise** – a sculpture scavenger hunt – and don't forget to pop by Central Park Plaza for a photo with Orville Redenbacher's statue. And finally, be sure to celebrate performing arts by catching a concert or show at the **Memorial Opera House** or **Chicago Street Theatre**.



THE LITTLE MERMAID

Visit valparaisoevents.com for a full retail and restaurant list, including those located outside of downtown, and use the calendar feature to discover a fun festival or event to attend while you're visiting. See you soon!



NORTHERN REGION

Enjoy White County

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY, EMBRACE THE ADVENTURE



INDIANA BEACH



LAKE FREEMAN BOAT PARADE



NECESSITIES



LARIMER'S NECK OF THE WOODS



WOLCOTT FESTIVAL

DISCOVER THE FOUR SEASONS OF WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA: A YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE

ENJOYWC.COM

DISCOVER THE FOUR SEASONS OF WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

Nestled in the heart of Indiana, White County offers something for every traveler year-round. From outdoor adventures and family-friendly festivals to cozy shops and scenic escapes, the county's landscapes and local culture promise unforgettable experiences in every season.

SPRING: EMBRACE NATURE'S REBIRTH

As snow melts and flowers bloom, spring is the perfect time to explore White County's parks and trails. Altherr Nature Park in Monticello is an 80-acre haven with serene hiking paths, wetlands, and wildlife observation areas—ideal for a quiet escape or birdwatching as migratory species pass through.

Spring is also a great time to sample local flavors. White County's vineyards and breweries offer opportunities to enjoy locally produced wines and craft beers, making it a season of refreshment and relaxation.

SUMMER: FESTIVALS, LAKES, AND ADVENTURE

Summer brings festivals, water fun, and endless outdoor activities. Lakes Shafer and Freeman are at the heart of summer recreation, offering boating, fishing, swimming, and scenic cruises.

No summer visit is complete without a trip to Monticello's Drive-In Movie Theatre, where you can enjoy the magic of movies under the stars with family or friends. And don't miss the Wolcott Summer Festival, a lively celebration featuring parades, carnival rides, live music, food vendors, and family-friendly fun.

A summer highlight is Indiana Beach Amusement Park, celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2026. Located along Lake Shafer, the park offers thrilling rides, a water park, and classic arcade games, all set against picturesque lakeside views—perfect for both adventure seekers and families.



LAKE SHORE DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATRE

FALL: HARVEST AND COLOR

As the leaves turn red, orange, and yellow, White County becomes a picturesque autumn escape. Take a scenic drive along the lakes or through the countryside, dotted with charming farms and barns.

Fall is harvest season, and the county offers pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hayrides, and haunted hayrides for thrill-seekers. Festivals abound, including the Apple Popcorn Festival in Brookston, featuring live music, boutique vendors, and the sights and smells of fall.

WINTER: A STORYBOOK HOLIDAY

Winter transforms White County into a scene straight from a Christmas card or a Hallmark movie set. Snow-dusted streets, twinkling lights, and charming storefronts create a cozy, storybook atmosphere. The Lighted Christmas Parade in Monticello is a seasonal highlight, filling the streets with festive floats, marching bands, and holiday cheer.



LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

It's also the perfect time to explore quaint shops, enjoy cozy cafes, or experience the unique Igloo Dining pods at Whyte Horse Winery, where visitors can savor fine wines and seasonal dishes in a warm, intimate setting with twinkling winter views.

YEAR-ROUND CHARM

No matter the season, White County offers a wealth of experiences—from vibrant fall colors and peaceful winter landscapes to lively summer festivals and the fresh blooms of spring. Every visit brings opportunities to make lasting memories and enjoy the unique charm and beauty of this Indiana gem.



NORTHERN REGION

City of Whiting

EXPERIENCE LAKE COUNTY



SHOPPING



DINING



COFFEE SHOPS



WHIHALA BEACH & WHOAZONE

JUST 30 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN CHICAGO WHITINGINDIANA.COM

Take a trip to the City of Whiting, Indiana - a beautiful corridor to Lake Michigan nestled between the sites of Chicago and the shores of Michigan. This heartwarming community just 30 minutes from Downtown Chicago highlights award-winning schools, residential opportunities, family attractions, and events for all to enjoy.



DOWNTOWN WHITING

VISIT HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WHITING

Historic 119th Street is the heart of Whiting. Just blocks from the beautiful **Lake Michigan** shoreline, Historic Downtown Whiting is flourishing with quaint shops, a historic movie theatre, plaza areas, a micro-brewery, and a wide variety of cuisine; all within walking distance.

SHOP AND DINE OUR BUSINESS DISTRICT

Your visit wouldn't be complete without shopping and dining in Downtown Whiting!

From mouthwatering pizza with patio seating, to a beach-themed atmosphere serving Caribbean cuisine, to your favorite Mexican and American dishes, Downtown Whiting is full of flavor. Guests will also enjoy an array of spirits and nightlife at the many restaurants and bars including our rustic micro-brewery and taproom.

The **Downtown Whiting Business District** is also known for its many unique shops. In addition to 119th Street's vintage look and feel, you'll find gifts and souvenirs, home decor, boutique style clothing, and local handmade treasures that you won't find anywhere else. Stop by our local game shop for hands-on, kid fun and education or relax in one of Whiting's coffee houses and cafes.

CATCH A GAME AT OIL CITY STADIUM

Whiting is home to the **Northwest Indiana Oilmen baseball team**, proud affiliate of the Northern League. The NWI Oilmen season provides unique, affordable family fun throughout the summer months in Whiting.

The Oilmen offer FREE kids baseball camps in the summer months of June and July. They offer birthday parties and company outing packages.

For the 2026 schedule and more information, visit NWIOilmen.com.



OIL CITY STADIUM

ENJOY WHITING LAKEFRONT PARK

Settled on the beautiful southern shore of Lake Michigan, Whiting is home to the jewel of Northwest Indiana – spectacular **Whiting Lakefront Park**. Serving as a key component of the **Marquette Greenway**, Whiting Lakefront Park features a boardwalk, bike trail, a 300-foot pier, gazebo, formal garden, pavilions available to rent, and breathtaking views of the Chicago skyline.

Be sure to experience all that Whiting Lakefront Park has to offer when planning your next event.



WHITING LAKEFRONT PARK

WHIHALA BEACH & THE WHOAZONE

Adjacent to Whiting Lakefront Park, **Whihala Beach** offers the complete Lake Michigan beach experience. Whihala is home to the **WhoaZone**, featuring a floating water park, cabana and umbrella rentals, birthday parties and more! Guests have access to restrooms, rinse showers, food concessions, a public boat launch and ramp, swimming, walking paths, a bike trail, and fishing! (Indiana waters require proper fishing licenses).



EAST REGION

Anderson Madison County

DISCOVER FUN FOR EVERYONE



WORLD'S LARGEST BALL OF PAINT



1925 PUBHOUSE



HISTORIC PARAMOUNT THEATRE



URANA FUDGE FACTORY & GENERAL STORE



CAROLS LEGACY CRYSTAL

TO PLAN YOUR STAY, VISIT VISITANDERSONMADISONCOUNTY.COM / LOCATED THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES NORTHEAST OF INDIANAPOLIS

SHOPPING

Need some retail therapy? Stroll boutique lined streets, browse antique stores filled with vintage treasures, and explore locally owned gift shops. Craft markets, specialty food stores, and artistic vendors add personality, making a fun spot for relaxed, small-town retail adventures.

Cowpokes Western Wear, Dee & Nicki's Boutique, ThymeStamp Boutique, The McCurry'osity Shop, Gypsy Soul, Bittersweet Antiques, Downtown Historic Pendleton

DINING

Savor our county's diverse dining scene, where comfort food meets creative flavors. You will find 30 Madison County Restaurants on Indiana Foodways Alliance™ 21 Culinary Trails. Some favorites include:

Sophie's Bagels, Catello's Italian Art Cuisine, Invited to the Table, 1925 PubHouse Grandview, Andy's Diner, The Tin Plate, Fine Food & Spirits, Creatures of Habit Brewing Co, The Toast Café

ADVENTURE FUN

Kayaking on the **White River**, fishing on **Shadyside Lake, Rangeline Nature Preserve Mountain Biking**, walking trails at **Falls Park** in Pendleton and **Shadyside Park** in Anderson. Enjoy standardbred racing at **Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino**.

Madison County offers creative art spaces, local museums, charming small towns, and welcoming local flavor. Explore unique boutiques, catch community theatre or live music, sample craft eateries. Seasonal festivals and family-friendly attractions make our county a pleasant Midwest getaway.



Kids and adults will enjoy **Mounds State Park**, 220 acres of hiking, fishing, picnic areas, visitor's nature center and campgrounds.

In Alexandria, you'll find the **World's Largest Ball of Paint**, one of Indiana's most visited roadside attractions. It weighs 2 1/2 tons and over 28,000 coats of paint. It has been featured twice in the Guinness Book of World Records.

At **Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino**, you can enjoy the thrills of gaming and horse racing along with award-winning dining and entertainment. **Oakley Brothers Distillery**, offers a menu for lunch and dinner along with their handcrafted moonshine, whiskey, vodka, specialty drinks made with grains grown in Indiana.

Several overnight accommodations are available. **Fairfield Inn & Suites** will treat you like family. **Holiday Inn Express, Best Western Plus, Quality Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn, Tru by Hilton**, also offer great value.

ARTS & CULTURE

Madison County's arts and cultural murals bring vibrant storytelling to its communities. Colorful walls highlight local history and celebrate creative talent. From downtown alleys to public gathering spaces, each mural invites exploration and reflection.

The arts flourish in Anderson, with the **Historic Paramount Theatre** hosting timeless performances, the **Anderson Symphony Orchestra** delivering captivating orchestral experiences, and the **Anderson Museum of Art** showcase diverse visual collections. Together, these institutions preserve cultural heritage, and inspire the community through music, theater, and visual arts.

FAMILY FUN

Families can enjoy sweet treats at **Urana Fudge Factory**, discover unique treasures at **Carol's Legacy Crystal**, feel the thrill of **Anderson Speedway**, and add your own coat of paint to our quirky, colorful roadside attraction, **The World's Largest Ball of Paint**. These attractions offer delicious, memorable, and exciting experiences, making Madison County a perfect destination for kids, parents, and adventure seekers.



EAST REGION

Cass County

EXPERIENCE CASS COUNTY... WHERE 2 RIVERS MEET. ESTABLISHED IN 1828



TWELVE MILE LAWMOWER RACE



MCHALE AUDITORIUM



KAYAKING



LOGANSPORT 4TH



LOGANSPORT PARKS

THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO IN CASS COUNTY, WHETHER YOU ARE THE OUTDOORSY TYPE OR PREFER A MORE LAID BACK VACATION.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: VISITCASSCOUNTYIN.COM

PLACES OF INTEREST

The **Historic State Theatre** showcases a variety of shows from nationwide talent to local nonprofits for music, theater, and other fun. Ride the century-old, hand-carved masterpiece **Dentzel Carousel** in Riverside Park, one of only two such carousels in the country. See a stage play at **McHale Auditorium**, romp in the bat cave at the **Bat Museum**, and check out the new **Vibrant Events Center**. New attractions coming up include the **farmers market** with **incubator kitchen** and the **Indiana Museum of Art**.



STATE THEATRE



BATMAN MUSEUM



FRANCE PARK

SUMMER EVENTS

Bonus Pints brings you a free **Summer Music Series** on most Fridays. Several locally-owned downtown Logansport businesses also have music every weekend. Also enjoy the **Summer Sundown Series** on Sunday evenings in parks, **Twelve Mile Lawnmower Race** on July 3rd, **The Taste of Cass County**, **Pioneer Days** in Royal Center, **Farmers Market** twice a week, **4H Fair** and so much more.

OUTDOOR FUN

France Park has a dozen different outdoor activities. There's more than one golf course at your disposal, and upgraded facilities at **Dykeman Golf Course** include a simulator. Cass County also has easy-access kayaking with affordable rentals available. **Logansport Parks Department** has sports and a new disability-accessible playground as well. Hike or bike on the **Panhandle Trail**.

WINTER EVENTS

October brings **Emo Night**, **Ghouls Night Out**, **Civic Players Fall Play**, and at least a dozen different Halloween activities. In November, several high schools present winter theater productions, and the area puts on special events like the **Turkey Trot** run on Thanksgiving, and the jumpstart to **Christmas Lights Galore** which is kicked off with the **Light Up Logansport Parade**. December has events at the **Cass County Historical Society** and local businesses. Be sure and experience the **Twelve Mile Living Nativity** drive-through and lots of lights throughout the county.



TWELVE MILE LIVING NATIVITY

UNWIND

You can also unwind quietly in our little cities with coffee, wine, pizza and locally crafted beers, shopping, a variety of diverse restaurants, and our cozy hotels and individual lodging options.

Logansport also participates in DORA. Get a drink from your favorite downtown spot and you can carry it with you anywhere within the DORA designated area to visit other businesses and events going on.



SOUTHEAST REGION

Franklin County

MORE THAN A VISIT - IT'S AN EXPERIENCE



BIKING ON THE DAM



METAMORA GRIST MILL



WET WOLFIES



BROOKVILLE LAKE

YOUR ULTIMATE STAYCATION DESTINATION FRANKLINCOUNTYIN.COM**ANTIQUES, BOUTIQUES, AND UNIQUE FINDS**

Shop, stroll, and discover a vibrant mix of women's boutiques, handcrafted jewelry, antiques, crystals, and distinctive gift shops, each one offering something unexpected. Plan your shopping adventure at FranklinCountyIn.com/shopping. With so much to see, why not stay a little longer? Choose from cozy cottages, scenic cabins, or stylish downtown apartments. Find your perfect place to unwind at the "Stay" tab on FranklinCountyIn.com.

**HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Rich heritage comes to life through three self-guided history tours in **Brookville**, **Metamora**, and **Oldenburg**. In Metamora, step back to the mid-1800s and explore the stories of the families who settled this canal town. Stroll through **Brookville's Historic District**, where a remarkable collection of preserved homes and storefronts tells the story of a thriving early Indiana community. In Oldenburg, known as the "Village of Spires," admire striking 19th-century architecture and landmarks that reflect its proud German roots. Download tour brochures under the "Resources" tab at FranklinCountyIn.com and uncover the history woven through these unforgettable towns.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, this region offers endless ways to connect with nature. Hike or bike along **Brookville Lake's** scenic multi-use trails, or enjoy a peaceful walk beside the **Whitewater River** on the **Whitewater Canal Trail**, where bald eagles are known to nest. Cast a line for early morning fishing, or paddle your way through a relaxing afternoon of canoeing or kayaking on the river or lake. For a truly unforgettable experience, visit **Wolf Creek Habitat** for an up-close wolf encounter or simply watch these animals from a respectful distance. Start planning your outdoor escape by clicking the "Explore" tab at FranklinCountyIn.com.

**FOOD AND DRINK**

Rooted in both its agricultural traditions and rich German heritage, this area serves up a dining experience that's as authentic as it is delicious. Locally owned restaurants, cozy diners, and welcoming pubs offer everything from the region's famous fried chicken dinners to juicy burgers, wood-fired pizzas, and hearty homestyle meals. Add to the flavor with a visit to one of our two charming wineries or the local craft brewery, each offering a unique setting to sample the fruits of passionate, small-batch makers. Explore all your options under the "Eat" tab at FranklinCountyIn.com.





EAST REGION

Indiana's East Region

TOO MUCH FUN FOR JUST ONE DAY



DEKALB COUNTY



RICHMOND/WAYNE COUNTY



JAY COUNTY



FORT WAYNE

EXPLORE INDIANA'S EAST REGION VISITEASTERNINDIANA.COM

Plan your next Staycation getaway in Indiana's East Region, where you'll experience bigger city attractions, small town charm, historic destinations, diverse culinary scenes, museums, and unexpected surprises!

FORT WAYNE

Fun and adventure might be closer than you think with a staycation in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

From the downtown experience to hidden gems around town, there are opportunities for outdoor adventures and cozy indoor activities for everyone to enjoy, including the kids!

VisitFortWayne.com



ANDERSON MADISON COUNTY

Madison County is full of diverse attractions, from Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino, to the World's Largest Ball of Paint. You'll also discover a vibrant art scene, small town charm, outdoor adventure, and a tasty local culinary scene.

VisitAndersonMadisonCounty.com



DEKALB COUNTY

Visit DeKalb County, Indiana, where visitors relish classic cars, festivals, wineries, and museums. Explore four automotive museums, including the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, and annual events like the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival and Auction.

VisitDekalb.org

GRANT COUNTY

Grant County, Indiana, is home to iconic landmarks such as the birthplace of James Dean, the Garfield comic strip, and the Quilters Hall of Fame. The county features rich history, vibrant communities, and scenic landscapes.

ShowMeGrantCounty.com



RICHMOND / WAYNE COUNTY

Savor local flavors on the Heartland Wine & Ale Trail and the FREE Chocolate Trail. Explore 100+ towering murals, discover inspiring museums, and browse your way through Indiana's Antique Alley. Cap it all off with outdoor fun, from Thistlethwaite Falls and hiking to mountain biking, kayaking, and a visit to Indiana's Highest Point.

VisitRichmond.org



NOBLE COUNTY



KOSCIUSKO COUNTY



WABASH COUNTY MUSEUM



GRANT COUNTY



HENRY COUNTY



ANDERSON MADISON COUNTY



MUNCIE/DELAWARE COUNTY



HENRY COUNTY

Basketball fans love Henry County. Get to know the game's legends at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Experience the nostalgia of the movie "Hoosiers" at the Hoosier Gym. Catch a game at the New Castle Fieldhouse. Henry County also boasts charming shops and delightful restaurants.

HoopsInHenry.com



KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

With over 100 lakes and 11 trail systems, Kosciusko County provides the ultimate outdoor recreation getaway. Discover dreamy lakeside communities and family-friendly attractions while you create lasting memories. Shop at boutiques, hunt for antiques, and discover hand-crafted items while you're here. The place to visit is clearly Kosciusko!

VisitKosciuskoCounty.org



NOBLE COUNTY

With a state park, miles of trails, two award-winning golf courses, nature preserves, and over 117 lakes Noble County will give you space to relax and be rejuvenated. Visit our museums, animal sanctuary, organic farms, wineries, breweries, or public art displays to experience our welcoming community and bask in all the perks small towns have to offer.

VisitNobleCounty.org



JAY COUNTY

Top events include Chainsaw Carving Invitational, Vintage Motor Bike Show, and Tri-State Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Show. Visit Arts Place for quality arts, education, exhibits, and performances. Get outdoors and explore nature preserves, play Frisbee Golf in Hudson Park, or walk the park's trails.

VisitJayCounty.com



MUNCIE /DELAWARE COUNTY

Explore Delaware County's Cardinal Greenway, White River, and Prairie Creek Reservoir. Experience the Muncie Children's Museum, National Model Aviation Museum, Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, and David Owsley Museum of Art. Discover the Rinard Greenhouse, Brown Planetarium, Garfield Trail, Bob Ross Experience, Muncie Civic Theatre and so much more.

DestinationMuncie.org



WABASH COUNTY MUSEUM

The Wabash County Museum is a 20,000 square foot state-of-the-art historical museum located in beautiful downtown Wabash, IN. The museum features 100+ exhibits, an enormous indoor educational play center, and family friendly programming year round.

WabashMuseum.org





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Grant County

CLASSIC COOL FUN!



JAMES DEAN MUSEUM



IVANHOE'S



HOSTESS HOUSE



GAS CITY BREWING CO.



OLD OAK INN

LEARN MORE BY VISITING SHOWMEGRANTCOUNTY.COM

Grant County is home to nifty attractions, outtasight events, and rebellious celebrities. Whether it's saddle shoes, cars, James Dean, motorcycles or Garfield, we love everything classic and cool. Marion, Gas City, Fairmount and our other towns are chock-full of nostalgic goodies and memorable sights.

MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

The **James Dean Museum** in Fairmount houses Jimmy's motorcycles, car, the Winslow farm tractor, and a plethora of James Dean's belongings that have never before been displayed. The **Quilters Hall of Fame** in Marion is a nonprofit organization that celebrates the art of quilting. It documents the lives of those who have made outstanding contributions through exhibitions, education, publications, research, collections, and documentation. The organization is international in scope, encompassing the United States and the United Kingdom.

