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From the banks of the Ohio River to Indiana Dunes National Park, map out some memories by planning your visit to the Hoosier State with this edition of the Indiana Travel Guide.

On behalf of the Indiana Destination Development Corporation, we would like to thank you for choosing our great state as a place to live or visit.

Best wishes and safe travels,

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb

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Drive-Ins

Cruise in and feast on old-school diner cuisine at Indiana’s classic drive-ins. By Amy Lynch

Open seasonally, Carlson’s Drive-In (N) in Michigan City has been serving up hot dogs, chili and housemade root beer for 74 years. Another Northwest Indiana regional favorite, classic car-themed Johnsen’s Blue Top Drive-In (N) in Highland, employs carhops who bring burgers, dogs and milkshakes directly to your vehicle. With original root beer, tenderloins, coney dogs and hand-dipped onion rings, the Mug-n-Bun (C) in Indianapolis is required dining for westside locals and Indianapolis Motor Speedway visitors. Southeast of Indianapolis in New Palestine, traditional soft-serve ice cream cones, sundaes, flurries and whips take center stage at the Frosty Boy Drive-In (C). And with locations in Lafayette and West Lafayette, the seasonal Dog N Suds (C) menu highlights root beer, “charcoo” broiled burgers and hot dogs.

Head south to Shoals to find family-owned Bo-Mac’s Drive Inn (N) and order up tasty burgers, fries, onion rings, Cokes and shakes with curbside service. Meanwhile, burgers, corn dogs, old-fashioned malts and sodas, and banana splits have delighted guests since 1952 at Georgetown-based Polly’s Freeze (S). In Greenwood, The Suds (C) keeps hungry loyalists coming back with friendly service, classic car shows, cheeseburgers and coney dogs. Frazier’s Dairy Maid (C) in Anderson cools customers down through the spring and summer months with a tempting selection of ice cream–based concoctions. A southside Muncie summer stop, Bowman’s B&K Root Beer and BBQ (C) shows off pulled pork sandwiches, giant tenderloins and frosty mugs of the house brew. Open year-round, The Tasty Freeze (C) in Montezuma north of Terre Haute dishes up chili, burgers, coney dogs and ice cream treats in pretty much any flavor combination you can imagine.
Living Color

MOTHER NATURE SURE KNOWS HOW TO PAINT A PRETTY PICTURE. HERE, THE WAYS SHE SHOWS OFF HER SKILLS IN INDIANA.

Mossy cliffs green
The sides of sandstone precipices carved millions of years ago at Turkey Run State Park are stippled with verdant mosses, giving additional texture to the craggy rocks hikers pass through. (C)

Wild persimmon orange
Though technically the persimmon can grow in Northern Indiana, too, the fruit is more widely found throughout Southern Indiana. (Mitchell even devotes an entire festival to it.) The persimmon's rich pumpkin hue indicates fall is here—and it's time to turn its pulp into delicious persimmon pudding. (IN)

Brown County yellow
Calling all leaf-peepers: One of the best places to see nature's changing colors is Brown County State Park, where a canopy of golden hues from the park’s birch, poplar, hickory and black maple trees signals winter's impending arrival. (S)
**Frozen falls white and covered bridge red**
In Spencer, a crimson covered bridge at Cataract Falls pops against the iced-over Cataract Falls, the largest waterfall in Indiana. The bridge is Owen County’s only surviving covered bridge—and doesn’t it look especially beautiful amid winter’s stark chill? (C)

**Sandy dune and blue waters**
They’re markers of a perfect summer day at Indiana Dunes National Park: azure-colored waves crashing onto sun-baked beaches, complemented by pillowy white clouds and tufts of greenery. Stake out your spot in the sand and soak them in. (N)

**Late harvest gold**
Sweet corn is as synonymous with Indiana as breaded pork tenderloins, basketball and the Indy 500. So you’ll excuse us for having a particular fondness for this gilded shade that evokes the fields lining quiet country roads. (IN)
LOCAL FLAVOR

A veritable buffet of memorable meals awaits at these 20 notable restaurants. BY AMY LYNCH

DATE NIGHT-WORTHY

Birthdays, anniversaries and nights out for two call for a special celebratory meal. Elkhart’s Artisan (n) casts a romantic spell on couples with its chic modern vibe and a dinner menu that highlights elevated continental fare.

Meanwhile, service-driven Vida (c) in downtown Indianapolis lives its farm-to-table ethos with a growing wall of hydroponic greens in the kitchen for fresh salads and herb garnishes. Head to the southern part of the state to French Lick Springs Hotel for a white-tablecloth meal and a champagne toast amid the elegant setting of 1875: The Steakhouse (c).

INDIANA ROOTS

For great food with a side of Hoosier history, set a course to any of these Indiana dining institutions. Since 1954, The Oyster Bar (n) in Fort Wayne has served up superlative seafood in a storied building that at one time operated as a saloon and speakeasy. If these walls could talk…

In nearby Huntington and operating since 1908, humble Nick’s Kitchen (pictures) (n) is often credited with creating the quintessential Indiana pork tenderloin sandwich. Another longtime local favorite, St. Elmo Steak House (c) in downtown Indianapolis has been in business for over a century, with the stories and photos to prove it. Don’t even think about skipping the spicy shrimp cocktail. Feast on a mile-high Reuben or pastrami sandwich followed by a slice of pie at Shapiro’s Delicatessen (c), Indy’s favorite family-owned deli since 1955.

FARM TO TABLE

Indiana boasts some of the best farmland in the country, lucky for diners who enjoy knowing their meals support regional food producers. Savvy customers can enjoy the tasty fruits of Hoosier farmers’ labors at Tolon (c) in Fort Wayne through creative culinary creations like porcini-rubbed beef, Indiana cheese fondue and lamb Bolognese. Another Fort Wayne mainstay, Copper Spoon (n) (c) relies on building blocks from Indiana farms to prepare memorable offerings like charcuterie and cheese platters and fresh meat and seafood entrees.

With a name like FARMDivington (c) (n), diners know they can count on seasonal menus from chef Daniel Orr that showcase homegrown ingredients at their peak of flavor. You can’t get any closer to the farm than at The Loft at Traders Point Creamery (pictures) (c) in Zionsville, where grassfed cows graze in fields just outside the barn-sited eatery. Save room for ice cream.

COUNTRY CHARM

Nothing tastes better than good old-fashioned Indiana comfort food. The rustic beauty of Brown County provides a perfect backdrop for breakfasts, lunches and dinners composed of locally sourced ingredients and produce at the Story Inn (pictures) (c). Nearby, The Nashville House (c) cooks up mouthwatering country favorites like fried chicken, Hoosier baked ham, meatloaf and turkey served up superlative seafood in a storied building that at one time operated as a saloon and speakeasy.

In Commiskey, the utterly charming Twigs & Sprigs Restaurant (c) at Stream Cliff Farm grows its own herbs and edible flowers for dill rosemary chicken salad and herb-roasted prime rib in onsite gardens through which guests are welcome to wander. Plan on arriving early to Bonge’s Tavern (c) in off-the-beaten-path Perkinsville, where tailgating in the parking lot while you wait for your table is all part of the attraction.

BISTROS & WINE BARS

Sophisticated casual eats with a great glass (or bottle) of wine are the name of the game at Indiana’s best bistros. Terre Haute’s Bar Bosco (c) presents a cozy nook to settle into for housemade Italian pastas, bread and gelato, along with wood-fired pizzas and hearty main courses. Gourmets in the know happily trek to Greencastle for gastropub cuisine and a thoughtfully vetted wine collection at Bridges Craft Pizza & Wine Bar (pictures) (c). On the Martinsville town square, 21 North Eatery + Cellar (c) wows patrons with classic Caesar salads, shareable small plates, and burgers and sandwiches big enough to require a knife and fork. With wood walls and sleek décor, Henry Social Club (c) in Columbus fits right in to its architecture-centric environs. Belly up to the bar for picture-perfect plates of pasta, poultry and desserts. Salut!
Souvenir Central

REMEMBER YOUR VISIT TO THE HOOSIER STATE BY TAKING HOME A LOCALLY MADE ITEM.

1. Handmade MudLOVE “thankful” mug in ultramarine, $28 at MudLOVE, Warsaw (N)
2. Amethyst druzy half-moon necklace by Rana Salame, $84 at Silver in the City, Indianapolis (C)
3. Soapy Gnome lip balms made with sunflower oil, mango butter and other natural ingredients, $4 each at Soapy Gnome, Goshen (N)
4. IN LOVE onesie by Sunday Afternoon Housewife, $24 at Conspire: Contemporary Craft, Greencastle (C)
5. Handmade CMT Pottery planter with succulent, $40 at Gather, Bloomington (S)
6. Vera Bradley plush fleece throw blanket in Itsy Ditsy print, $55 at Vera Bradley at Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne (N)
7. Rose Clay luxury bath bomb by Soap & Sunshine Apothecary, $7 each at Soap & Sunshine Apothecary, Alexandria (C)
8. Amtrak “Clerk” crossbody bag—made with upcycled leather from train seats—by People for Urban Progress, $155 at People for Urban Progress, Indianapolis (C)
9. “She Grew Up In An Indiana Town” 8”x10” print by Tribe & Trade, $15 at River City Coffee + Goods, Evansville (S)
10. “Lucky Bunny” by Bebito Toys, crafted from recycled, upcycled and repurposed fabrics, $42 for similar styles at Homespun: Modern Handmade, Indianapolis (C)
11. Oval maple boxes by Pete Baxter Woodworks in sizes 00, 0 and 1, $29–$37 at Pete Baxter Shaker Craftsman Gallery, Seymour (S)
12. Art glass “Sunflower Blooming” bowl by Hot Blown Glass artist Lisa Pelo, $250 at B3 Gallery, Nashville (S)
13. Solace Pure Essence Oil by Ambre Blends, $48 for 10 ml at Davis Mercantile, Shipshewana (N)
14. Patinaed sterling and 24K gold “Reading the Tea Leaves” earrings by Amy Greely, $78 at Indiana Artisan at French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick (S)
VIBRANT DISPLAYS OF CREATIVITY ARE EVERYWHERE IN INDIANA—EVEN WHERE YOU MIGHT LEAST EXPECT.

1. Bernard Williams’ Talking Wall dresses up the Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis campus with a tribute to Indianapolis’ African-American history. (C) // 2. Embark on the REN ART WALK to see a collection of murals, like this bird by MetaByte Creative. Rensselaer (N) // 3. Unique installations, like Understorey from 2019, are just one aspect of Exhibit Columbus, scheduled for fall. (S) // 4. The 100-plus displays at the Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum present a special al fresco experience. Solsberry (S) // 5. Eleven murals completed last September, among them one by Shawn Dunwoody in Whitley County, comprise the Make It Your Own Mural Trail. 11 counties in Northeast Indiana (N) // 6. Richmond and Wayne County’s mural scene sizzles. This fire depiction is in Richmond’s Depot District and is part of the area’s Murals Trail with 80-plus stops. (C) // 7. Wilfred Sieg III gave this water tank in the NoCo Arts & Cultural District a colorful, eye-catching makeover. Jeffersonville (S) // 8. The Barn Quilt Trail features over 200 handpainted blocks. Gibson County (S) // 9. More than 115 pieces in Lafayette and West Lafayette make up the Public Art Trail, including Visiting Our Solar System by Jeff Laramore on the Purdue University campus. (C)
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MANY FAMILIES MIGRATED TO INDIANA during the mid-1800s, seeking prosperity and education. In Hamilton County, a restored Jackson Township chapel and cemetery are all that remains of the Roberts Settlement (C), where free Black and mixed-race families built an enclave of 300 residents as a refuge from racism. One of Indiana’s largest Black communities was named after Joshua Lyles, a free Black man who settled a patch of wilderness near Princeton in 1837. The once-thriving Black community is diminished, but its schoolhouse, now the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum (S), shares the town’s backstory.

Education has always been a passport to a better life, but in the 1800s, women and Black people rarely had that opportunity. The Rev. Thomas Craven founded Eleutherian College (S) in 1848 to equalize access to education. Located in Lancaster, near Madison, the stone building is open by appointment. Craven was supported by local abolitionists such as Lyman Hoyt and his wife, Asenath. Their residence, the Lyman and Asenath Hoyt House (S), stands today, just a half-mile from the college.

In Fountain City, an eight-room home built in 1839 by Quaker abolitionists was considered...
HISTORY

In St. Joseph County, several residents of the Huggart Settlement, thought to be the first Black rural settlement in Northern Indiana, are now buried in Porter Rea Cemetery (N) inside Potato Creek State Park. Organized by the Indiana University South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center, the African American Landmarks Tour (N) takes visitors to sites—businesses, churches, homes of prominent citizens—that were instrumental to the city's Black community and culture from the 1830s through the mid-20th century.

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IT'S SAID THAT IN 49 STATES IT'S just basketball. But this is Indiana. And at no time will our love of the game be on greater display than this March, when the Hoosier State becomes the epicenter of college hoops. Venues in Indianapolis, Bloomington and West Lafayette will host the entire NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament. Evansville welcomes the Men's Division II tourney, and the Men's Division III champ will be crowned in Fort Wayne. That's a lot of basketball, but then again, basketball is our thing. If you share that passion, here's how else you can get your fix.

PRACTICE YOUR SHOT
Kids can work on their free throws at the Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, an outdoor playground with various hoop heights. Also in Indianapolis, a 1930s-style gym inside the NCAA Hall of Champions lets you hone your jump shot in a fun retro setting. Without sports, there'd be no—or, at least, fewer—mascots. So the Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting rightly celebrates athletic endeavors in its Department of Phuzzical Education, whose sports court includes a basketball hoop for kids.

VISIT A MUSEUM
Study up on the history of Indiana hoops through hands-on activities at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle. Visit the Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum, home of the Milan team that beat Muncie Central in the 1954 high school state championship, to explore the largest-known collection of memorabilia straight from the set of Hoosiers, which was based loosely on the Milan team. In the movie, it's not Milan but the fictional Hickory Huskers who won the title—step onto the Huskers' home court at the Historic Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, which looks just as it did when Hoosiers was released in 1986.

DINE AT A HOOPS-RELATED EATERY
In French Lick, 33 Brick Street is owned by a childhood friend of French Lick native Larry Bird and shows off items from the roundball champ's personal collection. Similarly, Plump's Last Shot in Indianapolis is decorated with memorabilia of the owner's legacy—Bobby Plump nailed the championship-winning shot for Milan.