The **Obadiah Jones Cabin** is the first log cabin in Jonesboro, purchased by Obadiah Jones in 1834 and is the site of the annual **Old Settlers' Day Festival**. Visitors can step inside to experience a glimpse of pioneer life. The **Marion Public Library** houses a large display of artifacts memorabilia from the history of Grant County. Exhibits include a 1952 Crosley Super Sport car, which was produced in Marion. The fascinating history of Jonesboro is on display each weekend at the **Jonesboro Historical Society Museum**. The museum highlights the town's founding, growth, and local families through artifacts, photographs, and documents. Exhibits also showcase the community's role in early industry, education, and daily life, giving visitors a closer look at the heritage of this Grant County town.

FOOD AND DRINK

From cozy coffee shops & sweet treats to full pub-grub and quick bites, Grant County's dining scene has something for every appetite. Explore local flavor, family favorites, and hidden gems to satisfy your cravings while visiting the area. The **Hostess House** is a beautifully restored historical house that is on the National Historic Register. Luncheon menu includes a selection of soups, sandwiches, sides, salads, and specialties. Scrumptious desserts include their famous homemade pies, apple dumplings, and a variety of desserts. Visit **Peggy's Boutique** on the second floor to shop for wonderful and unique gifts.

Gas City Brewing is a locally-owned brewery in the heart of Gas City where visitors can enjoy a rotating selection of beers on tap, including IPAs, stouts, and seasonal specialties, all brewed with care. The welcoming atmosphere makes it a favorite spot to relax with friends or meet new ones over a pint. **Bad Dad Brewing** is Grant County's first nano-brewery, located in Fairmount, and offering beers on tap including pale ales, browns, blondes, and citrus IPAs. Guests can enjoy a pint, flight, or growler to go, along with appetizers and brick oven pizza made from scratch with fresh toppings.

Ivanhoe's is famous for their menu of more than 100 milkshakes and 100 sundaes. **Milk and Honey Coffee Co.** is a locally owned coffee shop in Converse, known for roasting its own beans in-house for the freshest flavor. More than just a place to grab a cup, it's a welcoming spot where friends gather.

LODGING

Find the perfect place to stay in Grant County, from cozy inns and charming B&Bs to trusted hotels and budget-friendly options. Enjoy comfortable accommodations close to local attractions, dining, and entertainment. Just steps from Taylor University, **ReJoyce House** is a charming 1930's home that blends historic character with modern comfort, providing a welcoming retreat for up to eight guests. Guests can gather in the bright eat-in kitchen, spacious living and dining rooms, or enjoy the convenience of laundry facilities, WiFi, and cable TV.

Old Oak Inn, a renovated 1903 farmhouse, blends modern convenience with original charm. Guests enjoy four non-smoking rooms with private baths, mini-split climate control, free WiFi, and a hearty farmhouse breakfast. Set on three acres near restaurants and shopping, the inn is just 1.4 miles from Indiana Wesleyan University and 13.4 miles from Taylor University, making it ideal for campus visits and events. The **College Inn Bed and Breakfast** is a charming 10-room inn in Marion, just a short walk from Indiana Wesleyan University and directly across from College Wesleyan Church. Known as a "home away from home," it offers a relaxing space for parents, students, and business travelers alike.

The **Brick House Upland**, located across the street from Taylor University, offers a comfortable and welcoming place to stay and relax. This renovated 100-year-old home is filled with history and charm, making it a special setting to enjoy time with family and friends.



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Indiana Glass Trail

LINKING GLASS ARTISTS AND ATTRACTIONS THROUGHOUT EAST CENTRAL INDIANA



KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS



GLASS ART BY ARTIST NANCY KEATING



FORT WAYNE MUSEUM OF ART



WARSAW CUT GLASS



BALL CANNING JARS

LEARN MORE BY VISITING INDIANAGLASSTRAIL.COM

From artist studios and glass blowing demonstrations to glass festivals, museums and classes, to the oldest glassworks in the United States, check out these must-see stops on the Indiana Glass Trail!

Tour **Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory**, the oldest art glass company in the United States, operating in its original location since 1888. Go behind-the-scenes to watch as molten glass is hand-ladled from the 2,500-degree furnace and hand-mixed to create stunning sheets of glass. Factory tours are offered Monday – Saturday (call ahead for reservations.) Purchase glass creations in the **OP Shop** or sign up to take a class. Find glass exhibits at **Greentown Glass Museum** and the **Seiberling Mansion**.

The **Fort Wayne Museum of Art** has opened a new wing for glass sculpture that is one of the finest in the Midwest. The museum's collection of world class glass sculpture numbers over 300, with major works from artists like Harvey Littleton, Martin Blank, Dale Chihuly, and dozens more. Open year-round, with selections changed intermittently.

Muncie has a rich history of glass, starting with the Ball Brothers whose "Ball Canning Jars" became a household name. **Minnetrista Museum & Gardens** has historical Ball Jars in their heritage collection. Watch glass blowing at the **Glick Center for Glass** on the campus of



KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS

Ball State University and visit **Albany Glass Museum** which houses pressed glass patterns from 1893-1903 – its collection includes over 800 pieces.

Glassblower Joe Rice is a third-generation art glass blower and continues the rich St. Clair family tradition. Visit **The House of Glass** in Elwood to find glass paperweights, decorative glass art, collector glass marbles and more. At **Carol's Legacy Crystal Art Glass**, also in Elwood, find family heirlooms and memorial pieces, home décor and lamps. And don't miss the annual **Elwood Glass Festival** held in mid-August.

Warsaw Cut Glass Company is one of the last U.S. companies practicing the art of cutting glass with vintage machinery offering distinctive

hand-cut crystal gifts. You're sure to find a treasure here – goblets, pitchers, platters, and bowls, just to name a few, all in gleaming hand-cut crystal. Watch glasscutters work their magic (by appointment only), then find that perfect piece to take home.

The **Glass Museum** in Dunkirk has over 10,000 pieces of glassware from 110 factories around the world. Explore a variety of its artifacts including pieces from the Sistine Chapel and don't miss the pink chandelier that Carole Lombard had in her home! Today, Indiana's highest-profile functional glassmaker is located in Dunkirk, Ardagh Group, supplying glass bottles to some of the world's leading brands.

Richmond is home to a large collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass windows. The **Reid Center** boasts 62 Tiffany windows and is thought to be one of only ten churches in the country which have all Tiffany windows. You can also view stunning Tiffany windows displayed at **Morrison Reeves Library**.

Carmel Arts & Design District is a premier arts and design destination, home to interior designers, art galleries, antique stores, and a variety of specialty retail shops, such as **Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery**. Visit to find glass artists and the studios displaying their work. They are a few of the many artists featured on the Indiana Glass Trail!



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Kokomo

WE ARE HISTORIC AND INNOVATIVE. LET US SURPRISE YOU.



EXPLORE LOCAL ART



KOKOMO RIVERWALK



AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE



KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS



SEIBERLING MANSION

PLAN YOUR STAY AT VISITKOKOMO.ORG

MADE IN KOKOMO

Only found in Kokomo! Explore these local places that make Kokomo a unique destination.

Tour **Kokomo Opalescent Glass**, the oldest art glass company in America. Experience exquisite art glass that is hand-ladled and rolled from a 2,500-degree furnace. Public factory tours are offered on Monday-Saturday (reservations are required.) At the **OP Shop**, find local handmade gifts all from glass made in Kokomo.

Elwood Haynes invented the first commercially successful gasoline powered automobile in the United States in 1894. Visit the **Elwood Haynes Museum** where his former Kokomo home now houses a collection of his inventions and historic automobiles.

Step into an era of elegance and grandeur at the **Seiberling Mansion** (home of the Howard County Museum) featuring stunning architectural design and beautiful hand-carved woodwork throughout.

Stop in Highland Park to see **Old Ben** – the world's largest steer. And don't miss the giant **KokoMantis** sculpture in downtown Kokomo.

Indulge your sweet tooth with handmade chocolates, cakes, dips and jams at **J. Edwards Gourmet**. Choose from a large selection of popcorn flavors, candy and homemade fudge at **Popcorn Café**.

Kokomo's food scene is buzzing with great options ranging from hand-cut steaks and house-smoked BBQ to outrageous burgers and a growing selection of international fare.

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN

Downtown Kokomo is set against a backdrop of historic buildings and cool public art spaces.

Along with boutique shops, restaurants, and breweries, you'll also find art around every corner, including art alleys, murals, indoor and outdoor galleries, and even a sculpture walk. **Koko-Go Free Ride** offers a free bike share program (open seasonally) to explore the downtown area.

Check out **"Geek Street"** to find an entire block of unique treasures including vintage toys, comic books, trading cards and games, used books and more.

Black Wax

Café may be the coolest record store you'll find in the Midwest with a huge selection of new and used records, turntables, and variety of seasonal drinks and locally roasted coffee.

Catch a baseball game at **Kokomo Municipal Stadium**, free concerts in **Foster Park** or the **Kokomo Riverwalk Amphitheater**, and family fun during **First Fridays**.



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

From music and art to food and sports, Kokomo is a city that celebrates its rich history and vibrant culture with a variety of festivals and events throughout the year.

Strawberry Festival ushers in the start of summer with giant strawberry shortcakes along with food trucks, kid's activities, and an Artsapalooza Art Market. Indulge in decadent chocolate treats at **Chocolate Celebration**, Kokomo's sweetest event of the year!

Haynes Apperson Festival is held annually in the summer celebrating the city's rich automotive heritage with a parade, car shows, live music, sports, carnival rides, and more.

Enjoy a weekend of bluegrass during the annual **Winding Creek Music Festival**, with four days of America's best bluegrass bands and workshops.

Kokomo offers a wide variety of performing arts including live theater and live music at various venues around the city. Experience free music all summer long at the **Kokomo Summer Concert Series** and **Riverwalk Concert Series**.

You'll find plenty of family fun at the **Howard County Fair**, one of the largest county fairs in Indiana, and **First Fridays** in downtown Kokomo with fun monthly themes, art, music, and family activities. Check out our calendar for year-round events!



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Noble County

EXPLORE, SHOP, EAT, AND RELAX DURING YOUR NOBLE STAYCATION!



CHAIN O LAKES, SAND LAKE



BLACK PINE



SYLVAN LAKE



WINDMILLS



TIGER, BLACK PINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS, VISIT VISITNOBLECOUNTY.ORG

Explore, shop, eat, and relax during your Noble Staycation!

Whether returning home to Noble County, driving in from another Northern Indiana county, or exploring within the county, consider an Airbnb or VRBO experience on one of **Noble's 117 lakes!** Short term rentals in your own backyard provide an opportunity to see the best of Noble County at very affordable prices! While Exploring Noble County, whether your first or one hundredth time, we recommend these classic visitor experiences we think you and your family will not want to miss! We also share some insight into a few "hidden gems".



ANNIE OAKLEY NATURAL PERFUMERY

NOBLE' CLASSICS:

- Annie Oakley Natural Perfumery
- Black Pine Animal Sanctuary
- Chain O Lake State Park
- Gene Stratton Porter State Historic Site
- The Mid America Windmill Museum
- The Historic Strand Theater & Alley
- The Noble County Mural Trail

NOBLE'S HIDDEN GEMS:

- ACRES nature preserves
- Black Creek Ridge Flower Farm
- Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center
- Ligonier Visitor Center and Heritage Museum
- The Old Jail Musuem



GENE STRATTON PORTER

NOBLE'S COFFEE SCENE:

Discover the cozy charm and rich flavors of Noble County's coffee spots! Start your morning at **The Fox Den in Albion**, where heavenly coffee, tea, and one-of-a-kind baked goods await. Nestled near the historic courthouse square, it's the perfect spot to catch up with friends over seasonal lattes or classic favorites. Feeling like more caffeine or a hearty meal? Head over to **Grounded Coffee House** in historic downtown Ligonier. Known for its expertly crafted espresso drinks, smoothies, and frappes, Grounded pairs perfectly with their freshly baked goods, paninis, soups, and salads. Every selection is as delicious as it is photogenic!

Want to mix it up with a unique tea experience? **Sower House**

Shoppe & Tea Room offers an inviting blend of coffee, specialty teas, homemade baked treats, and charming gifts. Whether you're stopping by for a relaxing tea or picking up something special for a friend, it's a destination that delights all the senses. From casual coffee dates to brunch with friends, Noble County's local cafés offer something for everyone—warm drinks, tasty bites, and a welcoming atmosphere that keeps you coming back for more.



FOX DEN COFFEE



SOWER HOUSE SHOPPE & TEA ROOM



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Richmond/Wayne County

ONE COOL GETAWAY



FIREHOUSE BBQ & BLUES



WARM GLOW CANDLE COMPANY



THISTLETWAITE FALLS



DEPOT DISTRICT

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLAN YOUR WEEKEND VISITRICHMONDIN.ORG

DAY 1

Tour the awe-inspiring **Levi Coffin House**, and make time to stroll through the **Historic Depot District**.



LEVI AND CATHARINE COFFIN HOUSE

DAY 2

Kids will enjoy spending the morning on the **Enchanted Fairy Trail**. In the afternoon, head to the slopes for snowtubing or **Hayes Arboretum** for a frosty hike.



HAYES ARBORETUM

Follow footsteps to freedom at the **Levi & Catharine Coffin House & Interpretive Center** and learn how the Coffins' ushered more than 1,000 freedom seekers to safety. At the **Model T Museum**, revel in a fine collection of Model T Fords from 1908-1927. Stop by the **Wayne County Historical Museum** to soak up local and world history from an Egyptian mummy and Egyptian room full of artifacts to early Richmond-made cars, and an array of international collections. Stare down dinosaurs at the **Joseph Moore Museum of Natural History** full of prehistoric mammals including the most complete fossilized beaver in the world.

Wayne County has deep roots in arts and music. Immerse yourself in classic and contemporary masterpieces at the **Richmond Art Museum**. Visit **Gennett Records Walk of Fame** to uncover the story of how Richmond's one-room recording studio shaped the music scene. Then, embark on a journey to check out 100+ towering **murals**.

Throughout the county, you'll find an eclectic selection of shops and boutiques including **Warm Glow Candle Company**. You'll easily recognize this 20,000-square-foot shopping mecca, just off I-70 in Centerville, but the world's largest candle sitting in front of the store. **Cambridge City**, located in the heart of Indiana's Antique Alley, is home to 10 quality antique shops and malls, beautifully restored homes, and cozy eateries.

If invigorating wintertime adventure is your style, bundle up, and head to **Valley's Edge Snow Tubing** or the **Predator's Zone** for some adrenaline-pumping paintball. Bring your skis along, because the **Cardinal Greenway** boasts a well-marked, un-groomed 62-mile path. For a more tranquil experience, enjoy birding and hiking at **Cope Environmental Center** or **Hayes Arboretum**, where you can also rent snowshoes for a unique way to explore the winter landscape.

Wayne County is one of the sweetest places you can explore! Our free **Chocolate Trail** takes you to over 12 stops including **Abbott's Candies** factory, bakeries, ice cream parlor, Amish market, coffee house, and winery.

Local eateries take your dining experience seriously. Head to **Firehouse BBQ & Blues** for some award-winning grub. The **Cordial Cork Restaurant & Wine Bar** is an innovative foodie destination where creative entrees and modern culinary techniques take center stage. **Galo's Italian Grill** serves a variety of delicious cuisine. **No. 9 Grill** specializes in sizzling steaks and burgers. Tasty wings, tenderloin sandwiches, and pizza are served at **Legend's**, Wayne County's oldest tavern dating back to 1858.

Make Wayne County an overnight getaway! You'll find welcoming accommodations ranging from lofts, cabins, and cottages to hotels, and campgrounds.

DAY 3

Soak up some culture at the **Historical Museum, Art Museum, Overbeck Art Pottery Museum**, and the **Coffin House**.



RICHMOND ART MUSEUM

DAY 4

Spend the day on the free **Chocolate Trail**, shopping along **Antique Alley**, and taking in area unique shops and boutiques.



ABBOTT'S CANDIES FACTORY



EAST REGION

Shipshewana/LaGrange County

THE HEART OF AMISH COUNTRY



TEABERRY BASKET MAKING



BLUE GATE RESTAURANT & BAKERY



FARMSTEAD INN



RIVERWOOD CANDLE



BLUE GATE PERFORMING ARTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PLAN YOUR STAY IN SHIPSHEWANA HEAD TO VISITSHIPSHEWANA.ORG. CENTRALLY LOCATED, SHIPSHEWANA IS JUST TWO HOURS FROM CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, AND DETROIT.

ROMANTIC AMISH COUNTRY ADVENTURES FOR COUPLES IN SHIPSHEWANA

Imagine snuggling up with your partner, nestled close in the back of a horse-drawn carriage as you take the backroads through stunning scenery, Amish farmlands, and serene country views. With a tray of locally made candy, fudge, or meat and cheese in hand, sit back and enjoy a peaceful and romantic getaway in the Heart of Amish Country, Shipshewana.

COZY STAYS & WARM HOSPITALITY

Begin your adventure to Shipshewana, by booking a charming escape to a premier hotel or cozy Airbnb. The **Blue Gate Garden Inn** or **Farmstead Inn** welcomes you with small-town warmth and comfort. While those seeking a more private retreat can book Airbnbs tucked along quiet country roads for evenings to unwind together.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES TO SHARE

Couples can savor hearty Amish-style dinners at the **Blue Gate Restaurant**, complete with homemade noodles, roast chicken, and fresh-baked pies. Stop into **Shipshewana Popcorn** for dozens of popcorn flavors or head to **Yoder's Meat & Cheese** for cubes of cheddar and bite sized cravings, perfect for strolling hand-in-hand while sampling flavors unique to Amish Country.

WINTERTIME WONDER

The **Icy and Spicy Ice Festival** is the best way to warm up when the chill blows in. Pick up a commemorative Ice Fest pin (\$20 cash) to enjoy fiery wing flavors Friday January 16 and delicious chili on Saturday January 17. During both days you can explore downtown to discover live ice carving and treasures together, whether hunting for keepsakes at **Riverwood Pottery**, making a basket together at **Teaberry Wood Products**, or shopping the four-story **Davis Mercantile**.

Discover the **Heartland Handmade Chocolate Trail** all February as you collect sweet treats at locally-owned shops. Fill up on chocolate treats, then head to your room to enjoy together. Pack your matching PJs for **Pajama Day** February 7 for discounts, deals, and bargains as you shop locally crafted gifts for one another.

PLAYFUL ADVENTURES & ENTERTAINMENT

Couples looking for fun will find plenty of options. Challenge each other to disc golf at **Delt Church Park** or mini golf at **Shipshe Pizza & Mini-Golf**. In the evenings, enjoy live entertainment at the **Blue Gate Performing Arts Center**, where concerts, musicals, and nationally known performers create unforgettable nights.

A DESTINATION MADE FOR TWO

Shipshewana is more than a getaway, it's an experience of simplicity, romance, and discovery. Discover new things about each other, expand your horizons, and put down the phone to spend quality time with one another at the Heart of Amish Country.

DAY 1

Stop by the **Shipshewana Visitors Center** for local tips and maps! Grab the free Off the Beaten Path audio driving tour plus a coupon book for sweet deals on gifts for each other.

Then head to the four-story shopping center **Davis Mercantile** to shop for treats, presents, and share a pretzel at **JoJo's Pretzels**.

DAY 2

Visit Antique Auction (Wednesdays only, year-round) to bid on antique treasures. Live out your Disney dreams on an enchanting buggy ride through town. Head to **Yoder's Red Barn Shoppes** to shop handmade jewelry for her and outdoor apparel for him. Eat a warm, comfort meal at the **Blue Gate** before a live concert or Amish musical at the PAC or Theatre.

DAY 3

Sleep in and snuggle before enjoying a warm breakfast. Don't forget to indulge in locally made cinnamon rolls from **Country Lane Bakery** or the popular Amish "crack" (a cinnamon-sugar delight) donuts at **Rise & Roll Bakery**.

Pickup a dozen cookies at the Blue Gate Bakery, a warm and toasty coffee at Kitchen Cupboard, and a bag of freshly popped popcorn to share at Shipshewana Popcorn before heading home.



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Wells County

OUR HIDDEN GEM ON THE BANKS OF THE WABASH. WHERE WILL #WANDERINGWELLSCOUNTY TAKE YOU?



AMERICAN SALVAGE



OUABACHE STATE PARK



PARLOR CITY PLAZA



BUMMIE'S DRIVE-IN



DASH-90 WINES

WANDER WELLS WITH US! PLAN YOUR TRIP BY VISITING VISITWELLSCOUNTY.COM / LOCATED 35 MINUTES SOUTH OF FORT WAYNE ON IN-SR1.