WATCH A GAME
We're eagerly awaiting the day when fans can once again fill the seats of Indiana's arenas. Until then, put these hoops havens on your basketball bucket list. One of the best places to catch an NBA game is downtown Indianapolis' Bankers Life Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers and the WNBA's Indiana Fever. The site will host the NBA All-Star Game in 2024. Less than 10 miles north, the Butler Bulldogs take on their Big East foes at Hinkle Fieldhouse, whose atmosphere just might whisk you back to 1928, when the venue opened. And in the Big Ten, it's tough to beat the frenzied environments at West Lafayette's Mackey Arena, where the Purdue Boilermakers play, and Bloomington's Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall, home court of the Indiana Hoosiers.
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1. Numerous themed areas, like the Japanese, Waterfall and English Cottage gardens, fill out Wellfield Botanic Gardens’ 36 acres. Elkhart (N) / 2. Notre Dame’s Basilica of the Sacred Heart welcomes the public for tours or Mass. Notre Dame (N) / 3. Wander formal gardens and hike trails at the T.C. Steele State Historic Site, the former home of noted impressionist painter Steele and his wife, Selma. Nashville (S) / 4. At The Shrine of Christ’s Passion, 40 life-sized bronze sculptures tell the story of Jesus’ final days. St. John (N) / 5. A shaded arbor adds to the beauty at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site. Rome City (N) / 6. For a peaceful retreat, stay in one of five yurts tucked into the woods at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center. Bloomington (S) / 7. A labyrinth, shrines, gardens and a grotto dot the grounds at Monastery Immaculate Conception. Ferdinand (S) / 8. The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is an imposing limestone beauty, consecrated in 1907. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods (C) / 9. Some say the Roofless Church, designed by prominent architect Philip Johnson, looks like an upside-down rose. Unsurprisingly, it’s a popular venue for weddings. New Harmony (S)
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Brick Street Boutique in Franklin

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Locally owned boutiques packed with goodies. Cafés and restaurants serving delicious casual to upscale fare. Historic attractions to tour when it’s time for a break. Shopping and exploring small have never been more fun in these 16 welcoming downtowns, each a recently accredited Main Street of America.

by LAURA KRUTY & DAWN OLSEN
MADISON

Madison (5) is a ready-made Hallmark movie set. Its picturesque downtown stretches from one end of town to the other, and includes gems like Lanier Mansion. Tour the 1844 Greek Revival home for $11. Lanthier Winery, the city’s oldest winery, is near the mansion; grab a bottle of best-seller Mill Street Red. On the west end of Main Street, there’s Olde Tyme Marketplace, which dedicates 5,000 square feet to farmhouse-chic decor. Down the street, at The Attic/Coffee Mill Cafe, snag a quick lunch in the form of a panini. Moving east, you’ll come across McWhiggins Wonder Emporium, an all-ages toy store with a 6-foot K’NEX Ferris wheel. Cocoa Safari Chocolates is a wonderland of silky truffles, homemade marshmallows and enormous turtles. And then there’s Blush on Main, which carries timeless silhouettes and rich fabrics like leather and velvet. Village Lights Bookstore is a two-story shop with a Steinway piano and two shop cats, and Bourbon & Bird Dogs carries gear for the modern gentleman. In a restored feed mill with a patio, Mad Paddle Brewstillery brings craft beer back to town with house brews and distilled spirits.

NEWBURGH

At the intersection of Jennings and State streets, a cluster of historic buildings overlooks the Ohio River. This is Newburgh’s (5) epicenter. At Flutter, women’s apparel is built to last, both in quality and style. JO + CO makes fashion effortless for modern, on-the-go women, and at Frenchy & The Free Bird, lace and rock ‘n’ roll collide. Check out Ben & Penny’s, an ice cream parlor with a stuffed cotton candy “burrito.” For more traditional desserts, step into Cleo’s Bakery. Its rosemary biscuits are divine, as are the housemade vegan baked goods at The Refinery. Stock up on everyday skincare products at Sixth & Zero, then wrap up shopping at The Barefoot Cottage, which carries natural, neutral apparel and home accessories. For dinner, get a table at Cafe Arazu, serving Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dishes.

LAWRENCEBURG

Lawrenceburg (5) is one of Indiana’s oldest settlements. Blocks of historic buildings house some of the area’s most popular shops, including Craft’s HideOut, a secondhand craft store for DIY champs, and Quilter’s Garden, a quilt shop inside a teensy 1800s church. Recharge at Funny Farm Coffee Company, a brand-new cafe with rotating flavors from around the world. Now caffeinated, turn your attention to Hamerlynck and The Hummingbird Boutique. Both shops carry handcrafted jewelry, antiques and vintage curiosities. Since shopping works up an appetite, order a pie from Strong’s Brick Oven Pizzeria or shrimp tacos from Proof 124 Table & Tavern.
Aurora (S) is a tight-knit community with a compact downtown. Start your day touring the Hillforest Victorian House Museum. After admiring the mansion's opulence, head to Angela's Attic and find antiques to furnish your own home. Walk around the corner to Plug's Sweet Tooth, which makes addictive popcorn treats. Second Time Around and Krypto's Comix are next door with antiques, action figures and movie memorabilia. Up the street, Big Indian Woodworking covers your whiskey-barrel furniture needs, and The 1819 Boutique offers women's clothing. For dinner, order a mouthwatering strip steak at J. Miller Steak Company or the truffle ravioli at Third & Main, which has a companion butchery.

Jeffersonville

There's lots of entrepreneurial spirit in downtown Jeffersonville (S), which connects to Louisville via the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge. Within the area, there are boutiques and florists, coffee houses and cafes, such as Cafe 223, located in Big Four Station Park, with grab-and-go lunches. Other midday options include Parlour, Kentuckiana's craft pizza destination, and Portage House, with more upscale modern-American eats. After lunch, stroll up Spring Street. Sapphire on Spring Boutique, Tru Bliss Boutique and Blessings on Spring Boutique all offer women's clothing in a range of sizes and accessories such as Kentucky Derby hats. See if you can find horse racing–related items at Sugar Maples Antiques & Gifts, which requires a thorough walk-through. The Shop at LL&A Interior Design also carries gifts, in addition to art and anything else that makes a room feel “finished.” Find something for the sweet tooth at Schimpff's Confectionery, whose cinnamon red hots are famous. Browse home decor at Lavender Hill before relaxing at Pearl Street Game & Coffee House. Yahtzee, anyone?
MUNCIE

Before you experience downtown Muncie's (C) transformation firsthand, you gotta caffeinate. Start the day at The Caffeinery, a small-batch roaster/coffee shop with tasty seasonal lattes. Once you're humming, head to HeidiJHale Designs + Details. Every piece of jewelry there is handcrafted by Muncie-based metalsmiths. Across the street at Olive & Slate, there's a little bit of everything—seasonal decor, geodes, local art. For lunch, try the globally influenced menu at Harmony Cafe. With almost three-dozen ice cream flavors, The Barking Cow has dessert covered. Shop Hayloft Boutique for the latest trends in women's fashion, then check out refurbished furniture at Mulberry Street Uniques. Wrap up the day with an upscale dinner at Vera Mae's Bistro or The Neely House.

Bloomington

Thanks to Indiana University, Bloomington (S) is a diverse, vibrant college town. There are more than 100 restaurants downtown, including Fourth Street's Indian, Thai, Chinese, Tibetan, Turkish, Korean, Greek and Burmese establishments. More specifically, there's Runcible Spoon, a cozy, whimsical cafe with a bathtub full of koi. Beer-wise, try Function Brewing, which rotates 12 made-in-house beers, and for dessert, there's BLU Boy Chocolate Cafe & Cakery, an all-scratch chocolate “boutique.” In the Fountain Square Mall on the city square, shop for contemporary women's wear at Mirth Market or for an affordable luxury bag at EllieMae's Boutique. (It carries Vera Bradley and Pandora.) By Hand Gallery, which showcases pottery, textile work, photography and paintings, is also in the Fountain Square Mall. Closer to campus, The Venue Fine Art & Gifts sells paintings, jewelry, pottery and sculpture, all of which have an earthy feel to them. Another art-related store is Gather; it carries contemporary goods from more than 250 artists. For eclectic, quirky, one-of-a-kind gifts, visit Greetings or Global Gifts, a fair-trade store. New to antiquing? Cut your teeth at the Bloomington Antique Mall, where more than 120 booths span three floors. You can find farmhouse-inspired pieces at Lola + Company, as well as linens, charcuterie boards and baskets.
With antique and salvage stores aplenty, Franklin (C) is a mecca for any preservationist or renovator. Vintage Whimsy and Blackbird Nest both carry antique furniture and architecture pieces. Shabby meets Etsy at Salvage Sisters Antique Market, and Eclectic Jade carries a colorful selection of home decor and other gifts. BYTAVI Boutique employs seamstresses in Cambodia and pays fair wages. In addition to the apparel at BYTAVI, women can find fashion-forward clothing, accessories and home items at Brick Street Boutique and Farm Girl Mercantile. For kids, there’s Toodlydoo Toys, with books, games and playthings for newborns and teenagers alike. Voracious readers of any age should check out Wild Geese Bookshop, a snug store that also sells gifts. For a cup of joe and a light lunch, there’s Main & Madison Market Cafe, the go-to. And for dinner, RFD Franklin, an American restaurant inside an old post office, never just mails it in.