On the Banks of the Wabash River sits a hidden gem that locals simply call 'The State Park' due to the historically conflicting pronunciation of "Ouabache."

Ouabache State Park is home to a herd of bison, a restored fire tower, Kunkel Lake beachfront, and a variety of trails to explore. For a more serene and secluded nature hike visit **Acres Along the Wabash**, or the Native Habitat Waterway along the **River Greenway**. The River Greenway's paved path is a scenic travel route for easy access to Historic Downtown Bluffton—perfect for summer bike rides. Family-friendly free concerts held at **Parlor City Plaza** or **Kehoe Park** out-door venues. We welcome you to wander Wells County and stay awhile with us!



FRIDAY

For a quick stop before you shop, the drive thru at **The Crimson House** and a fresh **Heyerly's Bakery Donut**, an Ossian staple since 1931, is the perfect pairing. Right around the corner is **Rod's Rustics & Leaf & Lore** with one-of-a-kind finds. If a leisurely pace is more for you, start your morning in Historic Downtown Bluffton with **Hugh's Coffeehouse & Bakery** for a seasonal coffee flight with friends. Bustling with boutiques like **The Broken Vessel Sign Co.**, **Magnolia Grace Boutique**, **The Farmhouse Merc**, **Fraction Apparel & Home**, **American Salvage** just to name a few. While in Downtown, grab a late lunch at **Unique Blue Bar & Grill** with mouth-watering drinks and food specials each week.



SATURDAY

The sprawling **Markle Exit**

286 Antique Mall is known as the 'Wunderkammer of the Wabash' and will require at least half a day to explore over 100 dealers and 30k square feet of relics and antiquities. Take a break from your shopping and fill your appetite at **Bummie's Drive-In** with old fashioned root beer, coney dogs, and onion rings (cash only). For 21+ **The Parlor City Brewing Company**, Bluffton's nano-brewery, offers a seasonal food menu—bread pudding, pretzels with beer cheese, or 'The Sweats' pizza are a few of the local favorites. More of a wine-o? **Dash-90 Wines** is located just on the southern border of the county offering their very own wine selection along with light bites, live music, and food trucks.



SEASONAL

- History buffs can learn more about the roots of piano manufacturing, The Deam Oak, E.B. Williamson Iris Farms, Bluffton Free Street Fair and more at the **Wells County Historical Museum**. The museum is open by appointment outside of usual seasonal hours. Visit wchs-museum.org to learn more.
- Stauffer Farms Fall Fest** features an abundance of artisan vendors, pumpkins, beverages and activities for kids - open seasonally with spring plants, christmas trees and more!
- Bluffton Free Street Fair** is the longest standing fair in Indiana—since 1898
- Parlor City Christmas** the "Hallmark movie come to life" in Downtown Bluffton includes a live nativity, trolley rides, reindeer, goodie walk, shopping fair and SO much more.
- The **Wells County Creative Arts Council** showcases seasonal ballet and theater productions sure to put a sparkle in your eyes.

Full Events Calendar: visitwellscounty/events



CENTRAL REGION

Boone County

DISCOVER SMALL TOWN CHARM AND BIG EXPERIENCES



SUGAR CREEK ART CENTER



DULL'S TREE FARM



BIG-4 TRAIL



BRICK STREET MARKET



STONE EATER

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ZIONSVILLE

Zionsville's brick-paved **Main Street** is one of Indiana's most picturesque destinations, filled with boutique shops, art galleries, and cozy cafés. Visitors can enjoy patio dining, browse local stores, or take part in seasonal events like **Brick Street Market**, **Street Dance**, and **Christmas in the Village**.

The town is also known for its outstanding parks, offering fishing, mountain biking, pickleball, and miles of wooded paths. The **Big-4 Trail** provides a beautiful, tree-lined route through town, and in 2026 the 215-acre **Carpenter Nature Preserve** will open as a major new outdoor attraction.



DOWNTOWN ZIONSVILLE

LEBANON

Lebanon blends historic charm with modern recreation. **Downtown Lebanon's Historic District** of beautifully preserved buildings are home to local shops and restaurants that surround the 115-year-old **Boone County Courthouse**. Adventure seekers can head to **Stone Eater Bike Park**,

where technical trails and an all-weather loop welcome riders of all abilities. Lebanon also hosts popular annual events throughout the year such as **Boone County Summer Fest**, **Mischief on Meridian** around Halloween, and **Christmas on the Square**, complete with lights, a parade, and classic holiday charm.



DOWNTOWN LEBANON

WHITESTOWN

Whitestown continues to grow while maintaining a friendly, community-focused atmosphere. Its parks and trails, including its connection to the Big-4 Trail, make it easy to enjoy the outdoors.

Local favorites like **Moontown Brewing Company**, **L.A. Café**, and **Hattie's Coffee House** provide great spots to gather with friends. Whitestown is also known for its events, especially the **Whitestown Viking Fest** with reenactments, artisan vendors, and themed activities, as well as the lively **Whitestown Summer Concert Series** that fills warm evenings with music and fun.



WHITESTOWN VIKING FEST

THORNTOWN

Thorntown offers a charming escape into rural adventures. The **Sugar Creek Art Center** showcases local and regional artists through exhibits, classes, and community programs. Each fall, the **Festival of the Turning Leaves** brings art, food, music, and classic small-town festivities to the heart of town. Nearby, **Dull's Tree Farm** is a seasonal favorite with its fall pumpkin patch, corn maze, and family-friendly Christmas tree traditions.

JAMESTOWN & ADVANCE

Jamestown provides a relaxed small-town atmosphere, highlighted by the annual **Jamestown Apple Festival** in beautiful **Pleasant Acres Park**. Nearby, Advance offers rural charm of its own and is home to **Jawbone BBQ**, a local favorite, as well as an **RC course** in the park, popular with racing enthusiasts.



INDY METRO REGION

Carmel

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR TO REALLY GET AWAY,
ENJOY A STAYCATION IN CARMEL FOR A FUN WINTER ESCAPE.



HOTEL CARMICHAEL



ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT



MIDTOWN



FEINSTEIN'S

PLAN YOUR DAY WITH ONE OF MANY ATTRACTIONS ONLY CARMEL CAN OFFER:

HOTEL CARMICHAEL

Hotel Carmichael, Indiana's only Autograph Collection Hotel offers an immersive boutique hotel experience in the heart of Carmel in City Center. Featuring classic décor, rich furnishings and luxurious accents, Hotel Carmichael's 122 refined rooms and suites set the stage for an enchanting stay. The hotel's Vivante Restaurant & Bar, features a delightful, seasonably tailored menu. This winter, escape the cold but enjoy the outdoors in your own heated, private Winter Chalet at Vivante. Each chalet comfortably accommodates up to six guests, making it perfect for small gatherings. Visit HotelCarmichael.com to book your reservation.



RETAIL AND RESTAURANT DISTRICTS

Whether you book a weekend, visit for the day or call Carmel home, the city has much to offer in the way of retail and restaurant experiences.

ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT

Beyond shopping, the Arts & Design District invites visitors to immerse themselves in the local art scene. Galleries showcase a diverse range of artwork, from paintings and sculptures to photography and mixed media. Art lovers can explore the latest exhibitions or purchase original pieces to adorn their homes. To warm up after a day of shopping and exploring, visitors can savor delicious cuisine at one of the district's many restaurants. CarmelArtsAndDesign.com



CARMEL CAFFEINE TRAIL

If it's cold bubbly boba tea or cozy hot coffee, we have plenty of stops to choose from along Carmel's Caffeine Trail. An array of shops and restaurants will pour anything from a dark, in-house roast to a signature small-batch cold brew made exactly the way you like it. Celebrate the art of caffeine with a java, hot tea, latte or cold boba tea at one of our cafes with gourmet choices for coffee and tea lovers alike. CarmelCaffeineTrail.com



MIDTOWN

In the chill of winter, Midtown remains a vibrant hub of activity. While the outdoor spaces may be less inviting, residents and visitors alike can find a cozy glass hut to get away from the cold, perfect for sipping a warm beverage and enjoying a culinary delight from one of the area dining establishments. Bundle up, grab a friend, and explore all that this lively district has to offer.

CARMEL CITY CENTER

Whether you're seeking a romantic evening out, a family-friendly outing, or a solo shopping spree, Carmel City Center has something for everyone. Indulge your taste buds at one of the many restaurants that call Carmel City Center home. After dinner, explore the unique boutiques and shops, where you can find one-of-a-kind gifts for loved ones or treat yourself to something special. CarmelCityCenter.com





INDY METRO REGION

Westfield

OUR CITY WAS MADE FOR THE WEEKEND!



WINTER MARKET



RIVET COFFEE BAR AND ROASTERY



NYLA'S



GRINDSTONE ON THE MONON

WEEKEND IN WESTFIELD

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Arrive in Westfield and check in at the **Hampton Inn Westfield** (17400 Wheeler Road) located off State Road 32 and U.S. 31. Once you're settled in, take a short walk to local favorite **Grindstone on the Monon** for seasonal drinks, delicious menus, and ambiance near the fireplace. Interested in a night cap? Head on over to **Four Finger Distillery** (120 Camilla Court, Suite A) located near the heart of downtown **Westfield** and **Grand Junction Plaza**.



FOUR FINGER DISTILLERY

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Before the day is out, head over to the **Wandering Peacock** (227 Jersey Street) for a hands-on pottery experience that's perfect for groups of all ages and skill levels. Afterwards, visit **Becky the Baker** (203 Jersey Street) just a couple doors down for a sweet treat—we recommend the made-from-scratch flavored marshmallows and delicious pies! Cap off the evening on **Park Street**, home to multiple award-winning restaurants including **Chiba**, **The Italian House**, and **Nyla's**. You can't go wrong no matter what your group is craving!



BECKY THE BAKER

SATURDAY MORNING:

Start your Saturday off right by getting a caffeine boost at **RIVET Coffee Bar and Roastery** (337 Jersey Street) before heading north to the **Westfield Winter Market** (9 a.m. to noon) inside **West Fork Whiskey Co.** (10 E. 191st Street). After you've filled your bags with goods from local vendors, growers, and artisans, stay warm by visiting **The Mash House**, West Fork Whiskey Company's on-site restaurant for a hearty brunch!



WINTER MARKET

SUNDAY:

Begin your final day in Westfield with a visit to **Everbowl**, located at **The Union** (170 Jersey Street, Suite 170), where the city's first parking garage is also located. If you're feeling adventurous, take a free first-timer class at **Pure Barre Westfield**. Before you officially hit the road, fuel up at **Wawa** (393 W Tournament Trail).



EVERBOWL



SOUTH-CENTRAL INDIANA

Bloomington

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES.



BUSKIRK-CHUMLEY THEATER



OLIVER WINERY



INDIANA UNIVERSITY SAMPLE GATES



GRADUATE BY HILTON BLOOMINGTON



THE ELM RESTAURANT

PLAN YOUR TRIP AT VISITBLOOMINGTON.COM

Bloomington, Indiana, is a vibrant college town where natural beauty, global culture, and small-town warmth converge. Home to Indiana University and surrounded by rolling hills and forested trails, it offers an unexpected blend of sophistication and adventure. Whether you're here for a weekend getaway or a longer escape, Bloomington invites you to slow down, explore, and savor every moment.

SHOPPING

Independent shops thrive here, giving visitors a chance to take home something truly unique. Browse artisan-made goods and Indiana-inspired gifts at **Gather :Handmade Shoppe & Co.**; discover curated homewares at **Goods for Cooks**, or gear up for your next outdoor adventure at **J.L. Waters & Co.** Each independently owned shop reflects Bloomington's creative spirit and community-driven ethos.



DINING

Bloomington's culinary reputation is built on diversity and locally sourced flavor. Enjoy refined, seasonal dishes at **The Elm**, dig into brick oven pizza perfection at **Lennie's**, or explore global cuisine along East 4th Street, also known as **International Row**. Together, they showcase the city's commitment to creativity and authenticity on every plate.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Nature lovers will find endless ways to explore. Hike through the rugged beauty of the **Charles C. Deam Wilderness**, climb the **Hickory Ridge Fire Tower** for panoramic views, or take a pontoon out on **Monroe Lake**, Indiana's largest body of water. The city's surrounding forests, lakes, and parks make outdoor adventure accessible year-round.



MUSIC

Bloomington's music scene is both eclectic and deeply rooted. Catch national touring acts and local talent at **The Bluebird**, experience an underground performance at **Blockhouse Bar**, or enjoy a one-of-a-kind show at the historic **Buskirk-Chumley Theater**. The variety ensures there's always a soundtrack to your visit.



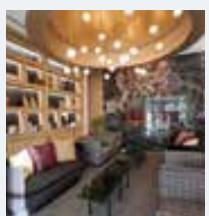
ARTS & CULTURE

Creativity and global perspective shape Bloomington's cultural scene. Discover world-spanning collections at the **Eskenazi Museum of Art**, dive into rare books and literary treasures at the **Lilly Library**, or, for a unique cultural experience, visit the **Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center**, a peaceful monastery founded to share Tibetan heritage, architecture, and spiritual tradition. Together, these institutions showcase the depth and diversity that make Bloomington a true cultural destination.



STAY

From boutique charm to modern elegance, Bloomington's lodging options offer comfort and character in the heart of the city. **The Graduate by Hilton Bloomington** blends collegiate nostalgia with contemporary style just steps from campus, while **Grant Street Inn** delivers a warm, historic bed-and-breakfast experience beloved by visitors and locals alike. The city's newest addition, **POSH on Kirkwood**, brings a sleek, upscale stay to Bloomington's iconic main corridor. These stays offer inviting home bases that make exploring Bloomington as effortless as it is unforgettable.





SOUTH-CENTRAL INDIANA

Brown County

ESCAPE COMES NATURALLY



THE BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK SADDLE BARN



BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK



LAWRENCE FAMILY GLASS BLOWERS



THE BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE



EXPLORE BROWN COUNTY

PLAN YOUR NEXT GETAWAY AT BROWNCOUNTY.COM

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Looking for a place where everyone in the family can have fun? **Brown**

County State Park, Indiana's largest, spans nearly 16,000 acres of ridges, ravines, and forest—perfect for a day of fresh air and adventure.

Hit the 30 miles of award-winning mountain biking trails, stroll family-friendly hiking paths, or let the horses at the saddle barn do the work. Don't forget to snap photos at the scenic vistas and share them with **#BC7VistaChallenge**, post all seven and stop by the Visitor Center in downtown Nashville for a special gift!

But that's just the start. Brown County has trails, parks, and activities for everyone: hiking, biking, horseback riding, ziplining, kayaking, paddleboarding, disc golf, paintball, and so much more. There's something for every age and energy level, perfect for a family getaway.

Visit **Browncounty.com** and download our *Outdoor Adventure Guide* for more information.



EVENTS & FESTIVALS

No matter the season, Brown County is alive with festivals and events that make any staycation unforgettable. Start the year with the **Brown County Ukulele Fest** in January, toast spring at the **Indiana Wine Fair** or the **American Bean Jamboree** in May and soak up summer music at **Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Festival**, **Happy Hill Fest**, the **Indiana State Fingerstyle Guitar Festival**, and **Chamberfest**.

Fall brings big favorites like **The Brown County Epic** in September and the free, self-guided **Brown County Studio Tour** and **Quafftoberfest** in October. As winter nears, enjoy the **Chocolate Walk** in November and

the festive **Christkindl Market** in December. **Hard Truth Distillery Co.**, **The Brown County Music Center**, & **The Brown County Playhouse** also hosts events all year long.

From music and art to food and fun, Brown County offers a full calendar of celebrations perfect for every type of traveler. Check out our events calendar to plan your next trip.

ARTS & CULTURE

Brown County has long been known as an artists' colony, a reputation that dates to the early 1900s when painters were drawn to its rolling hills, natural light, and rustic beauty. The **Brown County Art Colony**, shaped by influential artists like T.C. Steele, became one of the most significant art colonies in the Midwest. That creative spirit continues today through active studios and galleries, including the historic **Brown County Art Gallery**, celebrating its 100th anniversary, as well as through workshops, classes, and public art that invite visitors to explore their own creativity. With a thriving community of makers, painters, potters, woodworkers, and craftspeople, Brown County continues to embrace and celebrate its rich artistic heritage.

SHOPPING & DINING

Looking for a day that has something for everyone? Brown County is more than a mall or online shopping. Stroll cozy boutiques, explore quirky specialty shops, and hunt for hidden treasures, all while supporting local businesses.

Take breaks along the way: grab coffee, a fresh-baked treat, or visit a winery. Sit down for comfort food and handcrafted drinks or relax together and soak in the small-town charm, fun, welcoming, and unforgettable for the whole family.



Brown County Where Escape Comes Naturally



WEST CENTRAL REGION

Terre Haute

YOUR TERREDISE GETAWAY IS WAITING



COCA-COLA MURAL & VIGO HISTORY CENTER



WATERTOWER ESTATES



LARRY BIRD MUSEUM



FOWLER PARK COVERED BRIDGE



BIRDIE'S GIFTS & STUFF

CHECK TERREHAUTE.COM/EVENTS FOR THE LATEST LIVE MUSIC AND POP-UP HAPPENINGS. TERREHAUTE.COM LOCATED 70 MILES WEST OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Escape to Terre Haute this January or February for a cozy Midwest weekend of culture, comfort food, craft drinks, and winter charm. This river city feels especially intimate when the crowds fade and fireplaces glow.



ART & HISTORY

Looking for something warm, indoors, and free? Get lost in art and history at the newly reopened **Swope Art Museum**, home to one of the Midwest's top American art collections

and explore softly lit galleries filled with masterpieces. From there, visit the **Vigo County Veterans Memorial**

Museum to see the moving new **Vietnam Exhibit**, then pop over to the **Larry Bird Museum** and follow the self-guided Hoops Heritage Tour. These quiet, thought-provoking stops spark the best kind of conversations.



DOWNTOWN STROLLS

Enjoy cozy downtown strolls and boutique treasure hunting. Bundle up for a short evening walk under the downtown lights. Quiet, snowy streets make everything feel magical. Duck into independent boutiques, antique shops, and galleries for unique finds (think vintage records, handmade jewelry, or a quirky piece of local art you'll love forever). Warm your hands around seasonal lattes or spiked hot cocoa at **Ladybird Cafe**, the **Terminal Pub**, or **Federal Coffee** along the way.



HOOSIER COMFORT FOOD

Hunt for Hoosier comfort food and hidden bars across Indiana. The state is famous for its breaded pork tenderloin - crispy, oversized, and downright addictive. Share one (and the legendary **Stiffy Green** fried pickles) at **The Copper Bar** while surrounded by Larry Bird memorabilia or go upscale with steaks at

J. Ford's Black Angus or traditional handmade pasta at **Bar Bosco**. After dinner, slip into the **Verve's** candlelit speakeasy for craft cocktails and live jazz, or warm up with wood-fired pizza and a flight of local brews at **Terre Haute Brewing Company**. Enjoy craft beer at **Afterburner Brewing**, or a glass of wine at **Sycamore Winery** or **WaterTower Estates**.



NATURE

Snow-dusted nature and riverside serenity await. Take an easy, idyllic walk through the **Wabashiki Fish & Wildlife Area** or **Fairbanks Park** near the **Wabash River**. The trails are peaceful in winter, often lightly dusted with snow, framing the Wabash River with plenty of winter birds to spot. Check out the snow hill at **Deming Park**, just enough of a workout to earn that second round of drinks downtown, without breaking the relaxed winter vibe.





SOUTHERN REGION

Crawford County

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS IN BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN INDIANA



OHIO RIVER BY THE DOCK RESTAURANT & BAR



CAVE COUNTRY CANOES



OLD HOMESTEAD HOTEL & DISTILLING CO.



PATOKA LAKE WINERY



OUT OF THE BLUE COFFEE & ICE CREAM

PLAN YOUR TRIP AT

COMETOCRAWFORD.COM

ENERGETIC OUTDOOR ADVENTURES:

There is something for everyone here in beautiful Crawford County, IN! Choose from hunting and hiking in the Hoosier National Forest, mountain biking or horseback riding at **O'Bannon Woods State Park**, fishing and watersports at **Patoka Lake State Park**, paddling the Blue River at **Cave Country Canoes**, cave exploration at **Marengo Cave** and **Wyandotte Caves**, and stargazing under the darkest skies in Indiana. Don't miss out on **Paddle Festival**, June 4th-7th, at **Cave Country Canoes**, where you will enjoy camping, paddle trips, live music, and food trucks! Spend your evenings enjoying a hot dinner with live music at **Finn's at Patoka Lake, The Dock Restaurant & Bar in Leavenworth**, or **Schwarz Family Restaurant**. Or enjoy a quiet meal with scenic views of the Ohio River at the **Overlook Restaurant**.

RELAXING GIRLS GETAWAY:

Crawford County is the perfect spot for your next girl's trip! Choose between a variety of lodging options, including camping, boutique hotel rooms, winery suites, and cozy private cabins. Enjoy relaxing evenings tasting award winning wine at **Patoka Lake Winery** or sipping delicious cocktails at **Old Homestead Hotel & Distilling Co.** Book a **Patoka Lake Wine Cruise** at **Patoka Lake Marina** and enjoy Indiana wines, hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful views of the pristine lake. For a more energetic adventure, attend **Weekend for Women** on June 19th-21st at **Cave Country Canoes** and enjoy specialty workshops, live music, food trucks, and multiple paddling trips! Don't skip out on Friday night bingo at **Patoka Lake Brewing**, which features award winning beers! If shopping is your thrill, be sure to check out the markets at **Alcohol Acres** on May 9th and November 7th.

FAMILY FRIENDLY ADVENTURES:

Dreaming of the perfect outdoor family adventure this summer? Look no further! Camp out under the stars at one of our many campgrounds, glamp in a camping cabin, or cozy up in a fully furnished cabin! Visit **Marengo Cave** and enjoy two walking cave tours and multiple surface activities including indoor mini golf, a maze, gemstone mining, crawling tour simulator, and more! Rent a canoe or kayak at **Cave Country Canoes** and paddle down the serene Blue River before enjoying a delicious frozen treat at **Out of the Blue Coffee & Ice Cream**! Explore trails, play in the little village, fish in the ponds and so much more at **Sycamore Springs Park**. Your whole family is sure to enjoy a **Patoka Lake Marina Wildlife Cruise**, which runs every Wednesday June through September and allows for observation of osprey, bald eagles, beavers, loons, and other wildlife! Stargaze under the darkest skies in Indiana and attend a stargazing event like **Nebula Nights** on February 20th 8 21st, where you can view the parade of planets, or the **Milky Way Festival** on August 7th, 8th, 15th, and 16th, where you can view the milky way galaxy with your naked eye!





SOUTHERN REGION

Daviess County

ANY SEASON IS A GREAT TIME TO VISIT DAVIESS COUNTY!



AMISH COUNTRY



THE CHAMBER



PRODUCE PATCH



ZAX CREAMERY

PLAN YOUR TRIP AT VISITDAVIESSCOUNTY.COM

SPRING

Enjoy blooms, fresh air, and cultural exploration during your spring visit. Start your morning at the **Downtown Washington Farmer's Market** to explore fresh local produce, handmade goods, and seasonal treats. The atmosphere is lively and you can meet local vendors who proudly display and sell their products. In the afternoon, head to **Graber's Furniture & Amish Tours** for a glimpse into Amish craftsmanship. Plan a stop for a family-style Amish lunch at a local restaurant or bakery. In the evening, pack up a riverside picnic and relax along the **White River**.



FARMER'S MARKET

FALL

Fall is a time for harvest, heritage, and autumn scenery. In the morning, drive a scenic route to see fall foliage around Daviess County farms. Visit the **Produce Patch** for picking out your pumpkins and seasonal produce. In the afternoon, visit historic sites such as the **Graber Family Round Barn** or local covered bridges. Be sure and take a photo walk in the countryside capturing fall colors. As evening falls, head to the **Chandelier Barn Market** for handmade crafts and fall decor. Dinner featuring seasonal local flavors at **The Chamber** restaurant.



CHANDELIER BARN MARKET

SUMMER

Time for outdoor fun, festivals, and local flavors. Start the day at **Glendale Fish & Wildlife** for fishing, kayaking, or paddleboarding, then cool off with ice cream from **Zax Creamery**. Grabbing lunch at **Knepp's Amish Kountry Korner** means you can fill up with all-you-can-eat options at this popular Amish family-style restaurant. Be sure and try their delicious fried chicken and baked goods. Play a round of **Hunt the Bison** Scavenger Hunt for a fun family activity. In the evening, enjoy a concert at **The Commons** of Washington and end the day with dinner at The Chamber or local participating food trucks.



GLENDALE FISH & WILDLIFE

WINTER

Plan your winter visit around cozy experiences, holidays, and indoor attractions. Your itinerary starts with a stop at local coffee shops or bakeries for a warm breakfast. Then browse holiday markets or local shops for gifts. In the afternoon, warm up with the soup and salad bar at the **Gasthof Restaurant**. Attend a holiday-themed event like **Christmas on Main** or the **North Daviess Craft Show**. End the day with a hot chocolate from the **Cherry Ghost Coffee House** and enjoy the free holiday lights tour through **Eastside Park** in Washington.



GASTHOF



SOUTHERN REGION

Harrison County

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES.



INDIANA CAVERNS BAT CHASER



ZIMMERMAN ART GLASS



CAVE COUNTRY CANOES



SQUIRE BOONE CAVERNS



POSSIBILITY PLAYGROUND

TO PLAN YOUR STAY, VISIT THISISINDIANA.ORG / LOCATED THIRTY MINUTES SOUTHWEST OF LOUISVILLE, KY

Your next overnight getaway could be to Indiana's first state capitol, historic Corydon in beautiful Harrison County. Take a historic tour, explore caves, experience the outdoors, enjoy unique shops, sample local wines, and much more.

HISTORY

Established in 1808, the town of Corydon served as Indiana's first state capitol from 1816 to 1825. This history is palpable when you walk the town's storied streets, with most of the buildings dating to the 1800s. **The Corydon Capitol State Historic Site** tours include: the original capitol building, governor's headquarters, Porter Law Office and Leora Brown School. Learn more about the area at the **Harrison County Discovery Center**, where you'll find interactive, immersive displays including a 360-degree projection of a reenactment of the only Civil War battle fought on Indiana soil, the **Battle of Corydon Park**.



DOWNTOWN CORYDON

Visit **Zimmerman Art Glass** to see a free glass blowing demonstration and pick up a one-of-a-kind souvenir. The **Harrison County Arts** feature ceramics, woodworking, and fine art from around the county available for purchase. Enjoy handcrafted coffee from **KentJava** or stop in **Lazy Cow Creamery** to indulge your sweet tooth. Need some retail therapy? Shop the downtown square, you'll find something for everyone while visiting the many eclectic local shops.

FOOD & DRINKS

We have something for every appetite. Grab a fork and dig in at one of our local restaurants, **1816 Modern Kitchen & Drinks** or **Gordon Ramsay Steak** at Caesars. You'll find two wineries nestled throughout the lush foothills of Harrison County, **Best Vineyards Winery and Distillery** and **Turtle Run Winery**. Each invites visitors for tastings, tours and conversations.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

There's more to scenic southern Indiana than meets the eye—below rolling hills, beautiful forests and rich farmland lies a network of caves containing ice age bones, underground streams, and fascinating biodiversity.

Experience it for yourself on tours of **Indiana Caverns**, **Marengo Cave**, and **Squire Boone Caverns**. Tours are guided and the caves are easy to traverse (with steps) so all you need are comfortable shoes and a light jacket. The caves remain around 54 degrees year-round, making them a perfect activity for summer and winter alike.

Squire Boone Caverns Zipline Adventures offers the longest zip in the region. You'll fly through the forest canopy and over beautiful valleys. Choose from tours lasting 1 1/2 hours or 3 hours. The **Indiana Caverns Bat Chaser** provides a thrilling gravity-powered experience akin to hand-gliding or take in the scenic Blue River with **Cave Country Canoes** and **Old Mill Canoe Rental**.

O' Bannon Woods State Park is home to hiking and mountain biking trails. Unique features such as steep hills and deep ravines, limestone bluffs, caves and waterfalls can be found along the trails or within the park, which is bordered on one side by the Ohio River. Explore Indiana's Largest Playground accessible for everyone, **Possibility Playground** at **Hayswood Park**. It's filled with fun features that kids of all ages and abilities can enjoy.



SOUTHERN REGION

Historic Madison

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HISTORIC SITE TOURS



BREWERS & WINERIES



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HOOSIER HEROINES: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



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MARCH 13 – 15, 2025**Free Admission**

Join our community-wide celebration honoring the amazing Hoosier women whose stories shape our past, inspire our present, and influence our future. Spanning more than ten events, the weekend features film, art exhibitions, historic talks, genealogy workshops, live music and poetry, nature programs,

preservation history, and immersive presentations that highlight the impact of Hoosier heroines across generations. An America's 250 Celebration. **More info:** <https://bit.ly/HoosierHeroines>

GET MARRIED IN MADISON



Madison is often the backdrop for many destination weddings – from our **Historic Broadway Fountain, Riverfront, Clifty Inn, Fairfield Inn**, and other unique venues. Check out our *Get Married in Madison* resources on VisitMadison.org, and explore Madison Trolley Line rentals to make your day even more memorable.

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Vincennes celebrates history with reenactments all year long! Each of these events honor the veterans and casualties of war with speeches, living history displays, reenactments and memorabilia.

Feb. 21st: Reenactment: of the George Rogers Clark march



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May 2nd–3rd: Reenactment: World War II at the Indiana Military Museum

May 23rd–24th: Reenactment: The Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous

July 4th: Independence Day Parade

RELIVE THE REVOLUTION

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, Vincennes is the ultimate destination to experience history in action. Expect expanded reenactments, new immersive exhibits, and patriotic programming at George Rogers Clark National Historical Park and beyond. This is where George Rogers Clark made his legendary 1779 winter march to seize Fort Sackville, a daring Revolutionary War victory that helped secure the Northwest Territory. Today, you can stand on that very ground and feel the impact of a moment that changed the course of American history. Each Memorial Day weekend, the **Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous** transforms the French Commons into Indiana's most dynamic 18th-century encampment. Watch cannons roar, hear fifes and drums echo, and meet costumed interpreters as they bring frontier life to life with musket drills, open-fire cooking, fur trading, and more. Year-round, explore historic Grouseland, home of President William Henry Harrison, walk through immersive exhibits at the **Indiana Military Museum**, and dive deep into our state's early roots at the Vincennes State Historic Sites.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURE

Downtown Vincennes has many art galleries, museums and cultural sites. Visit **Grouseland**, the home of President William Henry Harrison, where historically dressed actors lead tours all year long. Across the lawn, you'll discover The **Vincennes State Historic Sites** including Indiana's first school building, the first print shop in the Northwest Territory, Fort Knox II, the Old French House and more.

Take a laugh break at the **Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy** and experience innovation, discovery and creative expression. Lastly, stand in awe of the mural and statuary of the **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park**.



NOSTALGIC ROAD TRIPS

Take a drive
down Memory
Lane and
discover
Indiana's historic
treasures.

story by GLENDA WINDERS



Who doesn't love a road trip? The music on the radio, the snacks in a cooler, the stops at roadside attractions — all recall a time when people vacationed at a more leisurely pace when they got away from the pressures at home and visited places they had never before seen.

For your next getaway, why not lean into that nostalgic state of mind and plan a trip that takes you into the past. We're not talking time travel here, but rather a getaway where you can visit destinations steeped in

history. From museums and antique shops, to diners and candy shops, Indiana has plenty of stops for your own nostalgic road trip.

A good place to start is the **RV/MH Hall of Fame** in Elkhart checks both boxes as you begin your explorations. The evolution of camping trailers from 1920 to the present is on display in the **RV Founders Hall**.

While you're in the mood to look at older objects, head over to Michigan City to explore **Good News Vintage**, where you'll find curated home décor for whatever era you like. Pieces available at **The Antique Market** include hunting, sport, war, and railroad memorabilia; furniture and mirrors; jewelry, pottery, and glassware.

Then it's on to Highland in Lake County and **America's Antique Mall**, 60,000 square feet that encompass 350 booths and 350 glass cases filled with treasures just waiting for you to find them.

Still haven't had your fill of antique stores? Rochester in Fulton County invites you to check out **Green Oaks Antiques** for items that range from furniture, dishes, and toys to tools, pottery, and garden ornaments. Also here is the **Times Theater**, "where memories come alive," which dates to 1924. Now restored, it celebrates movies, live music, and art.

You'll encounter antiques in Lafayette, too, but there are also several other ways to have fun here. **Fort Ouiatenon** was established by the French in 1717 as a fur-trading post. A replica blockhouse, built in 1930, is now open and programmed by the **Tippecanoe County Historical Association**. Come in the autumn for the annual **Feast of the Hunters' Moon** festival.

The **Haan Museum of Art** is in a mansion that served as the Connecticut Building at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. It was later moved to Lafayette and is known for its outstanding collection of historic Indiana

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Schimpff's Confectionery in Jeffersonville.

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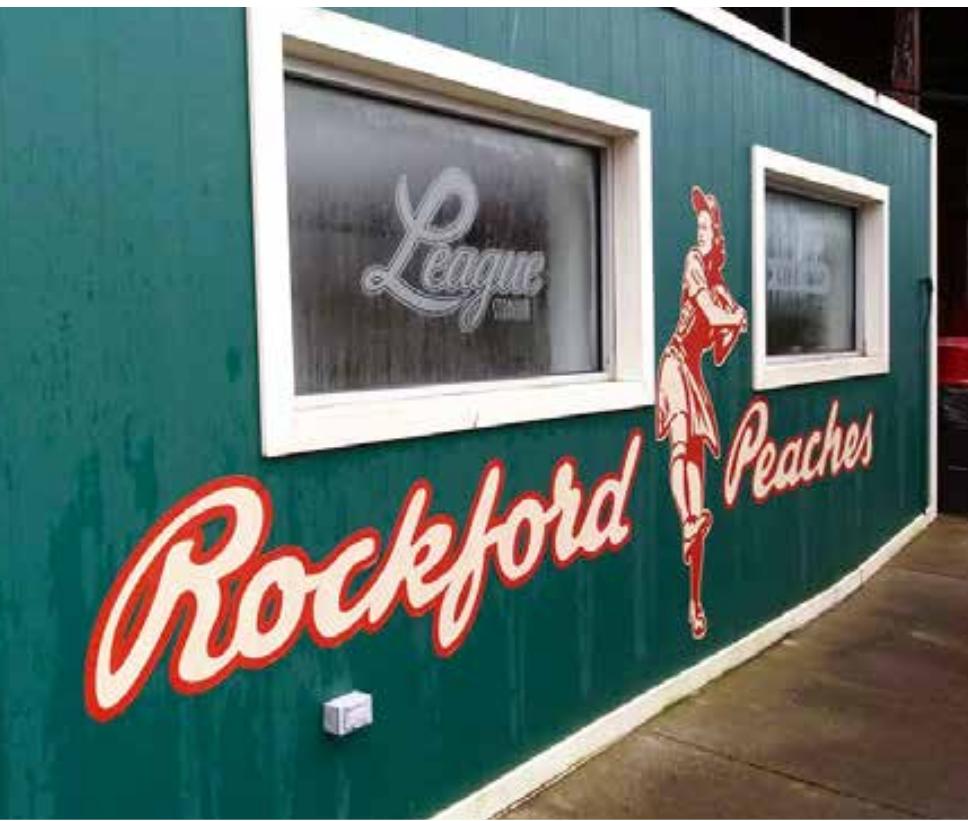
Green Oak Antiques in Rochester.

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The Lemon Drop in Anderson.

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paintings. The historic **Long Center for the Performing Arts**, built in 1921, has been restored and now presents music, theatrical productions and retro films.

Catch a live show at the restored art deco **Lafayette Theater**, built in 1938, or tour **Samara**, a pristine example of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian architecture, now a National Historic Landmark.

The **Seiberling Mansion** in Kokomo is not to be missed. Completed in 1891 for Monroe Seiberling, who came here during the gas boom and built several factories, it is now an elegant museum that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Muncie's **Cammack Station**, built in 1931, is a perfect stop on a road trip since it was built to be a gas station. Now it is a restaurant that is filled with memorabilia from its heyday. Order from a retro menu — coney dog or fried bologna sandwich, anyone? — and follow up with one of their ice cream creations.

Another spot for a memorable meal is the bright-yellow **Lemon Drop** in Anderson. In business since the 1950s, the diner-style eatery serves up onion burgers, tenderloins, french fries, homemade pies, and milkshakes. On your way out the door be sure to pick up some free lemon drops. Another possibility is **Gene's Root Beer and Hot Dogs**, where they invite you to enjoy those delights along with others on the menu.

Henry County offers a winning mix of history and hoops. Begin your journey at the iconic **Hoosier Gym** in Knightstown, where the movie "Hoosiers" was filmed, and move on

to the **Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame** and the **New Castle Fieldhouse**. For a change of pace, catch a live performance at the restored Guyer Opera House.

Grover Center in Shelbyville tells the area's history by way of an exhibit titled "**The Streets of Old Shelby**," where an interurban train car delivers you to a life-size village that re-creates the saloon, school, stores, and offices that were once here. Another exhibit celebrates trains that in Shelby County date to 1834, and the **Charlotte Jones Gallery** illuminates how this part of the state changed geologically as well as its agricultural and industrial past.

Step into 19th-century grandeur in Madison, home to the nation's largest downtown National Historic Landmark District, spanning 133 blocks of beautifully preserved architecture. Tour the **Lanier Mansion**, an 1844 Greek Revival jewel overlooking the river, and the **Shrewsbury-Windle House**, both famed for their dramatic three-story spiral staircases. Then explore the magical downtown district for gifts and finds you won't see anywhere else.

Anna Rosales-Crone, communications manager at SolN Tourism which represents Clark and Floyd counties, recalls that **Schimpff's Confectionary** was the first place her husband took her when she moved to Jeffersonville, and now it is the first place she takes people who come to visit. In the 135 years of its existence, it has remained in the same family, and they still give tours and demonstrate how they make their candies. And you can't get more nostalgic than the **Georgetown Drive-in**, just west of Jeffersonville, which now offers family-friendly activities as well as double-feature films.

Huber's Orchard and Winery is another favorite, a family-owned farm where you can pick your own fruit and sample the wine.

LEFT, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

League Stadium in Huntingburg.

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George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes.

PHOTO: Vincennes/Knox County Visitors and Tourism Bureau

Harrison County Discovery Center.

PHOTO: Harrison County Visitor's Bureau

INSETS, TOP TO BOTTOM:

Lanier Mansion in Madison.

PHOTO: Phil Allen

Olde Thyme Mercantile in Kokomo.

PHOTO: Greater Kokomo Visitors Bureau



Jeffersonville is also home to **Abbey Road on the River**, a festival that celebrates the music of the Beatles, and **Recbar**, an arcade where you'll also find good food and adult beverages.

Explore the underground wonders of Harrison County, with a lineup of extraordinary destinations: **Marengo Cave**, a U.S. National Natural Landmark; **Squire Boone Caverns** with its 73-step spiral staircase and burial site of Squire Boone; and **Indiana Caverns** for an underground boat ride through Indiana's longest cave system. Interactive exhibits at the **Harrison County Discovery Center** in Corydon bring the area's history and geology to life.

In French Lick step back in time to luxury at the 1845 **French Lick Springs Hotel**, a resort known for its relaxing mineral springs. Its sister property, **West Baden Springs Hotel**, features a stunning 200-foot domed atrium and a pampering spa.