In the shadow of a grand Second Empire–style courthouse, Noblesville’s (C) vibrant city center teems with shops and eateries. After starting your day with an omelet or eggs Benedict at Rosie’s Place, search for treasures from days gone by at Noblesville Antiques on the Square. Even more antiques—alongside new and repurposed decor, clothing, accessories and kids’ items—are found at Logan Village Mall and The Mix Marketplace. Take a break and refuel with a latte or chai at Noble Coffee & Tea or a cone or sundae at Alexander’s on the Square. Then get back at it at Karisma, Bash Boutique and The Wild Bohemian, all of which offer casual women’s clothing and accessories. Turn your attention back to your home at Linden Tree Gifts and A Corner Cottage, packed with decorative pieces and seasonal accents. Refresh your stash of puzzles and board games at Moonshot Games, and end the day with pasta at Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano.

If you’re in Shelbyville (C) to press your luck at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, take some time to visit the city’s centrally located businesses. Begin with breakfast or lunch at Just Peachy Cafe, whose inviting patio beckons on a sunny day. A trio of siblings founded Three Sisters Books & Gifts, where you can shop new titles; take yours next door to The Bookmark and start reading with a beverage and croissant in hand. Discover work of local artists at The Gallery, hosted by the Shelby Art Guild Association; update your wardrobe at Pink Poppy Boutique and Lemon Lane Boutique; and amble among displays at Mama’s Pink House Antiques. Pick up sweet treats at Linne’s Bakery & Cafe or an ice cream cone at Grandma’s Cow Palace, aptly located in a barn-like building. Finally, walk along re-created streets and peek into life-size, old-time storefronts in the Streets of Old Shelby exhibit at the Grover Center Museum & Historical Society.
KOKOMO

It’s no surprise that Kokomo is a hub for antique shopping. The Glass Monocle has collectibles, antiques and vintage toys, but if you’re in the market for Bakelite, neon signs or cigar memorabilia, get thee to Wild Ostrich Antiques. Kokomo is also home to “Geek Street,” a one-block stretch of downtown where American Dream Hi-Fi (old and new vinyl), Kokomo Toys & Collectibles (vintage and modern action figures), Chapter 2 Books (many, many genres of fiction) and Comics Cubed (comics!) are located. On the city square is Mo Joe Coffee Co. whose Keto bullet and Death Wish bullet helped rocket this coffee shop to Best New Business in Kokomo in 2018. On the other side of the square, there’s P.F. Hendricks & Company, an outdoor and athleisure boutique. For lunch, try the triple grilled cheese or pot roast sandwich at Main Street Cafe. Afterward, pop in to CoVa & Co. on Mulberry, a tasteful home decor store. Then raise a glass of Sunlight Cream Ale at Sun King Brewery Kokomo, and toast to a successful day.

WABASH

Wabash is pedestrian, hand-holding and stroller friendly. Start with a coffee combo from Modoc’s Market. Spruce up the wardrobe with a trip to the elegant Bluebird Boutique, and for a bohemian look, shop at secondhand Bellazo Revived Style. Drop off your bags in the car and grab a Harvester Blonde Ale at Chapman’s Brewing Company. Next, browse vintage and antique decor at Eclectic Shoppe, and definitely step into Reading Room Books, one of the largest used bookstores in Indiana. Last, visit the Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe and Wine & Cheese Shoppe inside the Charley Creek Inn for a smorgasbord of sweet and savory.
Downtown Marion (N) is getting a makeover, thanks to historic renovation projects and an influx of new businesses. Take 139 E. Third St., for example. The once-neglected building is now home to Linda Harmon Design Studio 407 and True Envy Boutique. The former carries home decor, while the latter stocks affordable women’s clothing. Another new business is The Jigsaw Junction, which offers puzzles, board games and brain teasers for both children and adults. Up the street is Obi’s Barbecue, whose generous portions are sure to please any BBQ snob. For non-carnivores, there’s Sender Cafe, a vegan cafe and coffee shop where vibrant murals splash the walls. After grabbing a bite, head to Echo Art Gallery, which showcases artwork from local artists, including kids. Before heading out, visit the Quilters Hall of Fame, which celebrates the art of quilting, and the historical Hostess House, with delish desserts and a gift shop.

This is the small town Seymour (S) native John Mellencamp sang about. Appropriately, a mural of the rocker dresses up the exterior wall of This Old Guitar Music Store. Shop clothing, accessories and home decor at Dragonfly Boutique, Seedlings + Co. and Lea Boutique. If you share Jenna Martinez’s passion for reading, you’ll want to browse her newly opened The Magic of Books for pre-owned titles for all ages. Other hobbies, such as puzzles, collectible cards and board games, take the spotlight at The Castle Games. Sample authentic German fare at Schwätzer’s or simple lunch dishes at Batar, a charming cafe on the edge of Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.
WHETHER YOU PREFER TO WHOOSH DOWN HILLS ON A BIKE OR A SLED, WHETHER YOU WANT TO SPEND HOURS ON A CALM EXPANSE OF LAKE OR AMONG TANGLES OF TREES, THESE SEVEN ITINERARIES TAKE YOU TO SOME OF INDIANA’S BEST RECREATIONAL DESTINATIONS.

by Laura Kruty
OUR WATER ADVENTURING PUSHES OFF AT Deam Lake State Recreation Area 1 in Borden, which rents kayaks and rowboats Memorial Day through Labor Day for paddling its 194-acre lake. The property is also a hot-spot for swimming and fishing.

Done for the day? Drive to Scottsburg, where you’ll find national hotels and plenty of places to eat. It’s also home to Goat Milk Stuff—take a tour, purchase food made with goat milk and cuddle baby animals.

On the western edge of Jackson-Washington State Forest lies Starve Hollow State Recreation Area 2 in Vallonia. Borrow a kayak, canoe or flat-bottomed boat to take out on 145-acre Starve Hollow Lake. Once you’re back on land, there are 11 miles of trails to hike and cabins to catch shut-eye.

Or consider heading to Seymour for the night, choosing from several restaurants in its walkable downtown (see pg. 27) and nearby hotels.

You can still see many of the Civilian Conservation Corps–built structures at Versailles State Park 3, Indiana’s second-largest state park. Loop around Versailles Lake before checking out the trails or searching for fossils in Laughery Creek.

Book a room in the heart of Batesville, where, since 1852, The Sherman 4 has welcomed weary travelers. The recently renovated inn features an onsite German-American restaurant and lively biergarten. In the morning, walk over to Schmidt Bakery 5 for coffee and doughnuts.

Next, head to Brookville 6 and choose from Whitewater Canoe Rental or Morgan’s Outdoor Adventures to canoe, kayak, raft or tube along the Whitewater River.

BONUS STOPS

Stroll across the Medora Covered Bridge, built in 1875. It’s said to be the longest covered bridge in the U.S.

Catch a slice of Indiana hoops history at the Milan ’54 Hoosiers Museum, which chronicles the team that inspired the Hickory Huskers in Hoosiers.

Watch canines frolic around or, for a fee, enter the enclosure to interact with them at Brookville’s Wolf Creek Habitat.

FINDING YOUR WAY

REGIONS COVERED:
South & Central
DISTANCE: 132 miles
DURATION: 3–4 days

EXTRA CREDIT

Extend your trip with a visit to Summit Lake State Park 5 in New Castle. Follow the two dedicated, self-guided kayak trails and you could see great blue herons and other birds around Summit Lake 5.