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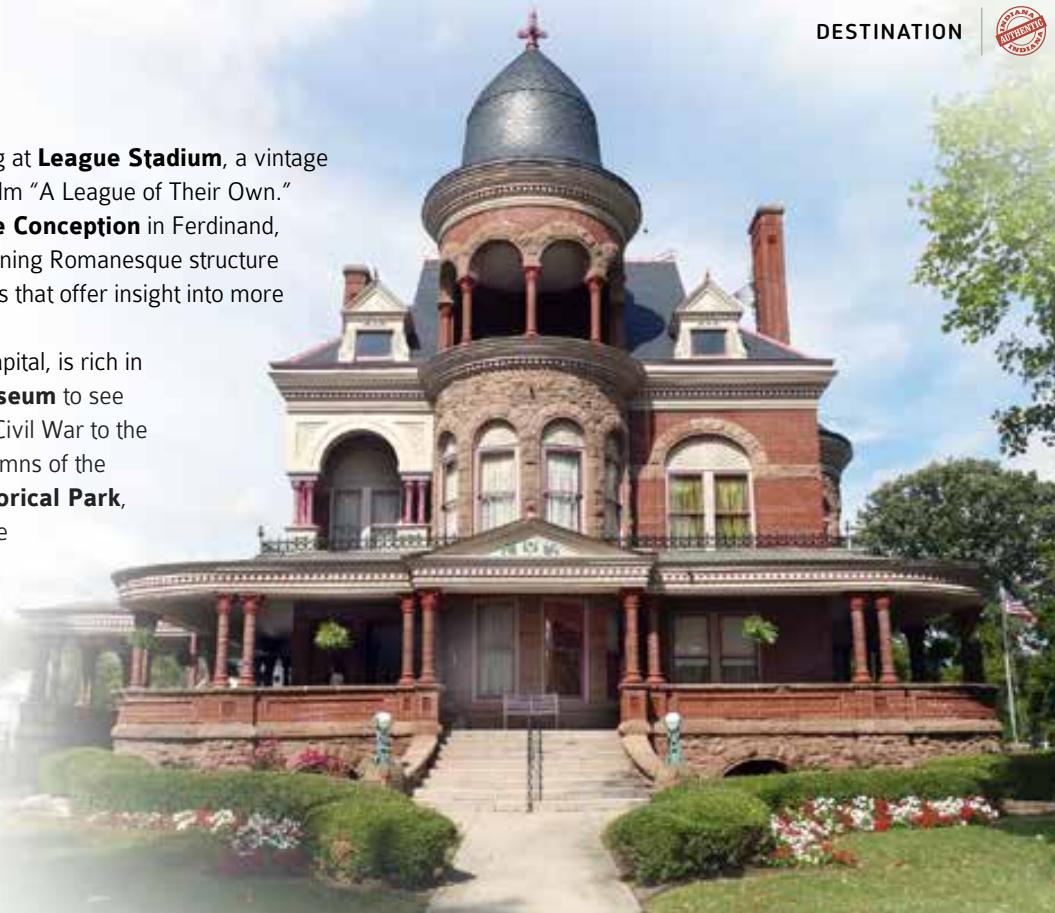
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In Dubois County, start in Huntingburg at **League Stadium**, a vintage 1894 ballpark restored in 1991 for the film "A League of Their Own." Then visit the **Monastery Immaculate Conception** in Ferdinand, known as the "Castle on the Hill," a stunning Romanesque structure that features a dome, gardens, and tours that offer insight into more than 125 years of spiritual heritage.

Vincennes, Indiana's first territorial capital, is rich in history. Visit the **Indiana Military Museum** to see artifacts tracing U.S. conflicts from the Civil War to the present. Stand beneath the soaring columns of the **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park**, where the 1779 capture of Fort Sackville shaped frontier America. Then pause at the **Knox County Veteran Memorial Park**.

LEFT:
The 1961 Winnebago at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart.
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RIGHT:
Seiberling Mansion in Kokomo.
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Discover thrills in Morgan County at the **Paragon Speedway** before you catch a double-feature at the '50s-era **Centerbrook Drivein**. Sweeten your visit — and wrap up your trip — with a stop at **Martinsville Candy Kitchen**, established in 1919, for handmade candy canes and sundaes.

LEFT:
Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.
PHOTO: New Castle Henry County EDC



McCormick's Creek State Park



Cataract Covered Bridge



Cataract Falls State Recreation Area

A collage of images for Indiana Scenic Owen County. It includes a large building with a porch, a waterfall, a covered bridge, and a scenic view of a river. The text "Adventure in all Seasons" is overlaid in a large, flowing font.

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Continue your treasure hunt at one of the region's most beloved roadside marvels: the **Markle Exit 286 Antique Mall**. Affectionately known as "The Wunderkammer of the Wabash," this sprawling 30,000-square-foot haven features more than 100 vendors. Open seven days a week and located just off I-69, it's the

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If you've never been to downtown Martinsville, consider yourself invited to come explore one of the most intact historic downtown districts in the state of Indiana! Centered around the beautiful red brick **Morgan County Courthouse** and filled with historic buildings housing a wide variety of locally-owned businesses, Martinsville's downtown district offers lots to discover! Enjoy a cute coffee house and indoor playplace, independent book shop, locally-crafted jewelry, modern boutiques and working artist studios. Create your own pottery masterpiece, choose from several eateries for lunch, and don't forget the 100-year-old candy store!



Now open - the **Martinsville Entertainment Theatre!** Located on Morgan Street on the Courthouse Square, this intimate venue seats around 320 and features a variety of concerts, movies, and more throughout the year. Get upcoming show schedules at MartinsvilleShows.com, book a room at **Brickhouse Loft**, and start planning a fun weekend away in downtown Martinsville.

Grab your family, your best girlfriends, or the kids and head to downtown Martinsville for a day (or weekend) of fun exploring the heart of this quaint historic community located midway between Indianapolis and Bloomington. Find more information on upcoming events and activities in Martinsville and beyond at visitmorgancountyin.com.

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Explore the PMU's reimagined ground floor, featuring vibrant dining options like **Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux**, co-owned by Purdue football legend Drew Brees. Known for its scratch-made dishes and spirited atmosphere, Walk-On's is the perfect spot to enjoy game-day while savoring hearty favorites.

After dining, relax in inviting lounges or step outside to the new terraces overlooking campus—ideal for reminiscing about college days, sharing stories with friends or simply soaking in the energy of this iconic setting.

Every corner of the PMU tells a story, from its symbolic architecture to the countless moments celebrated within its walls, making the PMU a timeless destination. Make it a highlight of your nostalgic road trip and reconnect with the traditions that have shaped generations.

TIMELESS TREASURES: TOP NOSTALGIC SPOTS IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

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Catch the latest movies at the **Georgetown Drive-in**, a 75-year-old drive-in theater offering double features in the spring and summer. Enjoy soups and sandwiches full of out of this world flavors at **Lady Tron's**, a space-themed diner. Become a pinball wizard or a Skee Ball king at **Rebar 812** where games, grub and grain rule. Grab an old-fashioned soda at **Schimpff's Confectionery**, serving up their signature red hot drops and hand-made chocolates since 1891.



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story by GLENDA WINDERS



*T*he hospitality that John and Karen Newton exude at their Prairie Guest House in Fishers is matched only by the ingenuity and creativity they exerted in turning a B&B, that was empty for two-and-a-half years, into one of the top-ranked places to stay in the Indianapolis area.

"We like people and we like to hear their stories," John said. "We want them to be comfortable while they are here, like they are at home or at their fun cousin's house."

The couple met when John, an Indianapolis native, was running the Indy Hostel in the city. Karen, who was living north of Chicago in Lake Bluff, was visiting a friend when they attended a house concert at the hostel. John recalls that when he met her, he thought, "I might like her."

They married in 2009 and for the next seven years operated the hostel together. When they discovered an abandoned bed and breakfast property in the Fishers area, it seemed perfect for the next step they wanted to take. "The feeling was it found us," said Karen.

The brick pre-Civil War-era house was built as a home by one of the area's first attorneys,



Fabius Finch, in 1852. Two women, who later operated the home as a bed and breakfast, added a second building and made other changes.

"We saw that it had good bones," Karen said, and it had a lot more, too. Through the years, left behind were pieces such as the Regency furniture, light fixtures, and gilt mirrors purchased when the Atkinson Hotel went out of business. Also in the dining room, you'll find the board of directors' table and tearoom chairs from L.S. Ayres department store in downtown Indy.

When the couple arrived, ivy had overgrown the main entrance and crept under the doors and onto the hardwood floors inside. Wind rattled around the windows, and every corner was in need of an overhaul. They resurfaced floors, installed new HVAC and appliances, painted, upgraded plumbing and electricity systems, and replaced doors and windows throughout.

John said his work with the hostel prepared him for what he is doing now.

"I learned how to make people feel comfortable, recruit rockstars, and provide good customer service," he said. Karen gets all the

credit for the warm, comfortable vibe and the well-appointed décor. Her management talents help to keep everyone on the same page. She is also an organizing expert with an eye for detail and the ability to create magic on a budget, she knew exactly what to do.

Working with her friend Carol Vernick, Karen used wallpaper to fashion “destination walls” in rooms that lacked interest, using designs that complemented wall coverings already there. She put up an elegant gold paper in the foyer of the guest house to go with the existing stripes and added a dramatic print of flowers and vines to the dining room and staircase in the other. She papered behind a cabinet filled with glassware with a leftover piece to add dimension.

She enlisted Carol’s help to reupholster and bring new life to worn-out pieces. In one room she cut down two tables and upholstered the tops to make benches that sit at the ends of the beds. Chairs and stools throughout are colorful and bright, thanks to her touch. She learned to refinish furniture and did a lot of that, too, although in some cases she decided to leave the pieces’ patina in order to express their history.

She has taken castoffs and turned them into enviable pieces of décor. When a friend’s mother to whom Karen was close passed, the friend offered her the antique bench that graces one bedroom as a memento. In a bedroom with no headboards, two paintings for \$10 each that she found at a garage sale now provide that illusion. Doors found in the barn became headboards in other rooms. A baby’s crib transformed into a daybed.

Travelers who stayed with them donated two French Provincial chairs that have become favorites for bridal photos. With the capacity to sleep up to 26 people, they frequently host wedding parties. The honeymoon suite with large garden tub takes up an entire second floor, and high hooks for long dresses and full-length mirrors abound.

Beyond the two houses, what was once a 2.5-car garage now houses a mirrored studio where the light and sparkling decor lends wonderfully to a bridal studio. There are seven nearby wedding venues, so brides often book the studio to relax with celebratory drinks while getting their hair and makeup done. The studio also hosts yoga retreats, birthday parties, celebrations of life, and even small weddings and showers as well. And what to do with the well-seasoned barn with the peeling paint? They hired Aly



Kirkham to create a lively floral mural on the side that visitors see when they turn into the driveway.

One of the Prairie Guest House’s greatest assets is its proximity to what visitors come here to do. They are across the street from Conner Prairie, just 16 miles from downtown Indianapolis, and close to the Ruoff Music Center, the Fishers Event Center, and the Payne and Mencias Palladium in Carmel along with the shopping and dining available there. Golf is always an option since Hamilton County is known as a “Midwest golf mecca.”

The couple and their cat, Fiona, live on the property, so they are available if issues arise, although John makes sure this doesn’t happen. They welcome families with children, and for disabled guests there is an accessible suite on the first floor. The Prairie Guest House offers ten bedrooms, each with private bath, for individual travelers; or groups can rent the entire house.

Besides looking after the property, John is also the chef who rustles up the gourmet breakfasts and healthy alternatives each morning.

“No one knows better how to love and nourish people than John,” Karen said. They look forward to hosting you soon.

FAR LEFT,
TOP TO BOTTOM:
Karen & John Newton.
Daylilies and sunshine at the Prairie Guest House.

LEFT:
The sunroom comes alive with plants.

ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
The Frederick Suite features warm decor and a fireplace.
The 1900’s barn with beautiful flower mural.
Bridal Studio ready for hair and makeup.
Dining room with L.S. Ayers boardroom table and Tea Room chairs.

PHOTOS: Prairie Guest House

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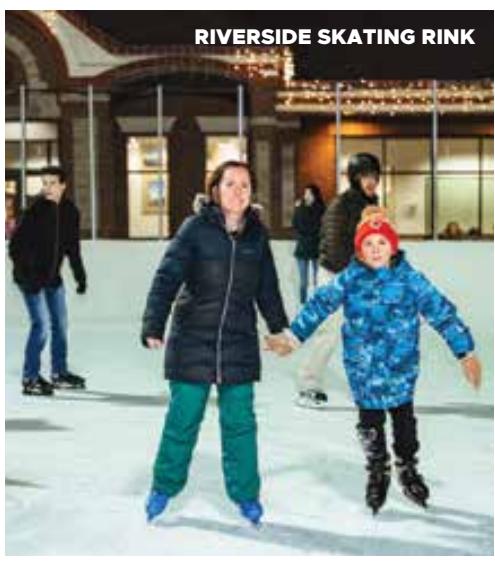
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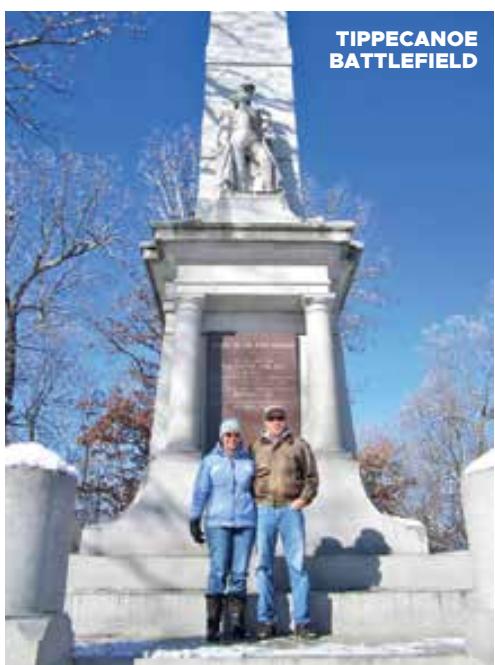
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FESTIVAL OF ICE:

The 2026 Festival of Ice features demonstrations by professional ice carvers on Friday, January 16, from 4-8 p.m. in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Join the fun on Saturday, January 17, at The Ice at Carter Green for the People's Choice carving competition and the Carmel Fire Department chili cook-off. Bring your family and friends for this free and open to the public event. Visit theiceatcartergreen.com/events for more details.



CARMEL WINTER GAMES:

Bring your whole family and enjoy the fun on Saturday, January 24, 2026! Carmel Winter Games builds real team spirit through on-ice, non-skating competitive games like Ice Trike Relays, Human Curling and Human Hungry Hippo, all while supporting local nonprofits. In addition, you can cheer on your favorite Hometown Heroes during the competitive Hero-Olympic games between Carmel's finest, the Carmel Fire Department and Carmel Police Department. Team captains sign up information can be found at TheIceAtCarterGreen.com.



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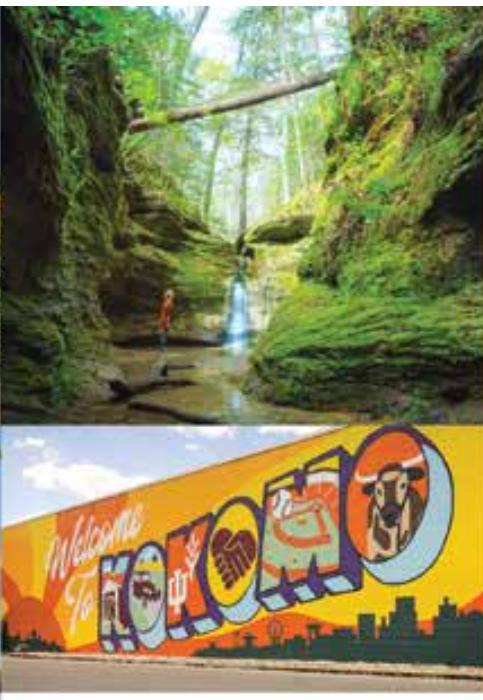
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Discover Madison County

Madison County offers a perfect blend of small-town charm, natural beauty, and lively community spirit. Nestled in the heart of East Central Indiana, this welcoming county is home to vibrant cities and towns like **Anderson**, **Pendleton**, and **Elwood**—each offering unique experiences for visitors and residents alike. Whether you're exploring scenic waterways, attending a local festival, or savoring a memorable meal, Madison County captures the essence of Hoosier Hospitality.

Outdoor enthusiasts will love spending a day canoeing or kayaking along the **White River**, which winds gracefully through the county. The river offers peaceful stretches for beginners as well as more adventurous sport for experienced paddlers.

The area comes alive throughout the year with festivals and community celebration. Events like the Pendleton **Fall Festival**, Anderson's **Summer Concert Series**, and **Elwood's Glass Festival** draw crowds from across the region. These gatherings highlight the area's rich heritage, featuring live music, arts and crafts, classic car shows, and hometown food that bring families and friends together.

For those who love a touch of sparkle and artistry, **Carol's Legacy Crystal** in Elwood is a true gem. This shop continues the town's glassmaking tradition with crystal pieces that reflect both craftsmanship and creativity. Visitors can watch artisans at work and take home treasures that celebrate Elwood's legacy as a glassmaking hub.

Racing fans can feel the adrenaline of speed at **Anderson Speedway**, a legendary short track known for its high-energy Saturday night races and the prestigious **Little 500 Sprint Car** event. The Speedway has been entertaining fans for decades.

Food lovers will find plenty to enjoy across the county. In Pendleton, **Catello's Italian Art Cuisine** serves authentic, handcrafted Italian dishes in an intimate and elegant setting. In Anderson, **1925 PubHouse at Grandview** offers a relaxed atmosphere with a creative menu featuring fresh, locally inspired flavors. And in Elwood, The Tin Plate Fine Food & Spirits delights guests with hearty comfort food, and a welcoming hometown feel.

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Connecting the Past & Present: Podcasting is the future for Wabash County

Podcasts are powerful tools for connecting communities, sharing stories, and inspiring action. The **ThriveIN Wabash County** Podcast highlights the people, businesses, and initiatives that make Wabash County bold and progressive. Through engaging interviews with local entrepreneurs, civic leaders, and residents, the show gives listeners an insider's view of community life, from thriving local businesses to cultural events and outdoor adventures. More than entertainment, ThriveIN Wabash County encourages engagement, drives awareness for local organizations, and inspires listeners to participate in the life of Wabash County.

Complementing this modern storytelling is **The Woodward Chronicles**, which preserves Wabash County's rich history through narratives told by Wabash County Historian Emeritus, Ronald Woodward. Each episode explores historical events, personal stories, and cultural milestones, ensuring that future generations can access and appreciate the county's heritage. These stories connect the past to the present, reminding listeners of the experiences and lessons that shaped Wabash County.

Both podcasts are made possible through the generous support of the Lisa Gilman Investment Fund, the Sandra Kunkel Trust, Mark & Amy Ford, PaperWorks Industries, the Community



CLOCKWISE: Hosts Adam Stakeman, Alex Downard, and Christine Flohr.



ThriveIN Wabash County and The Woodward Chronicles create a full-circle storytelling experience—one capturing the county's present accomplishments and opportunities, the other safeguarding its history.

Foundation of Wabash County, the City of Wabash, and Visit Wabash County. Produced in partnership with Destination Wabash County, these shows celebrate the region's vibrancy and legacy.

Together, ThriveIN Wabash County and The Woodward Chronicles create a full-circle storytelling experience—one capturing the county's present accomplishments and opportunities, the other safeguarding its history. By listening, residents and visitors alike can better understand, appreciate, and participate in the life of Wabash County, ensuring that its stories—both past and present—continue to inspire and connect the community.

Both podcasts are streaming on all major podcast platforms including, Apple, Spotify, and YouTube. For more information about the podcasts hosts or Wabash County, Indiana please checkout VisitWabashCounty.com.



CLOCKWISE:

Mike & Maria Smyth

Amy Ford

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Mayor Scott Long



New Riley Arts Trail in Downtown Greenfield

This past fall, the **Riley Arts Trail** officially opened to the public, offering a delightful new way to explore downtown Greenfield. This scenic 0.7-mile pathway weaves through the heart of the city, celebrating its rich arts, architecture, and literary heritage. As you stroll along the widened sidewalk, you'll discover beautifully inscribed verses from the beloved Hoosier Poet, **James Whitcomb Riley**.

Along the trail, charming "story stops" invite you to learn more about Riley, other notable Greenfield artists and writers, the area's unique architecture, and even today's creative community. You'll also find stunning hand-carved limestone blocks created by talented sculptor **Cheryl Ann Lorance**—true works of art in their own right.

The Riley Arts Trail links to the **Pennsy Trail** at two points, guiding visitors through some of the most picturesque and inviting corners of Greenfield.