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For you, there’s nothing better than being out on the water, tackle box and cooler at hand, blue skies mirrored in shimmering water—and plenty of bites. Luckily, Indiana is peppered with fishing holes.

**Various Ponds Dot** Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area 1 in Montgomery, but the main attraction is 1,400-acre Dogwood Lake. Cast from the shore or head out on the water for catfish, crappie, bluegill and other species. More than 100 campsites offer a place to rest, or book a room at Gasthof Amish Village or in nearby Washington.

At Greene-Sullivan State Forest 2, choose from 120 lakes, the largest being the 220-acre Bass Lake. Appropriately, largemouth bass is the most sought-after fish here, but elsewhere, you’ll get bites from crappie and bluegill. When it’s time to reel it in, retreat to an on-premises campsite or cabin, or to a hotel in close-by Sullivan, where there are numerous dining options.

Lakes Shakamak, Kickapoo and Lenape combine to offer 400-plus acres of water at Shakamak State Park 3 in Jasonville. Each has a boat ramp, with rentals available if needed. While bluegill reign supreme, you might also come across largemouth bass and redear sunfish. Cabins and campsites provide onsite lodging.

Or opt to take a short drive to Terre Haute 4, where you’ll find plenty of familiar names in hotels and a diverse range of mealtime choices, including Stables Steakhouse, Terre Haute Brewing Company and Piloni’s Italian Restaurant.

Before heading to the final stop, Cecil M. Harden Lake 5 in Rockville, fill up at Wheel House Donuts 6, just off the town’s courthouse square. The lake, a 2,000-acre focal point that surrounds Raccoon State Recreation Area 7, is stocked with bass, bluegill, crappie and others.
BEGIN YOUR NORTH-CENTRAL TRIP
AT Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, where 25-acre Kunkel Lake is home to bass, bluegill and more. When you’ve had your fill, wander over to see American bison in a natural habitat or rent a bike to pedal along the paved path that hooks up to the Rivergreenway Trail, adjacent to the Wabash River.

Travel to Huntington for burgers and steaks at Brick House Grill or fish and chips at Chapman’s Brewing Company before retiring for the day at a hotel or B&B.

Fuel up in the morning at Huntington institution Nick’s Kitchen before heading to J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area. Its expansive namesake lake teems with channel catfish, crappie, bass and others, while walleye are found primarily below the dam. Additional ponds are scattered around the 7,300-acre property.

Book a room in nearby Wabash, perhaps at the magnificently restored Charley Creek Inn. It’s in the heart of downtown, close to dining, though the hotel has an onsite restaurant and wine bar.

Andrews’ 2,600-acre Salamonie Lake is large enough for you to spend the whole day, cruising around for crappie, channel catfish and, in the dam’s tailwater, walleye. Next door at Salamonie River State Forest, Hominy Ridge Lake is ideal for nabbing bluegill, redear sunfish and largemouth bass. Both sites have camping, or retreat to Wabash for the night.

Lastly, cast your line for large and smallmouth bass, channel and flathead catfish, bluegill and crappie at Mississinewa Lake, a 3,200-acre attraction in Peru, less than 30 minutes from Salamonie Lake. The Miami State Recreation Area, the largest of four such sites on the property, offers camping, hiking trails and a boat launch. Hit the Francis Slocum Trail to see the Seven Pillars, 25-foot limestone features carved over the years by wind and water.

BONUS STOPS
Snack on authentic Italian appetizers, panini and pizza at the cafe at Golfo di Napoli Dairy, a hidden gem in Warren.

Sit in an H-1 Huey Helicopter and see 24 military aircraft dating back to World War II at Grissom Air Museum in Peru.

Check out fossilized coral reef rising 75 feet above the Wabash River at Hanging Rock National Natural Landmark in Lagro.

**ROUTE #2**

FINDING YOUR WAY
REGION COVERED: North
DISTANCE: 88 miles
DURATION: 3–4 days

**FUN FACT**
The state record bluegill (3 lb., 4 oz, at Greene-Sullivan State Forest) has stood since 1972.
DEEP RAVINES, STEEP SLOPES AND ROCKY TERRAIN punctuate the landscape of Corydon’s O’Bannon Woods State Park 1, which offers more than 17 miles of mountain biking trails. Be aware that users report the trails here lean toward difficult—all the better to really test your skills.

Head north to Nashville 2, known for its community of artisans, and enjoy a meal of Southern-inspired comfort food at The Original or a New York–style pie at Brozinni Pizzeria. Retire for the night at any one of the area’s charming B&Bs or Airbnb rentals, or the Abe Martin Lodge inside Brown County State Park.

Plan to spend the entire day at Indiana’s largest state park, with just under 16,000 acres. With options for beginners to experts, the nearly 30 miles of trail here feature elevation changes, rugged terrain, scenic views, historic Civilian Conservation Corps landmarks and unspoiled woods for an experience worthy of the International Mountain Biking Association’s Bronze Level Ride Center designation.

Next up is Fort Harrison State Park 3, a decommissioned military post on Indianapolis’ northeast side. Among the various trails, Lawrence Creek and Schoen Creek are your best bets for natural-terrain rides, although Harrison Trace offers a paved option. When finished, sip on the popular Railsplitter IPA at nearby Triton Brewing Company or head north about 40 minutes to Anderson.

There, 13 miles of singletrack await at Rangeline Nature Preserve 4, also with bridges, seesaws, jumps and drops. Elsewhere in Anderson, experience horse racing and table games at Harrah’s Hoosier Park Racing & Casino or sample locally made spirits at Oakley Brothers Distillery.

IF “BERM,” “FLOW” AND “SWITCHBACK” ARE PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY VOCABULARY, GEAR UP FOR A MEMORABLE TREK ON INDIANA’S THRILLING TRAILS.

EXTRA CREDIT
Hang up the wheels and hoof it along trails at Mounds State Park 5, a short drive from Rangeline and home to centuries-old earthworks built by the Adena and Hopewell people.
BONUS STOPS

- Tour the University of Notre Dame or the South Bend Chocolate Company factory, you guessed it, South Bend.
- Enjoy scoops of liquid nitrogen–frozen butter pecan or Oreo surprise at Rocket Science Ice Cream in Nappanee.
- Pick up hand-blended fragrances, lotions and oils at Annie Oakley Natural Perfumery in Ligonier.

Winter Fun

There’s no keeping you inside on a snow day, best spent bundled up outdoors. This trip speaks to the active types who just can’t wait for the powdery stuff to start piling up.

ST. PATRICK’S COUNTY PARK 1 in South Bend offers a trifecta of activities to warm you up from the inside: cross-country skiing, tubing and snowshoeing. Equipment rental is available.

Before calling it a day (South Bend has myriad hotel options), sit down to a globally inspired meal at Café Navarre, upscale-casual fare at LaSalle Grill or sushi at Woochi Japanese Fusion + Bar.

In the morning, fill up at South Bend favorite PEGGS before heading to Potato Creek State Park 2 in North Liberty, a destination for tubing, ice fishing, sledding and more than eight miles of cross-country skiing trails (although ski rentals are not offered).

Next, take your skis to Chain O’Lakes State Park 3 in Albion, with cross-country trails and, yes, plenty of lakes for ice fishing.

Travel to Auburn 4 to warm up over joe at Five Lakes Coffee and for dinner, where you’ll find a smorgasbord of options that include steak, pizza, burgers and barbecue.

Spend the night in the town that’s built its name on a love of classic cars.

The final stop is Pokagon State Park 5 in Angola, best known for the refrigerated toboggan run 6. While that fast-paced ride should definitely be on your agenda, don’t overlook the park’s cross-country skiing (with rentals offered), sledding and ice fishing.

EXTRA CREDIT

Snowmobilers can fire up their rides along two of Indiana’s longest dedicated trails: the 68-mile Buffalo Run 7 in St. Joseph County and the 61-mile Miami in Elkhart County. Snowmobiles must be registered.

FINDING YOUR WAY

REGION COVERED: North
DISTANCE: 130 miles
DURATION: 3 days

Pokagon State Park’s refrigerated toboggan run
START IN THE FAR NORTHWEST CORNER
of the state, the Hammond Lakefront Park & Marina 1, to be exact. Don’t let its industrial surroundings keep you away—this popular stop for birds is worth a visit year-round for migrating songbirds and waterfowl.

That same day, head to the crown jewel of Indiana bird-watching, Indiana Dunes 2. Both the state park and national park provide four-season viewing opportunities, but it’s Indiana Dunes State Park that offers the greatest diversity, with more than 300 species found there. Visit the birding platform on the west side before trekking along multiple trails through Dunes Nature Preserve; trail 2 is especially recommended.

Stay the night in Chesterton (grab a gourmet burger at Octave Grill) or book a cabin or campsite at the Dunes. Start the next day with an omelet or breakfast bowl at Third Coast Spice Cafe.

Your third stop is the Michigan City Harbor 3, where birds can be spotted on the beach, in the water and near the jetty. Nearly 300 species have been viewed here, including waterfowl, shorebirds, warblers, terns and loons.

After birding, tour the Barker Mansion, the Barker family’s glorious nod to the Gilded Age; shop at Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets; or press your luck at Blue Chip Casino. Local dining favorites include Shoreline Brewing, new American Fiddlehead and Dune Billies Beach Cafe. Spend the night in Michigan City.

Elkhart’s Boot Lake Nature Preserve 4 has been designated an Important Birding Area. A dedicated effort to restore the site has resulted in multiple habitats that have attracted nearly 200 species. Afterward, explore the three districts that make up Elkhart’s Gateway Mile, packed with restaurants, shops and historical attractions.

BONUS STOPS

Sip a pint alongside burgers and Nashville hot chicken at 18th Street Brewery’s Hammond taproom.
Browse food and art vendors at the lively summertime Chesterton European Market.
Mosey through Shiojiri Niwa, a Japanese strolling garden with boulders, bridges and statues, in Mishawaka.
THE SOUTHERN TRIP BEGINS IN Mount Vernon at Twin Swamps Nature Preserve. A boardwalk takes you through two swamps, unique settings to spy birds that flock to that type of habitat.

Next, head to Evansville and walk among towering old-growth trees at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. There, find resident and migratory birds: woodpeckers, tanagers, thrushes and more.

Evansville is an ideal place to stay the night. The city has numerous hotel options, such as the Tropicana Evansville and boutique Le Merigot, and dining choices—try Pangea Kitchen for global flavors, Myriad Brewing Company for beer and Mo’s House for after-dinner cocktails.

Migratory birds feed, rest and nest at Oakland City’s Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. Nearly 250 species have been recorded, including the endangered least tern, for which special “nesting islands” were built.

Have dinner, perhaps a steak or a plate of pasta, at Broadway House Bistro in nearby Princeton, your best bet for overnight lodging.

The next day, drive north to Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area in Linton, where you could spot birds from the new observation deck or by wandering the site’s shallow wetlands and prairie. More than 250 species have been sighted here, including sandhill and whooping cranes.

Stay the night in Bloomington, which offers a number of B&Bs and hotels. A newer option, Graduate Bloomington, places you close to popular restaurants and shops.

Bald eagles are among the birds you might spot at Beanblossom Bottoms Nature Preserve, an Audubon Society-designated Important Bird Area. The Ellettsville property also houses prothonotary, cerulean and Kentucky warblers; willow flycatchers; and Henslow’s sparrows.

BONUS STOPS

Learn the story of the Mississippian society that crafted earthworks centuries ago at Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville.

See the oddball selection of pop culture, military and American memorabilia at the quirky Henager’s Memories & Nostalgia Museum in Buckskin.

View an exhibit of costumes worn by actress Glenn Close, on display May through November at Indiana University’s Eskenazi Museum of Art.
Michigan City Lighthouse
Explore vibrant downtowns in cities such as Fort Wayne, South Bend and Elkhart, each just a short drive away from the quiet simplicity of Amish and farming communities. Head out on Lake Michigan or the region’s other popular lakes, or hike along peaceful state park trails. Soak in the grandeur of a historical home, or view a museum’s contemporary art collection. Urban, rural. Water, land. Past, present. And numerous trip options no matter your preference. They all await in Northern Indiana.
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Water—and waterside—adventures highlight the North, where you’ll also find incredible food and tributes to planes, cars and a man more powerful than a locomotive.  

BY LAURA KRUTY

BEACH TIME

In the early part of the 20th century, a group of conservation-minded scientists and nature-lovers banded together to protect the Indiana Dunes from industry, an effort that visitors today no doubt appreciate when they stroll miles of beaches alongside Lake Michigan, ascend towering sand dunes with incredible views (climb a trio of the tallest in the 3 Dune Challenge in 2020), hike and bike numerous trails, spot migrating birds in the fall or strap on snowshoes in the winter. The area, which includes a state park and a national park, encompasses thousands of acres, ripe for exploring year-round.

SUPER SPOT

Superman himself would feel right at home at the Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum in Elkhart, which displays an eye-popping number of comics, toys, games and artwork related to Batman, Wonder Woman and other Marvel and DC favorites. Check out one of Adam West’s actual Caped Crusader costumes, a shield Chris Evans used in Captain America: The First Avenger and a ring Ryan Reynolds wore in Green Lantern, among others.

A MOO-SEUM

You and your herd can learn about modern farming methods and how food ends up on your table at Fair Oaks Farms, a top agritourism destination. Explore the Dairy, Pig and Crop Adventures and romp around in play-packed Mooville, but if you’re short on time, just swing into the Dairycatessen for cheese and ice cream to go.

HOMESTYLE COOKING

Amish culture permeates much of Northern Indiana. Experience a slice of that life at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury. Dine on downhome favorites—including lots of pie!—in the restaurant, take in a show, shop, see the grounds via a horse-drawn carriage ride or rent a bike to cruise the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail nearby.
RAFTING
Whitewater rafting in Indiana? Believe it! Tackle class 2 rapids at the East Race Waterway, a 1,900-foot-long offshoot of the St. Joseph River open seasonally in the heart of downtown South Bend. It's the first manmade whitewater-rafting course in all of North America. Just remember to bring a change of clothes—you probably won't escape dry!

PLANE SITE
Home of the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base in Peru also houses the Grissom Air Museum. Indoor and outdoor displays pay tribute to the men and women stationed there since 1942. Live out your Top Gun fantasy by sitting in various aircraft, trying out a flight simulator and climbing a guard tower. One must-see is the B-58 Hustler, the world’s first supersonic bomber; the one here is among only eight remaining.

LAKE LIVING
Northern Indiana is lake country, so when warm weekends full of sunshine roll around, there are no better places to be than Lake Wawasee and Syracuse Lake in Syracuse, Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver (the second-largest natural lake in the state) and Winona Lake. Charming towns surround the water, packed with shopping and dining for when it’s time to be back on solid ground. Vacation rentals are aplenty, too.

IN GEAR
The building that houses the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum is a gem itself. The Art Deco structure, built in 1930, was rehabbed and reopened in 1974.

AUTO ADMIRATION
Get your motor runnin’ in Auburn at three outstanding auto-focused museums. At the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, view beautifully restored models from the trio of manufacturers that operated in the early 20th century. Cars made by the Ford Motor Company from the 1930s to ’50s are on display at the Early Ford V-8 Museum, while more than 200 classic cars, hot rods and a rare, must-see GM Futurliner rest at the National Automotive & Truck Museum.