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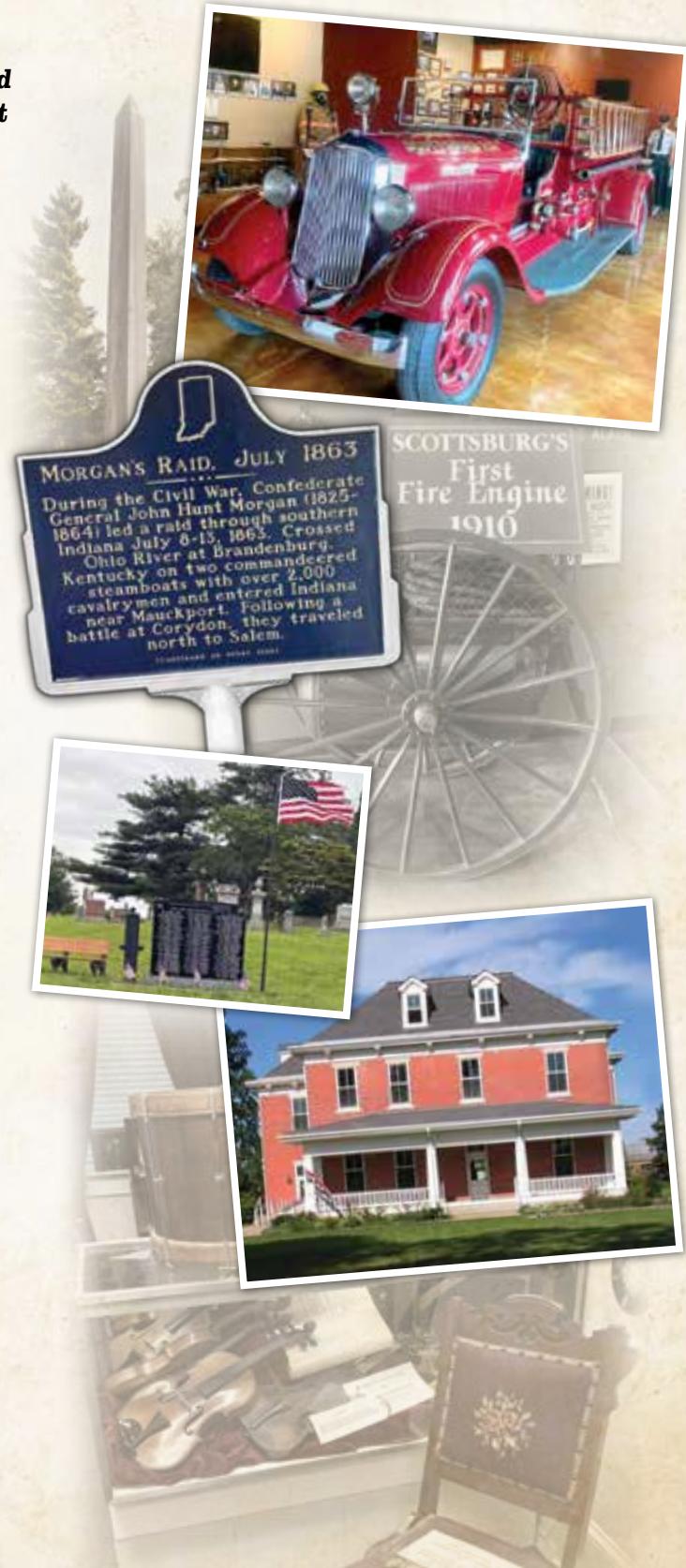
Scott County invites travelers to explore history through preserved architecture, local museums, and sites that shaped the region's early years. This quiet destination offers accessible, meaningful stops for those who enjoy learning while they travel – many just minutes off the interstate.

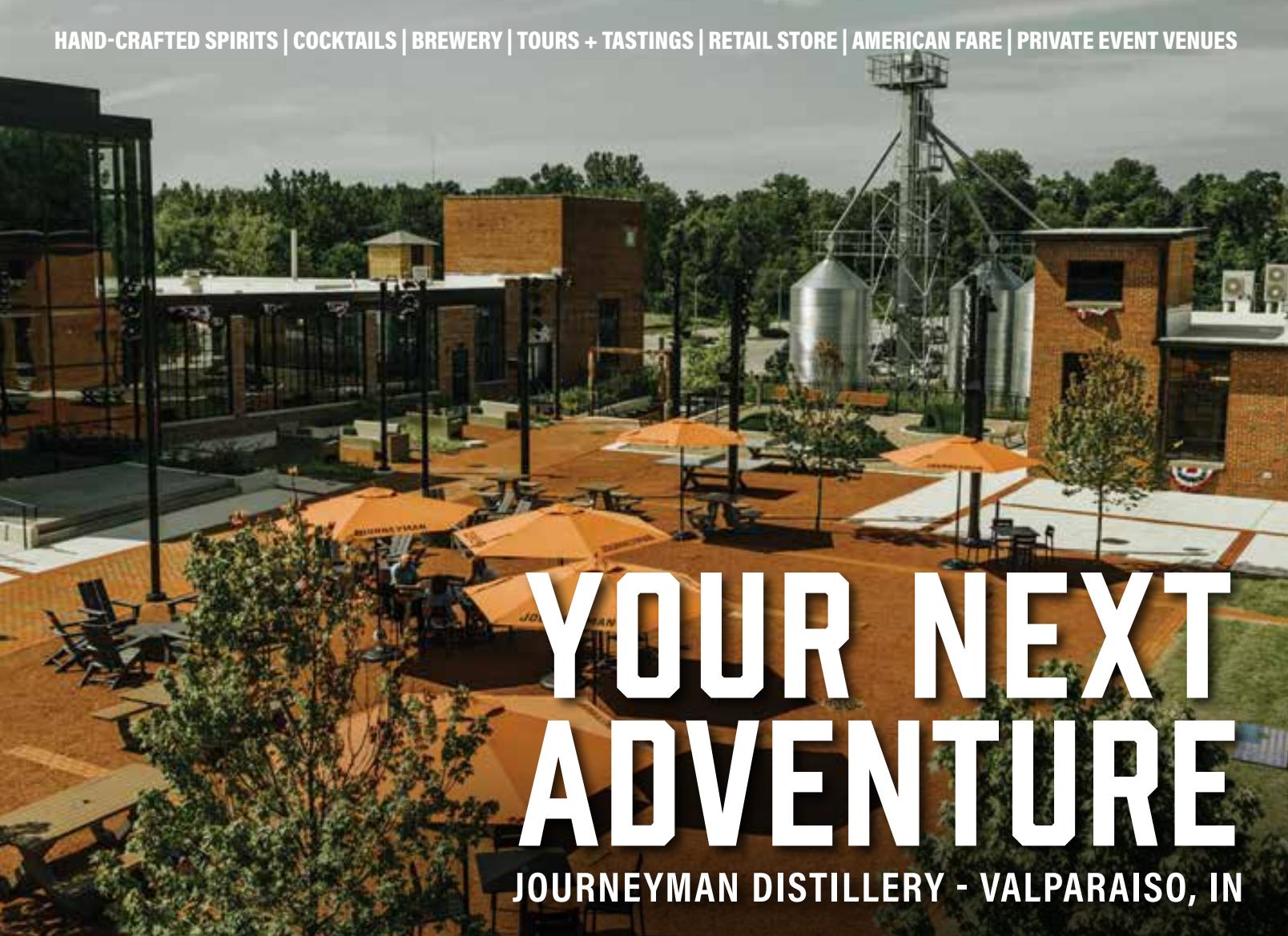
Start in downtown Scottsburg at the **Courthouse Square Historic District**. This compact area includes nearly 50 buildings representing late 19th and early 20th-century architecture. Italianate, Romanesque Revival, and Eastlake styles line the square, providing an authentic example of a traditional county seat. Visit the **Scottsburg Depot**, constructed in 1872. This restored combination freight and passenger station is among the last of its kind still standing. It marks the county's connection to the rise of railroads and how these lines supported small-town growth.

Just outside of town, the **Scott County Heritage Center & Museum** is located in the former county poor farm, built in 1892. Inside, exhibits tell the story of early settlers, Civil War veterans, and everyday life on the frontier. Special attention is given to the 1812 Pigeon Roost Massacre, one of the area's most tragic early settlements, offering valuable historical context. A short drive leads to the **Pigeon Roost State Historic Site**. This memorial preserves the location of the 1812 attack, with a limestone monument and historical signage that detail the events and those who were lost. It is a somber but important reminder of the challenges faced by early settlers. Another worthwhile stop is the **Scottsburg Fire Museum**. Located within the city's fire station, this museum features vintage firefighting gear, equipment, and photographs. It highlights the development of local emergency services and pays tribute to the community's first responders.

Scott County is also home to one of the highest concentrations of historical markers in the state. A self-guided driving tour map is available through the local tourism office, making it easy for visitors to explore these locations independently. Each stop offers a glimpse into the region's development through preserved structures, personal stories, and public memorials. Visitors will leave with a deeper understanding of rural roots and the people who built these communities. Scott County's attractions are close together and easy to reach, making it ideal for a one- or two-day trip. Whether you are exploring with family, on your own, or with a history group, the experience is educational and rewarding.

Plan your route, follow the markers, and enjoy a road trip that brings the past to life.





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The Great Couples Escape

story by TAMMY TILLEY

Spending quality time with your significant other means building memories and enriching your connection. With a little planning and creativity, couples can enjoy an Indiana getaway designed just for them. Whether you're seeking outdoor adventure, food discoveries, creative activities, or peaceful moments together, the Hoosier State has everything you need for a great couples escape.

Fair Oaks Farms offers memorable year-round experiences. The **Winter Escape Package** includes an overnight stay at the **Fairfield Inn by Marriott**, two-day adventure passes, and ropes course passes for adventurous couples. The **Romance Package** adds Prosecco, truffles, and a \$50 gift card. Reserve the two-person igloo—an outdoor, private, heated dome—at the

Farmhouse Restaurant, available through February 15.

Along the South Shore in northwest Indiana, getaway options include outdoor activities like exploring the Indiana Dunes, cozy stays in private cabins or historic B&Bs, and relaxing experiences such as spa treatments or visiting local wineries. Northwest Indiana's **South Shore Arts** inspires creativity through painting and ceramics classes, while the **Brewery and Winery Trails** share flavorful experiences. **Journeyman Distillery at the American Factory** and **Four Corners Winery**, both in Valparaiso, serve up distinctive tasting opportunities. Chocolate lovers will want to mark their calendars for May 2, when downtown Valparaiso presents their **Chocolate Walk**, a chance to take a walking tour of downtown where you'll stop and collect sweet chocolate.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Moontown Brewing Company in Nashville.

PHOTO: Brown County Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Pumpkinvine Trail in LaGrange County.

PHOTO: Shipshewana/LaGrange County Visitor's Bureau

Serenity Springs in La Porte.

PHOTO: Serenity Springs

Backroads Market in Corydon.

PHOTO: Harrison County Visitor's Bureau







Central Indiana offers an abundance of experiences, destinations, and lodging options.

treats at various downtown stores and restaurants. The area will also be hosting their **Wine Festival** July 18.

Michigan City's **Brewery Lodge and Supper Club** offers stay-and-dine packages, including Valentine's dinner specials and romantic walks across 42 wooded acres. At LaPorte's **Serenity Springs Cabins**, you can relax in a private lakeside cabin with a fireplace, whirlpool tub, and complimentary breakfast for a peaceful, private escape.

In Noble County, couples can find romantic getaways at historic inns, tranquil lakefront properties, and rustic cabins. Popular is the **Kimmell House B&B**, an 1876 Italianate home with antique furnishings. For dinner, enjoy the historic **St. James Restaurant**, one of Indiana's oldest eateries.

Lafayette-West Lafayette encourages out-of-the-ordinary fun at **Inspired Fire** glass-making, or stress relief at **OutRAGE Smash Therapy**. Afterwards, head to **Whittaker Inn** for a peaceful escape in one of 15 uniquely designed rooms. Chef Andrew Whittaker serves up delightful dishes at the **Whittaker Kitchen**.

Travel to Shipshewana-LaGrange County where romance reflects a relaxed charm. Home to the nation's third-largest Amish community, peaceful mornings and scenic countryside invite a slower pace. Begin with a classic thresher's meal at the **Blue Gate Restaurant**, then rent a bicycle at **Otto's Bike Shop** to pedal along the **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail**. Browse locally-owned stores downtown or along scenic backroads. Catch a show at the **Blue Gate Performing Arts Center or Theatre**. Finish with pie from **Country Lane Bakery** or a pretzel from **JoJo's Pretzels** before relaxing at the **Ole Tin Rooster, Farmstead Inn, or Blue Gate Inn**.

Central Indiana offers an abundance of experiences, destinations, and lodging options. The winter spirit awakens at **Ice at Carter Green** in Carmel, a classic rink perfect for skating hand in hand. The **Hotel Carmichael** has a **Celebration Package** that includes valet

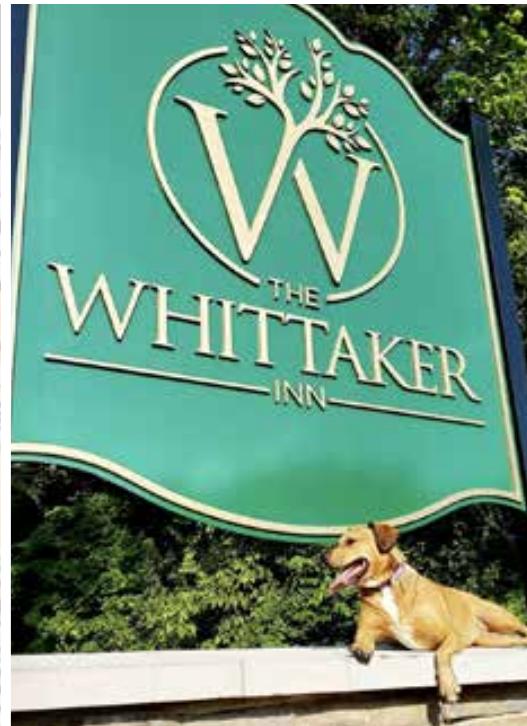
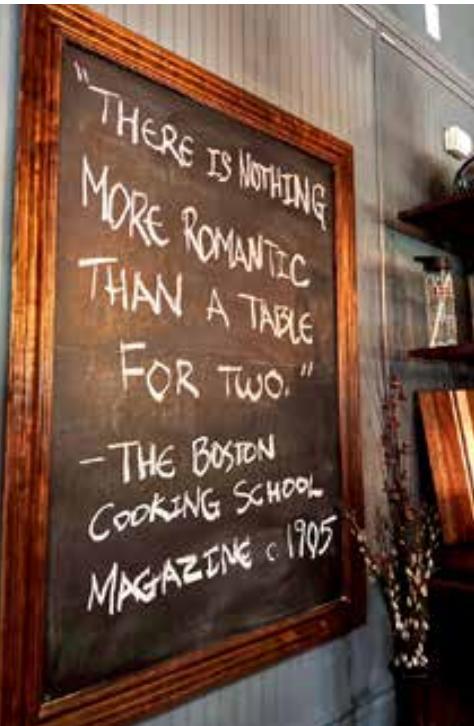
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Winfield West Bed & Breakfast in Jasper.
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The Spirit of Jasper train depot.
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The Brewery Lodge & Supper Club outside of Michigan City.
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In Madison County, Alexandria boasts **the World's Largest Ball of Paint**, featured in the Guinness Book of World Records. This quirky experience allows couples to grab a paintbrush, add another layer of paint, and receive a certificate to prove it. After a painting session, head over to Elwood for an outstanding breaded tenderloin sandwich at **Tin Plate Fine Food and Spirits**. Then explore **Pendleton's** charming shops. You can get creative at **Pulp & Pine**, then savor authentic Neapolitan pizza at **INItaly Pizzeria and Bar**.

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LEFT TO RIGHT:

J Ford's Black Angus in Terre Haute.

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Our Little World Studio in Nashville.

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The Whitaker Inn in West Lafayette.

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The World's Largest Ball of Paint outside of Alexandria.

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BELOW:
Whitaker Inn in West Lafayette.
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RIGHT:
Kimmell House Inn B & B in Noble County.
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Southern Indiana's scenic beauty provides many romantic options. Begin with Indiana's largest state park in Brown County. Hike, zipline, or snowshoe; then unwind in one of the many charming inns. **Story Inn's** stays include winter packages with dinner for two. Shops, galleries, and entertainment provide recreation beyond nature. Explore antique shops along Route 46 or take makers' classes at **Our Little World Studio, Hesitation Point Pottery**, or **Second Story Studio**. Valentine's packages include Distillery Date Night or mixology classes at **Hard Truth Distillery**.

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In Dubois County, ride the **Spirit of Jasper** luxury train and enjoy ride-and-dine excursions in climate-controlled lounge cars June-October. Tour over 20 historic churches throughout the entire county that showcase the communities' deep cultural roots. Add excitement with a visit to **Puzzles and Padlocks Escape Room** or try your hand at axe throwing. Enjoy local dining and don't miss Huntingburg's annual **Chocolate Stroll** in February. For a cozy stay, book a room at **Winfield West Bed & Breakfast** and wake up to a delicious homemade breakfast.



At **Backroads Market** in Harrison County, join creative classes like **Sip and Paint**, **Charcuterie Making**, and **Basket Weaving**. In February, the popular **"Paint Your Partner"** class promises a fun, lighthearted evening.

Madison's riverfront blends historic charm with a walkable downtown filled with unique shops, delicious eateries, and vintage finds. Stroll **Main Street**'s boutiques and explore the shops inside the **Trolley Barn**, then browse the local antique malls before heading to **Clifty Falls State Park** for breathtaking trails and canyon views. Sip a handcrafted cider or local wine at **Thomas Family Winery** or **Lanthier Winery**. Then catch live music at **Off Broadway Taproom** or one of several local venues hosting free performances every weekend.



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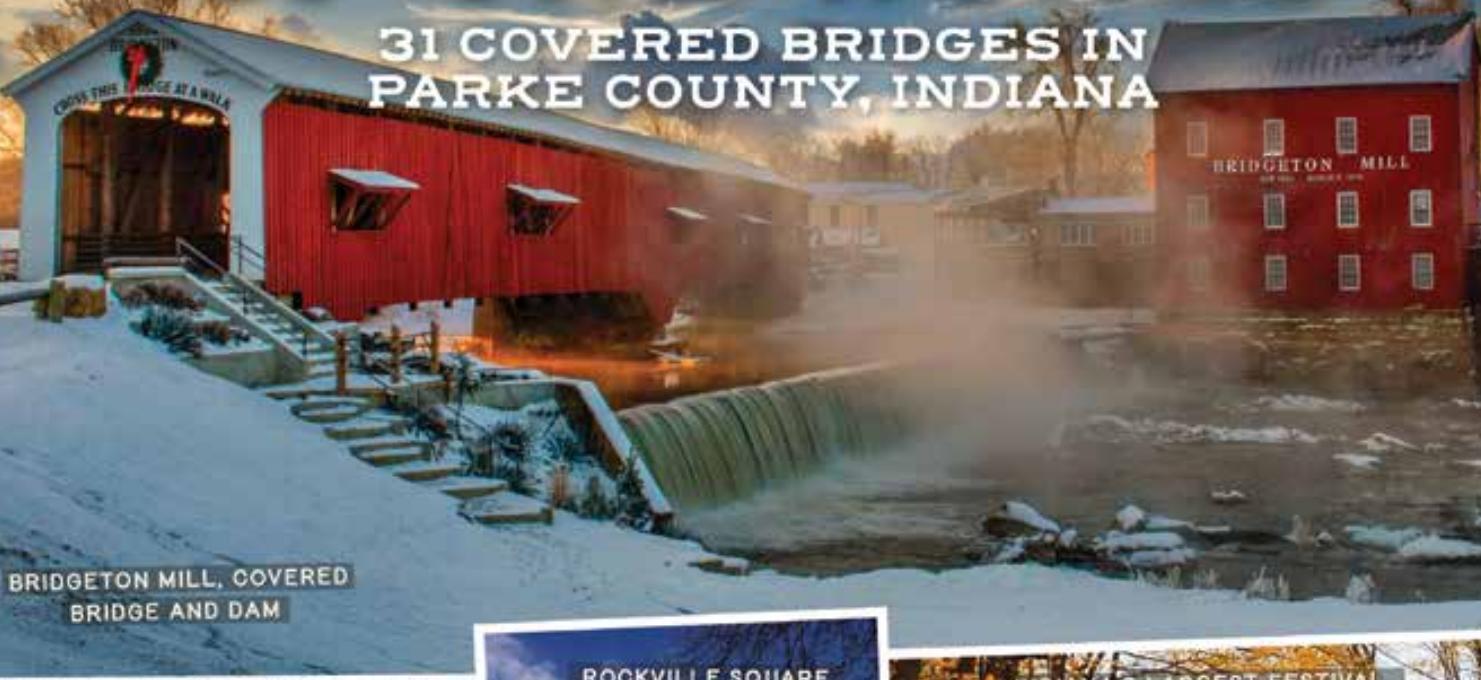
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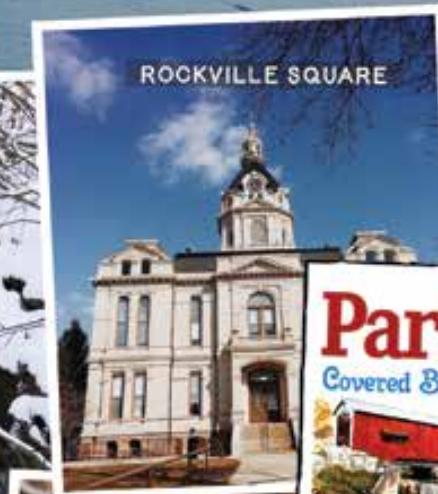
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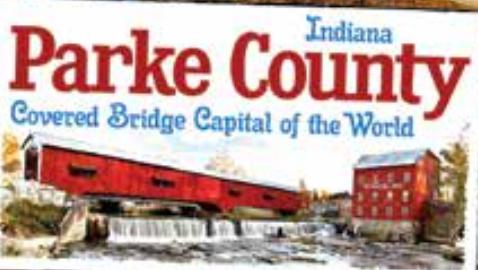
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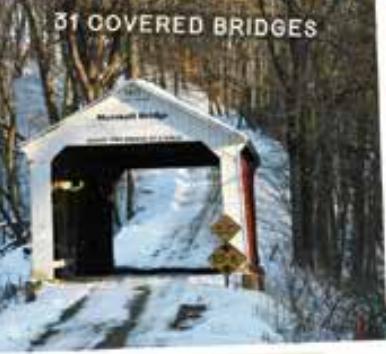
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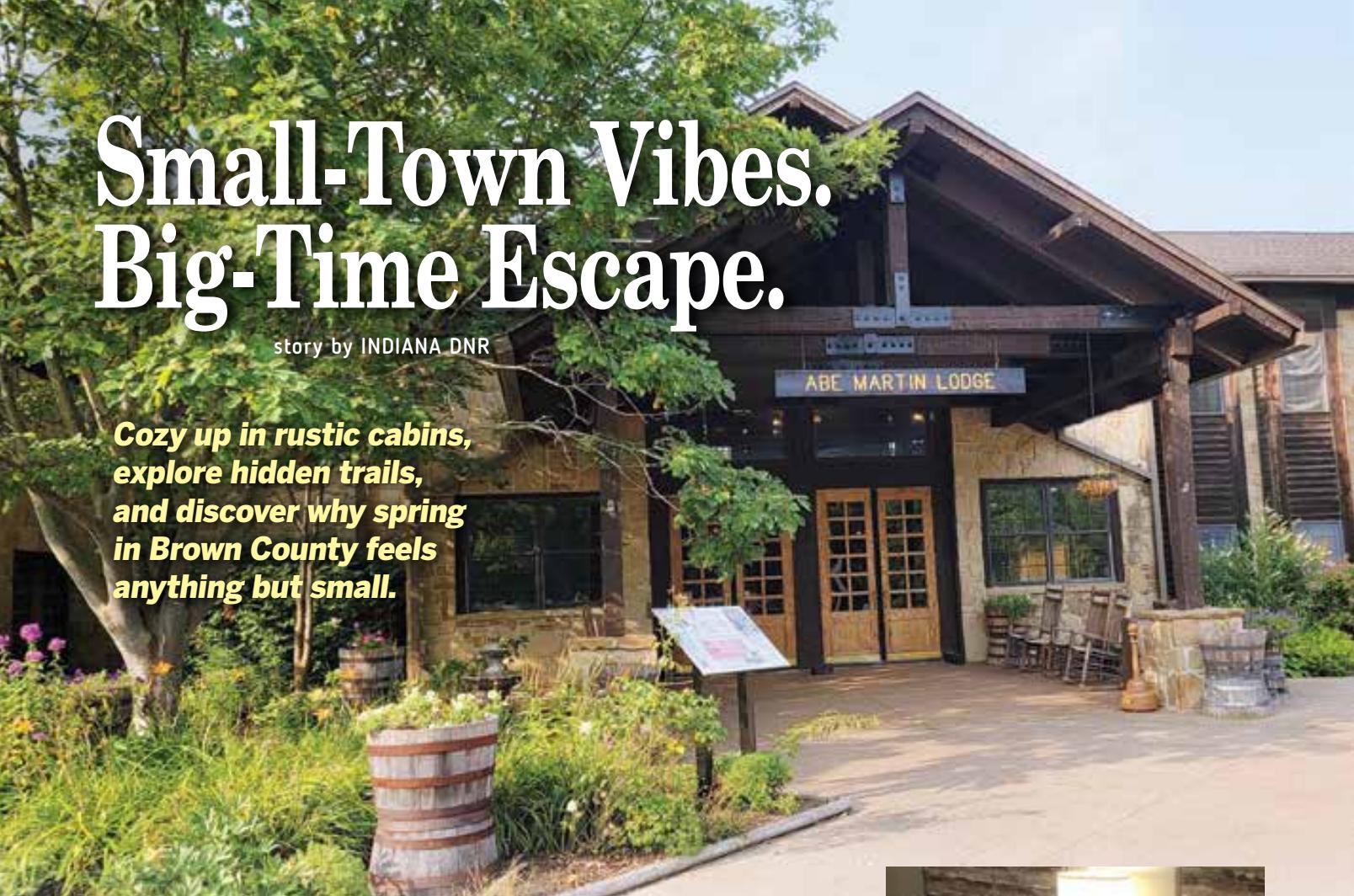
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Small-Town Vibes. Big-Time Escape.

story by INDIANA DNR

Cozy up in rustic cabins, explore hidden trails, and discover why spring in Brown County feels anything but small.



The ice has melted. Birds fill the treetops with chatter. And everywhere you look, shades of green reclaim the landscape. This can only mean one thing: Spring has arrived, and with it, the perfect excuse to head outdoors and reconnect with what matters most.

If you're craving a peaceful escape, look no further than **Brown County State Park**, Indiana's largest and arguably most scenic natural retreat. At the heart of it all is **Abe Martin Lodge**, your cozy basecamp for adventure, serenity, and small-town charm that feels worlds away yet comfortably close to home.

Whether you're looking for a last-minute winter retreat, a refreshing Spring Break alternative, or a long weekend of local discovery, this is the destination that checks every box.

Located just outside the picturesque town of **Nashville**, Abe Martin Lodge is surrounded by 16,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness. You'll enjoy the best of both worlds, where rustic charm meets modern comfort the moment you arrive, creating an experience that feels both inviting and unforgettable.

The lodge's wide range of accommodations offers something for everyone, whether you're traveling solo, bringing the kids, or gathering with friends. Choose from traditional lodge rooms, patio rooms, family cabins, cabin suites, or the cozy rustic cabins that feel like stepping back in time, only with modern perks like heat, A/C, and private baths.

From March 1st through May 21st, Abe Martin Lodge's "**Spring into Savings**" promotion makes an already-affordable getaway even more enticing. Book two or more consecutive nights and get 25 percent off your stay. Even better, every reservation includes complimentary wristbands to the lodge's indoor aquatic center, a huge hit with families, couples, and kids of all ages.





And this isn't just your average hotel pool. The aquatic center features a zero-entry swimming area, waterslide, lazy river, water basketball, volleyball, and hot tub all under a warm roof, no matter the weather outside. Open during summer months, the park features an Olympic-size outdoor pool with on-duty lifeguards, plus a separate wading pool for young children.

From the lodge, you're steps away from a playground of outdoor experiences tailored to your pace. Hike more than 18 miles of trails that wind through hills, ridges, and deep hollows. Some trails are easy loops perfect for a family stroll, while others challenge seasoned hikers with rugged terrain and big payoff views.

Ogle and Strahl lakes offer quiet, scenic spots for fishing. A lake permit is required. At 17 acres, Ogle Lake allows small watercraft like kayaks, canoes, or trolling-motor boats. Strahl Lake, while boat-free, is just as rich in bluegill, bass, and scenic beauty. Just don't forget your fishing license and leave the swimming for the pools.

If you're a horseback rider, you'll find more than 70 miles of bridle paths. Bring your own horse or saddle up at the park's **Saddle Barn** for guided rides, pony rides for kids, and hayrides on the weekends.

For more classic fun, grab your paddles and head to the new pickleball courts, organize a family soccer match in one of the park's open green spaces, or let the little ones explore the **Nature Center's** bird-viewing room, live snake exhibit, and interactive displays about Indiana's plants and wildlife.

For those who crave the traditional camping experience, Brown County delivers. With over 400 electric campsites, including accessible options, plus group sites and equestrian camping areas, there's no shortage of space under the stars. Amenities include modern restrooms, shower houses, tie-ups for horses, and even a

Camp Store stocked with snacks and souvenirs.

After a day of fresh air and forest trails, take a short drive into Nashville, a mecca for arts, crafts, and quirky culture. This tiny town packs a big punch with locally owned boutiques, independent bookstores, art galleries, wine bars,

breweries, and the renowned **Brown County Music Center**, where national acts share the stage with top-tier performers.

Step into any shop and you're bound to find something unique and someone friendly. It's the kind of place where strangers hold doors and artists share stories behind the work hanging on the walls.

Just beyond town, discover the historic home and studio of Hoosier artist **T.C. Steele**. Explore the lush grounds and walking trails that once inspired some of Indiana's most iconic landscapes.

Back at the lodge, unwind with a hearty meal at the **Little Gem Restaurant**. Expect classic comfort foods served in a relaxed setting with warm hospitality. It's the kind of meal that hits just right after a day spent moving, exploring, and soaking in the simple joys of spring.

Finish your evening with a card game or a movie in the upstairs lobby, then retreat to your room or cabin to rest up for another day of discovery.

Spring doesn't last forever, and this peaceful stretch between winter's chill and summer's buzz is pure magic in Brown County. Whether you're planning a family adventure, a romantic retreat, or a solo reset, Abe Martin Lodge offers everything you need, plus the kind of small-town warmth and local flavor that turns a trip into a tradition.



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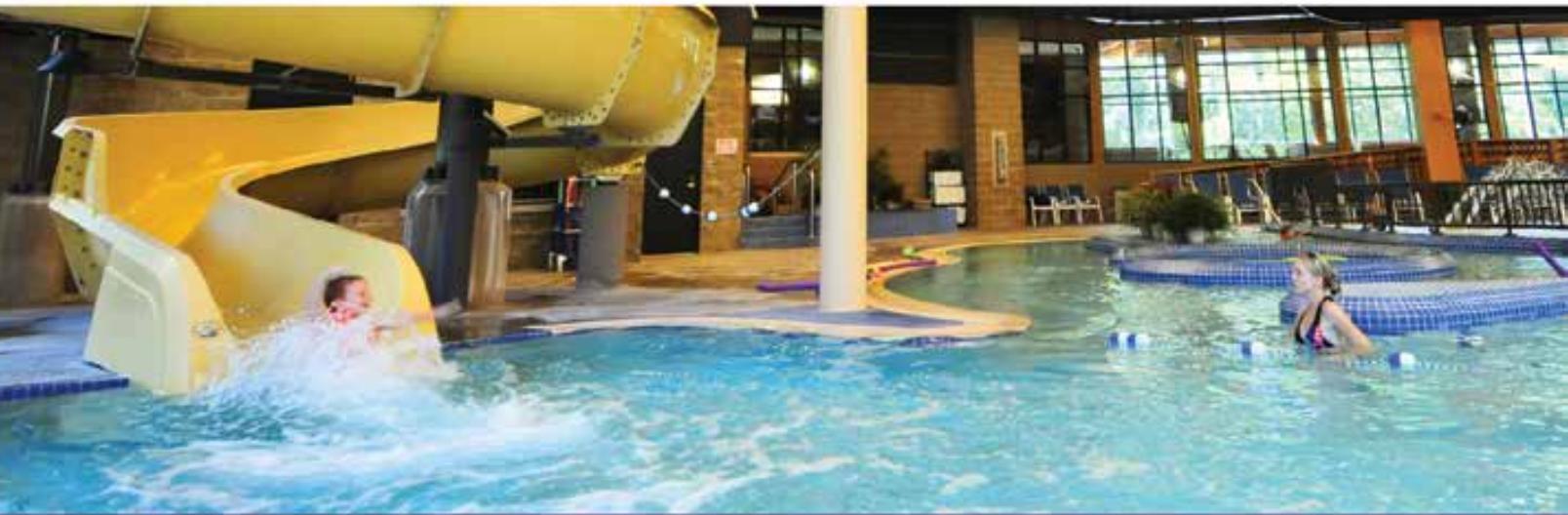
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The Trine State Recreation Area, on the opposite side of I-69 from Pokagon State Park, is nearly 200 acres and features Gentian Lake, a 23-acre kettle-hole lake. Boat rentals, licenses and bait are available at the Trine Welcome Center. Only property-owned boats are allowed, which helps regulate traffic density on the water and prevents the unintentional introduction of exotic plants and animals. Fishing is allowed from rental boats and from a public fishing pier with permit. The wooded grounds, scattered wetlands and open meadows offer excellent hiking and nature study opportunities. The 2.5-mile Rolling Oaks multi-use trail is open for hikers and bikers. When there is enough snow, tubing and sledding are available. Trine SRA property and welcome center hours vary seasonally. For more information, call Pokagon State Park at 260-833-2012.

BLOOMINGTON:

ONE OF INDIANA'S MOST EXCITING CULINARY DESTINATIONS

story by JORDAN SMITH



TOP TO BOTTOM:
Mother Bear's Pizza
Upland Brewing Co.
Outdoor Dining on Kirkwood Ave.
PHOTOS: Visit Bloomington

Bloomington, Indiana, has always been a city with character — artistic, intellectual, and unexpectedly cosmopolitan for its size. But in recent years, its food and drink scene has blossomed into something even more compelling: a place where global inspiration meets Midwestern roots, where culinary craft is taken seriously, and where independent restaurants thrive in a way rarely seen in similarly sized cities. Today, Bloomington is positioning itself as one of Indiana's most exciting culinary destinations, and its momentum is impossible to overlook.

Part of what elevates Bloomington's food identity is its deep culture of independence. Rather than a landscape packed with chains, the city is filled with longtime, locally owned establishments that have grown into community landmarks. **Uptown Café**, for instance, has been a Bloomington fixture since 1976 — a restaurant whose Creole- and Cajun-inspired dishes have made it a favorite for generations. Its longevity isn't just a testament to good food; it speaks to a city that values craftsmanship, history, and the kind of hospitality that becomes woven into local life.

That sense of tradition also appears at **Mother Bear's Pizza**, a Bloomington icon widely regarded as serving some of the best pizza in the state. With accolades like "Best Pizza in Indiana" by USA Today and LoveFood, and mentions in other national publications, Mother Bear's exemplifies the level of care and creativity that Bloomington's restaurants bring to even the most casual cuisine. Its hand-crafted approach mirrors a broader ethos in the city: ingredi-

ents matter, process matters, and the final product should never be ordinary.

Craft beverages tell a similar story.

Upland Brewing Company, one of the state's most respected breweries, began right in Bloomington in 1998 and helped shape the early wave of Indiana craft beer. Its nationally recognized sour ales — produced in its dedicated Wood Shop facility — demonstrate a level of ambition that has helped put Bloomington on the map for serious beer lovers. And just beyond downtown, **Butler Winery & Vineyards** anchors the region's wine scene with award-winning vintages made at one of Indiana's oldest family-owned wineries. Their recognition at competitions including the INDY International Wine Competition has helped prove that Indiana-grown wines can be as nuanced and expressive as those from more traditional winemaking regions.

But Bloomington's rise isn't driven only by its legacy establishments.

A new wave of creative, socially conscious eateries has injected fresh perspective into the city's food landscape.

Hive, known for its elevated comfort food served in a casual setting, has earned praise not only for its menu but for its progressive employment model — earning an "Employer of the Year" award by Developmental Services Inc. (DSI) of LIFE Designs for its inclusive, equitable workplace practices. It represents a forward-thinking culinary culture where sustainability and fair labor are embraced as part of the dining experience.

Coffee culture thrives here, too.

Hopscotch Coffee & Kitchen has

become a beloved community hub, roasting its own beans and earning multiple "Bloomington's Favorite Coffee Destination" honors in The Herald-Times Best of B-Town Readers' Poll. Its two locations highlight a truth about Bloomington: the community supports businesses that pour their heart into quality, creativity, and consistency. People return because the experience feels genuine — crafted, not manufactured.

Bloomington's culinary identity is also shaped by its environment. Surrounded by fertile farmland, the city benefits from close access to growers and producers, allowing restaurants such as **Lennie's** — known for handcrafted pizzas and a longtime commitment to local sourcing — to build menus around sustainably grown ingredients. Lennie's dedication to sustainability and customer care has earned both Green Restaurant recognition and a Spectrum Award,

offering yet another example of the city's elevated standards.

Layered over all of this is Bloomington's academic and artistic energy. As the home of Indiana University, the city naturally draws people with wide-ranging culinary backgrounds — chefs motivated by creativity, bakers inspired by tradition, and entrepreneurs eager to experiment. That blend of perspectives fuels a food scene that never settles into a single category. Take **The Chocolate Moose**, for example: a Bloomington staple since 1933, known for its hand-crafted ice cream, rotating seasonal flavors, and its reputation as a long-loved hangout for students, families, and locals alike. In Bloomington, longtime favorites and fresh culinary ideas coexist — and that mix is exactly what keeps the city's dining culture evolving.

This blend of tradition, innovation, and cultural diversity is ultimately what makes

Bloomington stand out. It's a city where restaurants don't chase trends — they create their own. Where quality is expected, not exceptional. Where independence is celebrated, and where culinary leaders feel empowered to take risks because their community will rally behind them.

Perhaps that is why Bloomington is quickly becoming Indiana's culinary hotspot: it has the rare ability to feel both established and evolving. Its classic institutions remain cornerstones, its new arrivals push boundaries, and its diners — students, families, artists, professors, travelers — crave experiences that feel authentic and memorable. There's an energy here, a sense of place, and a willingness to innovate that together make Bloomington not just a great food town, but a great food town on the rise.

For anyone exploring Indiana's culinary landscape, Bloomington is no longer just an option. It's a destination.

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Crawford County's Scenic Culinary Getaway

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FROM TOP LEFT:
Lucas Oil Golf Course
and Restaurant.

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The Overlook Restaurant.
PHOTO: The Overlook Restaurant

Out of the Blue Coffee.
PHOTO: Out of the Blue Coffee

Patoka Lake Brewery.
PHOTO: Phil Allen

LEFT:
Schwartz Family Restaurant.
PHOTO: Schwartz Family Restaurant

It might be a rural area with a population of just over 10,000, but Crawford County has a whole lot going on. Many of the activities center around Patoka Lake, the 8,800-acre body of water where summertime fun includes boating, water-skiing, swimming, fishing, canoeing, biking, and camping.

But at any time of the year you can enjoy the rugged hills, caves, and eye-popping scenery as you drive on Route 62 along the Ohio River. And one of the best things about visiting Crawford County? Experiencing the locally-owned culinary establishments throughout the area.

A good place to begin is **Alcohol Acres**, a complex that includes a hotel, distillery with a restaurant, brewery, and winery. Before you start tasting, however, a good idea might be to grab a breakfast or lunch whipped up by Jamie Boaz. He bakes his biscuits fresh each morning, and you won't want to miss his creamy mac 'n' cheese, a savory dish topped with crispy onion bits. Inspired by traditional German recipes, Boaz has been perfecting the recipe over several years.

Under the same roof is the **Old Homestead Distilling Co.** with a large tasting room where they offer sips of their Sunshine and Black Forest products. The Sunshine line resembles moonshine but is made with sunflower seeds. Flavored varieties include cherry bomb, cinnamon, lemon drop, and root beer. Or maybe try a spirit slushie. Pina colada and green apple cider are favorites.

Jolee Kasprzak, distillery manager, says while they don't yet offer organized tours of the facility, if you ask the tasting room manager, she will give you a sneak peek inside. And if you're really lucky, Alan Bishop, the master distiller will let you in on how he uses local plants and pot stills to re-create what immigrants from Germany did in the 19th century.

Within the same barnlike building are 28 queen and king hotel rooms with contactless check-in that make it a good place to bed down as you explore the libations made on the property.

A short walk across the property leads to the award-winning **Patoka Lake Brewery**, where D.J. Hanselman is the brewmaster. The tasting room here maintains six or seven of their staple beers — he says Nauti Blonde is a favorite — and rotates some of their other 30 recipes through the seasons to keep things interesting. Cheeses, meats, pretzels and the like are available for

snacking, and the Friday night bingo sessions always sell out.

The **Patoka Lake Winery** produces some 20,000 gallons of red and white wines per year, and their wine slushies remain one of their most in-demand products. They offer up to 22 flavors, which boaters often stock in their coolers for a day on the water.

The winery can provide an event space for up to 220 people, with discounts on hotel rooms for guests. This is connected to two silos where the first floor is often used for smaller gatherings. Upstairs are two-story suites complete with Jacuzzi tubs and fireplaces in the rooms.