ON THE WATERFRONT
One of the newest attractions in downtown Fort Wayne is Promenade Park, the highlight of the city’s Riverfront complex. On the shore of St. Marys River, let the young ones traverse the tree canopy trail and let loose on the playground before crossing the bridge to check out the amphitheater, the kids’ canal, and snacks and drinks at Trubble Riverside Cafe & Tap. Kayak rentals and boat rides are available, too.

GOURMET CUISINE
Joseph Decuis has raised the bar on fine dining not just in Roanoke but Indiana overall. The eatery is best-known for its Wagyu beef, raised on the Joseph Decuis farm just down the road from the restaurant alongside poultry, pork and produce that play starring roles in elevated farm-to-fork dishes. Make it an overnight experience by booking a room at the Inn at Joseph Decuis, near the restaurant, or the Farmstead Inn, where a stay can include helping with farm chores.
The Time is Right

NORTHERN INDIANA IS WORTH A VISIT IN ANY SEASON. by Emily Udell

SPRING

After winter’s gloom, spring is the perfect time to stop and smell the flowers at Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, a Fort Wayne attraction featuring three indoor gardens to explore: one with changing seasonal plants and blooms (live butterflies flit about April–June), one with a waterfall and tropical species, and one with cacti and other desert inhabitants.

SUMMER

Two new rides are scheduled to roll out in 2021 at Indiana Beach Amusement & Water Park Resort, which has been a destination for amusement rides, carnival games and boardwalk entertainment in Monticello for more than a century. Splash into summer at Deep River Waterpark, which combines slides, tubing, a wave pool, river rides and a paddle play zone on its Crown Point campus.

FALL

For family fun, get your “u-pick” of apples, pumpkins and sunflowers at County Line Orchard in Hobart, which also has a tractor ride, a corn maze and a children’s farm. For more autumnal, agriculture-oriented activities, visit Pumpkin Fantasyland at Fashion Farm in Ligonier to see an eccentric exhibition of pumpkins and other gourds fashioned to represent presidents and fictional characters.

WINTER

When snow season arrives, hit the ice trail at Howard Park in South Bend, which hosts a unique skating experience that allows visitors to glide around a loop with gentle curves and bends attached to a traditional pond. Ice skating also is offered at NIBCO Water & Ice Park in Elkhart, the plaza of Deep River Waterpark in Crown Point and the ice rink at Central Park Plaza in Valparaiso.
Reserve online at [Indianainns.com](http://Indianainns.com) or 1.877.LODGES 1 (1.877.563.4371)

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Slice of Life

A SNAPSHOT OF WORKING, STUDYING AND LIVING IN INDIANA’S NORTH REGION.

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

WORK

In Warsaw in 1895, Revra DePuy, a pharmaceutical salesman, launched a business creating customizable fiber splints, an improvement over the wooden splints of the time. His endeavor, DePuy Manufacturing Company, was the forefather of what would develop into Warsaw’s claim to fame: orthopedics.

Today, led by companies such as Zimmer Biomet, Paragon Medical, OrthoPediatrics and DePuy Synthes Joint Reconstruction, Warsaw, the county seat of Kosciusko County, is known as the Orthopedic Capital of the World. Together, that sector accounts for more than $17 billion in annual revenue, and attracts bright minds in engineering, research and development, finance, manufacturing and more.

A number of the top employers in Elkhart County are based in manufacturing, with many of them serving the RV industry. After all, the area is known as the RV Capital of the World, cranking out the vast majority of all RVs in the U.S. and employing thousands. In fact, manufacturing overall is big business in Northern Indiana, anchored by companies such as steel producer ArcelorMittal; Urschel Laboratories, which makes commercial-grade food-cutting and processing equipment; solar energy innovator Fronius; and BraunAbility, maker of accessible vehicles for those with disabilities.

In Fort Wayne, Sweetwater, an online music instrument and audio equipment retailer, recently expanded its footprint there, adding a new warehouse and shipping facility. This summer, it expects to break ground on a conference center. In all, the company plans on adding more than 1,000 jobs as part of this $76 million investment.

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

STUDY

Whether you’re a traditional undergraduate student looking for the college or university that best fits your needs or a working parent in need of a flexible, online degree program, the North region is a great place to begin your search.

Goshen College, a private liberal-arts school, is home to less than 1,000 students, but is well known for the large number of pupils who study abroad during its Study-Service Term. In Marion, Christian-focused Indiana Wesleyan University enrolls about 3,000 students in more than 80 undergraduate programs, though its online courses currently serve more than 8,000 learners. About 1,400 students matriculate at Manchester University in North Manchester, and in Valparaiso, Valparaiso University welcomes about 2,800 undergrads in 70 academic programs. Indiana University and Purdue University both have multiple satellite campuses in this region, too.

That certainly isn’t an exhaustive list, and of course there’s a glaring omission thus far: the University of Notre Dame. The school in South Bend might be known around the world primarily because of its football team (after all, we can all strive to Play Like a Champion Today), but its academics are what really have shaped its reputation. Notre Dame is a leading teaching and research institution with 75 majors that attract approximately...
8,700 undergrads. Its Mendoza School of Business has been ranked No. 5 among the top undergraduate business programs in the U.S.

**LIVE**

Perhaps you know someone who moved away from Indiana to, say, Chicago or New York City for a few years, only to return to the Hoosier State for a new job or to be closer to family. Chances are, there’s another reason in the mix, too: Indiana’s low cost of living. Here, things like housing, transportation and healthcare are continually lower than the national average.

In the North region, residents enjoy proximity to important quality-of-life markers. There are several state parks and Indiana Dunes National Park ▲, Lake Michigan ▲, both the water itself and the towns full of shops, restaurants and attractions along its shores, is a big draw for leisure activities, but other bodies of water, including Lake Wawasee ▲ (voted Best Lake in the Best of Indiana People’s Choice campaign), Lake Maxinkuckee ▲ and Lake Shafer ▲, are just as popular. Commuter rail connectivity is about to be even better, too, with the West Lake Corridor Project, which will extend the South Shore Line eight miles south to Hammond, Munster and Dyer.

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

Should you want to get away, the North is ideally situated for weekend jaunts. South Bend, for example, is about an hour and a half from Chicago, three hours from Detroit, three and a half hours from Cedar Point and just under three hours from Milwaukee. But we’re guessing that even after a short stay elsewhere, you’ll yearn to be back home again.

“**I moved to Fort Wayne two years ago from the New York/Connecticut area. What initially sparked my interest here was a job opportunity. I had no previous connection to Indiana, so I came in with an open mind. The momentum that the city was experiencing, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it. I knew both personally and professionally that I was going to thrive here.**

“**Coming from a bigger metropolitan area, I have grown to appreciate the idea of excess versus access. I have access to greater quality of life by way of time, cost of living, the people, the networking and the experiences you are able to enjoy because you are in an environment in Indiana where you have access to more.**

“I am just so grateful for the experiences that I have had here in just two years alone. I have grown personally, I have grown professionally and I have also explored other areas of Indiana that I’ve grown to love, too.

“I am so appreciative and love Indiana for the experiences I have had thus far. The people are truly one of a kind. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to move here and stay here because I realized that this was something that I had needed for quite some time.”

**Jessica Morales**

**CANTERBURY SCHOOL**

**Allen County**
Nature’s Call

A SAMPLING OF NORTHERN INDIANA’S GARDENS, TRAILS, GOLF AND OTHER OUTDOOR REC OPTIONS. by Laura Kruty

LAKE SHAFER PROVIDES A BEAUTIFUL background at Tippecanoe Country Club, a par-72 course in Monticello that’s part of the Pete Dye Golf Trail. The famed golf course architect designed the back nine and added amenities to the front nine in what was one of his first projects.