When you can bear to leave, several eateries beckon with specialties such as made-from-scratch Amish food at the **Schwartz Family Restaurant**. Fried chicken, buttered noodles and a slab of blueberry cream pie, anyone?

If it's lighter bites you're after, **Bennie's Off the Water** is a must for pizza, barbecue, sandwiches and beer. **Springtown Pizza** at Marengo Cave offers a similar menu, with additional favorites such as strombolis, taco salad and ice cream nachos.

The specialty at the **Lucas Oil Golf Course and Restaurant** is pork tenderloins, and this is also a good place to get breakfast. Start your day with omelets, pancakes or a sausage-and-egg biscuit. In Milltown there's **Out of the Blue Coffee**, where their forte is distinctive coffees, cinnamon rolls and breakfast sandwiches. Then linger a while for some of their ice cream.

You can't go to Crawford County and not visit **Stephenson's General Store**. This nearly impossible-to-describe emporium is a repository for items old and new that range from tools, figurines, cast-iron cookware and stuffed animals (real and toy) to

rabbit food, canned armadillo and chainsaw blades. Near a cooler where live bait is stored are a frozen-meat locker, racks filled with shovels and gloves, and a shelf holding deodorant and shampoo. Once you have taken it all in, stop at the soda fountain in the corner for ice cream treats and specialty teas.

Wrap up your visit at the **Overlook Restaurant** — perfectly named because it is perched on a hillside with a sweeping view of the Ohio River. It has been in business since 1948, and everything here tastes home-cooked and good — burgers, ribs, chicken pot pies, seafood, and the rest. They even have their own pastry chef who makes desserts you won't soon forget.

Beyond that, the vibe here is warm and welcoming.

"People come from other states, and they say they came because their grandmother once brought them here," said owner Kim Belcher. "It's a generational thing, a family place."



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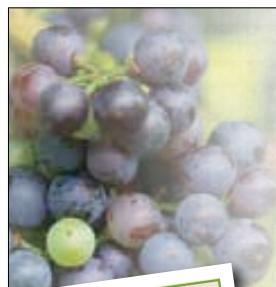
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His sons, Brad and Kurt Cohen, now carry on the legacy. Brad fondly recalls his father's way with people, calling him a "living legend." Growing up in the restaurant, Brad says, meant always being around friendly faces. "You never met a stranger at Arni's," he remembers.

What made Arni's stand out wasn't just the food, though it was always good and reasonably priced. It was Arni's belief in people and community. He understood that if you serve your neighbors with kindness and respect, they'll keep coming back and bring others with them. That simple philosophy helped turn a single Lafayette restaurant into a statewide tradition.

Today, Arni's spans 17 Indiana locations, and the heart behind the brand remains unchanged. Kurt reflects on the lessons his father taught through example: compassion, integrity, and the importance of giving back. "We're proud of the reputation Arni's has built in every town we serve," he says.

For more than five decades, Arni's has welcomed guests with fresh food and friendly service. Whether you're a longtime regular or a first-time visitor, the experience is always memorable. It's where Hoosiers gather for casual meals, celebrations, and the legendary thin crust pizza that keeps fans coming back.



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With locations in Lafayette, West Lafayette, Indianapolis, Greenwood, Brownsburg, Monticello, Rossville, Lebanon, Frankfort, Crawfordsville, Rensselaer, Pine Village, and New Albany, there's always an Arni's nearby. Plus, with its own supply chain through Linarco Distributing, Arni's ensures every meal is made with consistent quality, just the way Arni would have wanted it.

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You won't buy just any box of chocolate on this confectionery tour; you'll fill your own! By visiting 16 local shops, you'll pick up a single handmade chocolate candy from each stop. Plus, you'll discover free samples, mini bite-sized treats, and get the chance to make your own chocolate sweet at additional businesses along the way.

With your Heartland Handmade Chocolate Trail Box and map in hand, the tour will take you to Shipshewana and Middlebury, Indiana, the third largest Amish community in the USA.

Stores include the **Victorian Candy Company** where you'll sample and see homemade fudge being made. **Aunt Millie's Candy Company** offers hundreds of candy flavors, chocolates, and you can watch them make treats, too! Discover handcrafted chocolates from **Naomi's Candies**, created by local chocolatier Naomi in her licensed family-home kitchen.

In between stops, enjoy a meal at the **Blue Gate Restaurant** where you'll find chocolate pie and cookies for dessert. Then enjoy one of the 500 live shows a year such as an Amish musical or concert at Indiana's #1 most visited theater, the **Blue Gate Theatre**! Don't forget a buggy ride with **Shipshewana Buggy Rides**!

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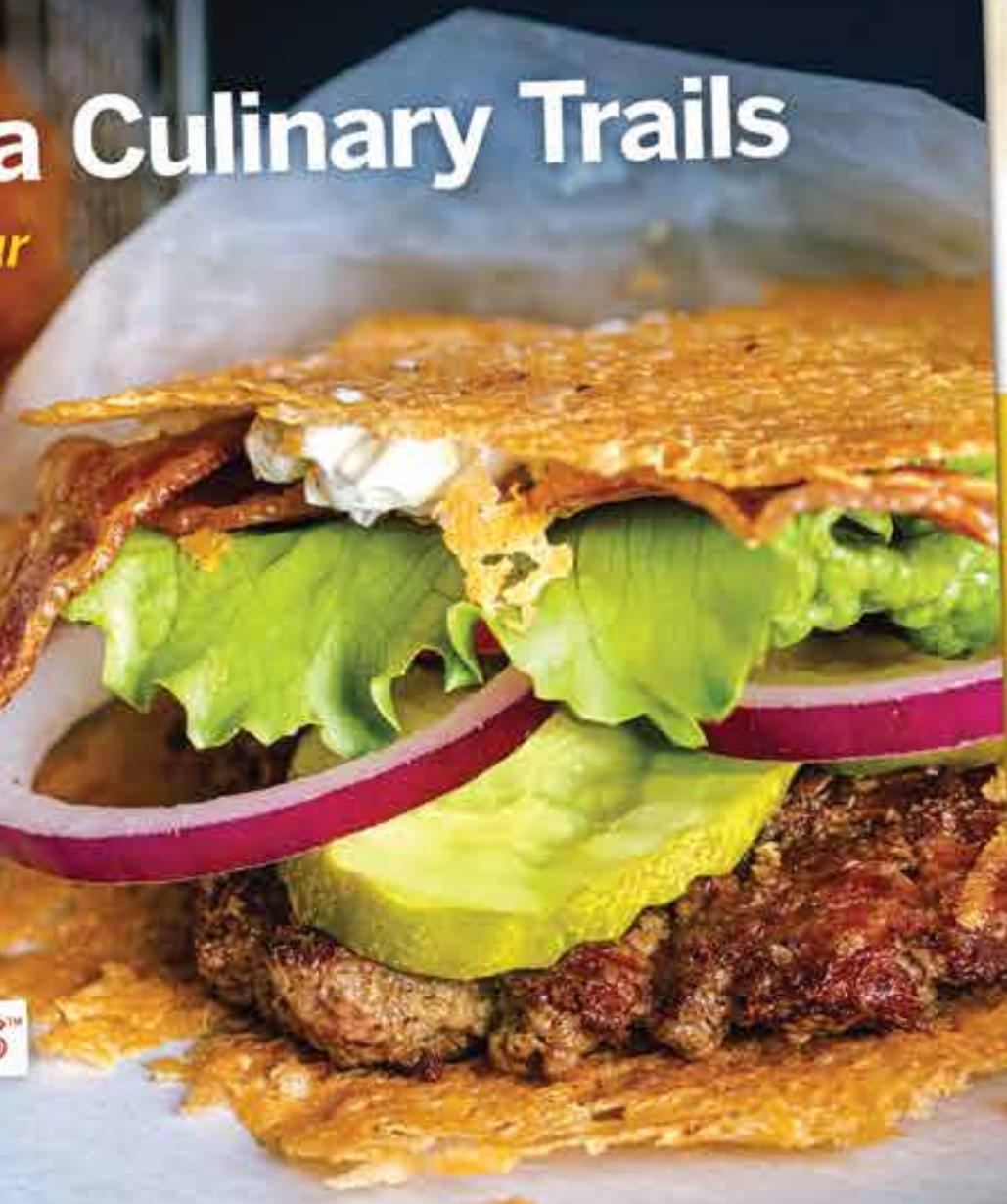
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Adventure is out there! Gather with your family and friends at Minnetrista to discover adventure around every corner with an Explorer Bag. Full of interactive objects and hands-on activities, Explorer Bags will take you on exciting explorations all over campus. All you have to do is check one out.



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Artist Within Me Bag

Minnetrista is home to many works of art across our 40-acre campus, from the Catalyst sculpture standing outside our Center Building to the paintings hanging inside the *Bob Ross Experience*. Art – and artists – come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. This explorer bag has a variety of art supplies and ideas for you to experiment with. Try as many or as few as you'd like, in any order – as our friend Bob Ross would say, this is YOUR world! Bob also believed that “there's an artist hidden at the bottom of every single one of us.” As you explore our campus and experiment with the art supplies in this explorer bag, we hope you discover the artist hidden within you.

Explorer bags are available year-round during exhibition hours. They're free for members and only \$5 for non-members.



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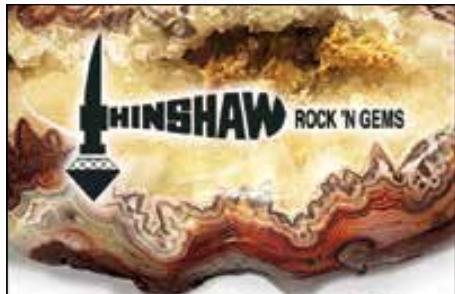
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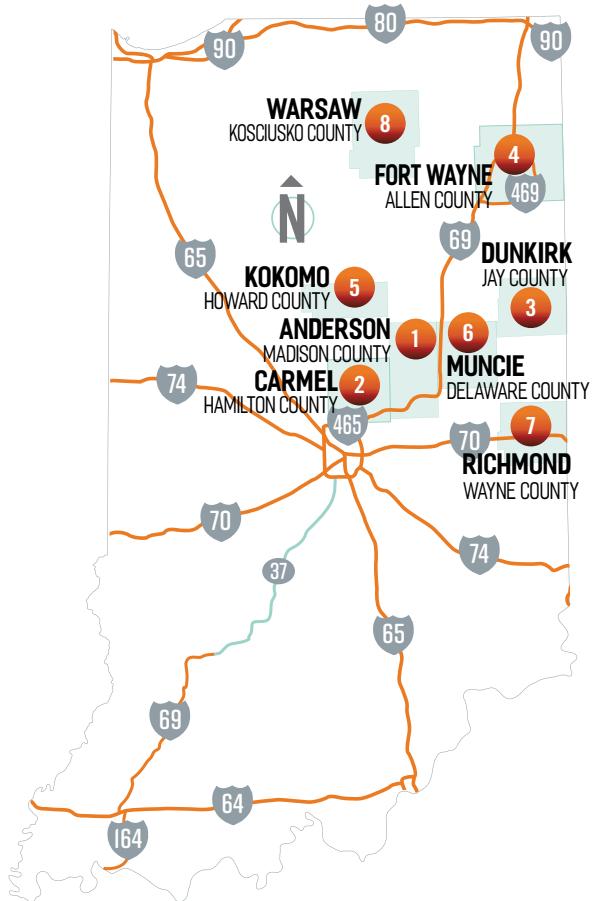
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INDIANA ARTISAN MARKETPLACE

Sip, Shop, Savor Indiana's Best

Make plans to attend the event where creative craftsmanship and community come together. It's happening at the **14th annual Indiana Artisan Marketplace, March 28–29** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. You'll discover art and fine craft as you sample and enjoy food and beverage — all made in Indiana, and all designated the best of Hoosier craftsmanship.

This is the show that opens Indiana's wonderful art fair season. The Marketplace is the place to find everything from hand-smithed jewelry to handmade chocolates, fine watercolors to striking wood art, and functional pottery to exceptional wines. It is the destination to find something for your good taste or something that tastes good. This year's show will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with specially-made Americana-inspired creations.

The Indiana Artisan Marketplace provides an opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind artwork and artisan foods directly from the Hoosiers who make it. Nearly 100 creatives from all regions of Indiana will meet shoppers from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, March 28 and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. All will talk about how their work is crafted, and many will demonstrate their creative process. Food and beverage artisans will offer samples.

The second edition of "100 Things to Do in Indianapolis Before You Die" by Ashley Petry lists the Marketplace as a must-do event, calling it the place to buy "unique artwork, pretty paper goods, eye-catching jewelry, crave-worthy food products, and the state's spirits and wines. ... Come prepared to splurge on a one-of-a-kind piece that you'll treasure for a lifetime."

The Marketplace is in the Agriculture Horticulture Building at the State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street. Show admission is \$10 per person, 14 and younger are free. The Fairgrounds charges \$10 for parking.

Work that carries the Indiana Artisan seal has gone through a rigorous evaluation process. It is the state's moniker for identifying and recognizing the best of Hoosier craftsmanship. More than 230 artisans creating in 58 counties currently have

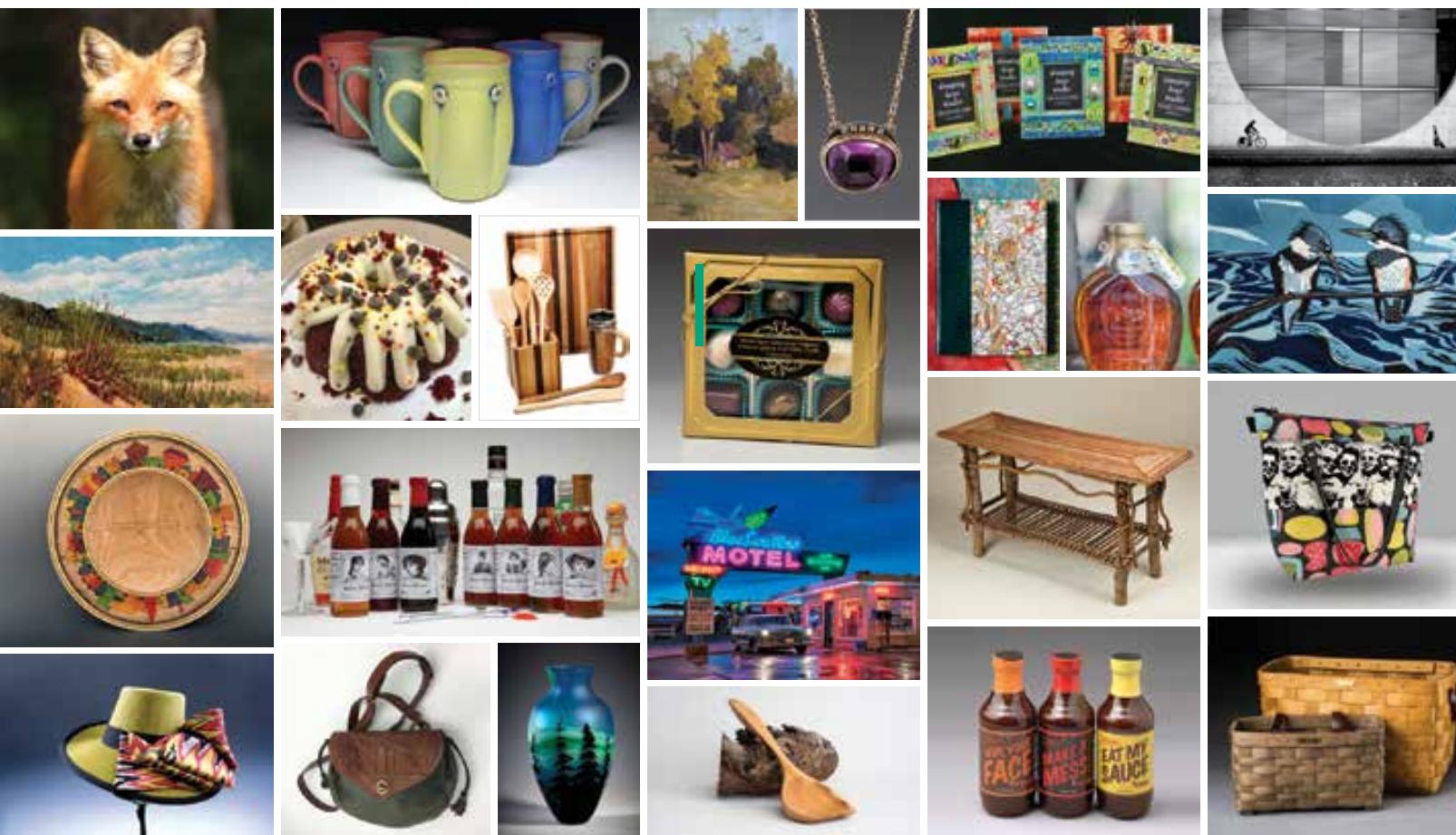
art, food, or beverages that have met the high standards. Each is an entrepreneur; many hail from some of the state's smallest communities. It isn't often that many of them come together in one location.

The highly respected Indiana Artisan brand includes painters, potters, woodworkers, bakers, snack makers, weavers, glass artists, photographers, wineries, distilleries, paper and mixed media artists, leatherworkers, and more. Find more information about the Marketplace, a list of participating exhibitors, and links to buy tickets or volunteer, visit indianaartisan.org/spring-marketplace/





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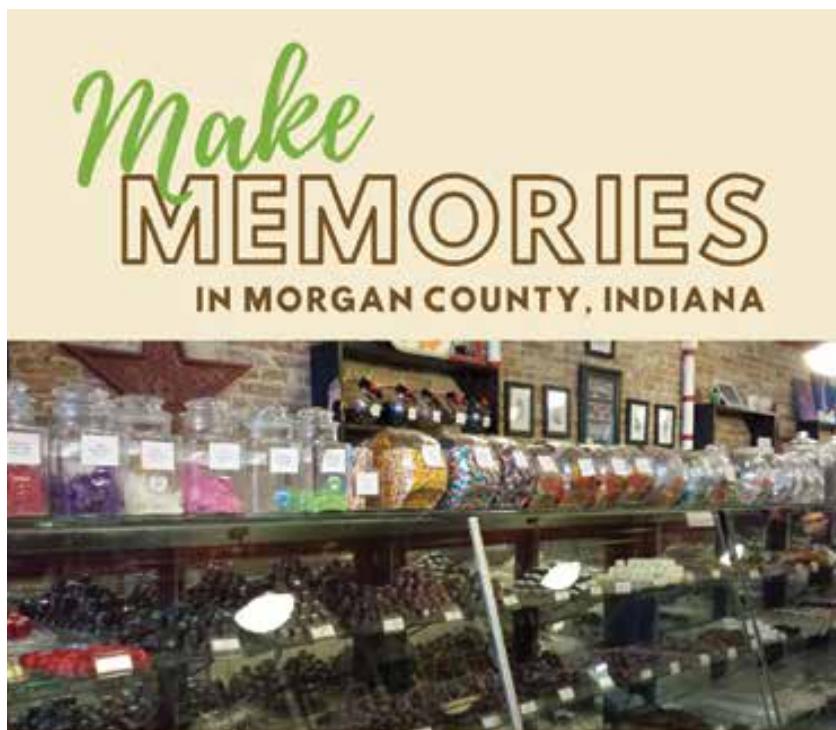


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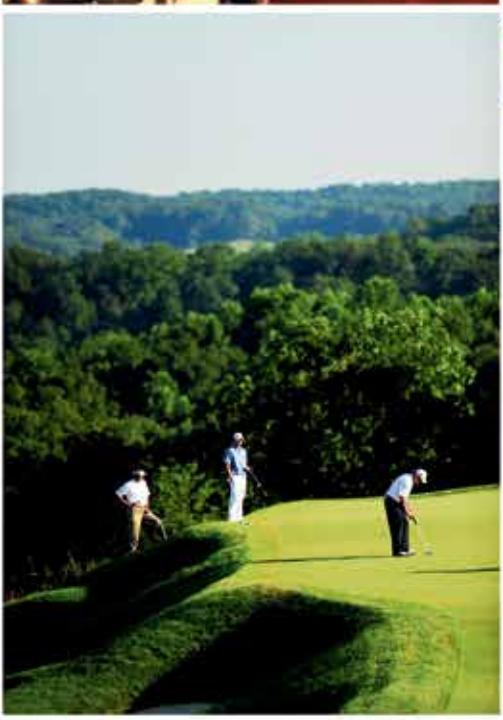
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