Travel to Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury and Shipshewana using the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, a former rail line that links to the Maple Heart Trail and Maple City Greenway for (nearly) full connectivity between the towns. (Some county road usage is required.) The bike and pedestrian path winds through quiet Amish countryside.

Hikers and horses share most of the trails at Tippecanoe River State Park in Winamac, also a popular place to canoe or kayak. Stay overnight at one of the many campsites. In Angola, Pokagon State Park is well known for its toboggan run, a wintertime staple. But in the summer, visitors come here for standout fishing, swimming and boating on Lake James and Snow Lake, carved by glaciers thousands of years ago. Find your way to several of Pokagon’s interesting features on the Hell’s Point Challenge, an eight-mile trek around the park that includes 84 steps up to Hell’s Point. Continue exploring the outdoors across I-69 from Pokagon at Trine State Recreation Area, with fishing, hiking and a bike trail, along with ice skating and cross-country skiing when weather permits.

In the middle of Elkhart, Wellfield Botanic Gardens emerges in 2016, 23 bison were brought to Kankakee Sands from North Dakota. Their grazing and wallowing creates habitats for other animals and plant species.
It’s been almost six years since my family, all eight of us, made the long trip from Sydney, Australia, to relocate here. When we first arrived, we didn’t know how long we would be here, but it’s exceeded all our expectations. The tech community in South Bend continues to grow.”

Bart Frischknecht
SOFTWARE EXECUTIVE AND STARTUP FOUNDER
St. Joseph County

“Gabis Arboretum and Gardens” in Valparaiso invites wandering among its 300 acres of prairie, wetlands, woodlands and themed gardens. In the Railway Garden, watch G-gauge model trains chug through landscapes that tell the story of America’s railroad history.

Thanks to diligent work spearheaded by The Nature Conservancy, thousands of acres that make up Kankakee Sands in Morocco have been restored to prairie habitat. More than 600 species of native plants, 70-plus species of butterfly and numerous larger critters now make their home there, the largest being a herd of more than 70 bison. Post up at the designated viewing area to watch their comings and goings.

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

Northern Indiana Lakes Country

Steuben County Tourism Bureau
lakes101.org
EXCITING NEW ADDITIONS TO NORTHERN INDIANA’S HOTEL OFFERINGS, PLUS TOP PICKS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE NATURE, BEER AND TRAINS. by Emily Udell

A ROARING REVIVAL OF A STATELY 1923 multi-story brick building in downtown Elkhart, Hotel Elkhart is slated for a spring debut as a Tapestry Collection property by Hilton with 93 keys, a taproom, a chocolate cafe and a rooftop deck. In Fort Wayne, another boutique hotel called The Bradley has a scheduled April opening with inspiration from the lifestyle brand Vera Bradley. The line’s co-founder, Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, collaborated with Provenance Hotels on the modern accommodations with a Midwest twist. The 124-room project will feature local art and a rooftop bar.

Off the beaten path, The Brewery Lodge offers rustic vibes, 12 suites and a restaurant bar for cozy dining and local beer in a wooded section of Michigan City. Dating back to 1927, the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park in Angola connects guests to outdoor activities around Lake James, along with two toboggan tracks. The Fairfield Inn & Suites at Fair Oaks Farms—with its quirky barn-like exterior and agricultural-themed decor—serves as the perfect launching pad for family-friendly, rurally inspired adventures on the premises. For train enthusiasts, Riley’s Railhouse in Chesterton makes a great stop with B&B lodging in an old-fashioned depot near Indiana Dunes.

In the heart of Fort Wayne, The Bradley is steps from the St. Marys River, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and some of the city’s best food and drink establishments.

Suite Dreams
On Instagram
SIX OF OUR FAVORITE POSTS FOR INSPIRING WANDERLUST.

1. Sunset on Michigan City Lighthouse Pier. Photo by @leslie.anner
2. Public art at the Porch Off Calhoun in Fort Wayne. Photo by @visitfortwayne
3. A bison vaults over a stream at Kankakee Sands. Photo by @indianadnr, Frank Oliver/Indiana DNR
4. A gorgeous sunset on Lake Michigan. Photo by @indianadunesnps, Ranger Rafi Wilkinson
5. Hiking in Salamonie River State Forest. Photo by @the_walkabout_t4r
6. Notre Dame’s golden dome in the snow. Photo by @gtree3
Trail Mix

THE NORTH’S TRAILS TAKE VISITORS TO ART, LAKES AND A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS FLOW OF BEER AND WINE.
NINE MUST-TRY TREKS

1. INDIANA GLASS TRAIL
Explore the heritage of the glass industry in Indiana, which dates back to the 1880s, along this route. Tour Kokomo Opalescent Glass to see art sheet glass and glass-blowing demos, and visit the Albany Glass Museum, Warsaw Cut Glass and The Glass Museum in Dunkirk to marvel over cut, patterned and colorful pieces.

2. SOUTH SHORE BREWERY TRAIL
Raise a glass to Northern Indiana’s craft beer scene at the multiple breweries that make up this trail. Sample IPAs, porters, stouts, ales and so much more at, to name a few, Bulldog Brewing in Whiting, internationally known Three Floyds Brewing in Munster, Chesterton Brewery, Burn ‘Em Brewing in Michigan City and Four Fathers Brewing in Valparaiso.

3. SOUTH SHORE WINERY TRAIL
Wine (and mead and cider) folks, you’re covered, too. You could make a day of it in Valparaiso alone, home of Lambstone Cellars, Misbee-havin’ Meads and Anderson’s Winery & Vineyard. Closer to Lake Michigan, find Running Vines Winery in Chesterton and Shady Creek Winery in Michigan City. And in Crown Point, Manic Meadery’s large portfolio includes about 75 meads, ciders and wines.

4. HERITAGE TRAIL
Meander through Elkhart and LaGrange counties on a 90-mile loop linking Elkhart, Bristol, Middlebury, Shipshewana, Goshen, Nappanee and Wakarusa. Stop anywhere you’d like at restaurants, shops, historic attractions and floral Quilt Garden blocks. Find a map at visitelkhartcounty.com.

5. BARN QUILT TRAILS
The countryside of LaGrange County is dotted with more than 30 colorful quilt blocks painted on barns, homesteads and other public spaces. Download a map at visitshipshewanain.com. And in Marshall County, you can follow four loops that highlight dozens of geometric patterns; see the full list at visitmarshallcounty.org.

6. WINE, WINE ANYTIME TRAIL
This vino-centric trail focuses on the more rural wineries in the northeast part of the state. Within a lodge-like tasting room, enjoy a flight at Tippy Creek Winery in Leesburg. It doesn’t get more local than at Country Heritage Winery & Vineyards in LaOtto, where the team maintains more than 70 acres of vineyards. After browsing car museums in Auburn, sit down with a glass at Byler Lane Winery, or soak in farmland views at small-batch Hartland Winery in Ashley. On a golf course, Briall Vineyards & Winery in Fremont serves up dry and sweet varieties.

7. THE LAKES TRAIL
If water entices you, whether it be because you enjoy boating, fishing or just relaxing on the shore, plan a trip to the towns that make up the Lakes Trail. Start in Syracuse, where Lake Wawasee is a big draw, then ride the Dixie on Webster Lake in North Webster. Kayak or canoe on Winona Lake before checking out the town’s many shops and restaurants.

8. FORT WAYNE DESSERT TRAIL
Nurture your sweet tooth on this pathway. Locally based DeBrand Fine Chocolates is a must—pick up truffles to snack on in the car or dig into a sundae at one of four locations on the trail. Other stops include Just Cream, a boutique ice cream shop, and Sweets So Geek, baking up adorably nerdy, pop culture-focused treats.

9. NORTHERN INDIANA BEER TRAIL
Download a passport from visitfortwayne.com and get to taste-testing the goods. Most on this trail are in Fort Wayne, including Hop River Brewing Company and Mad Anthony Brewing Company (which has locations elsewhere in the region, too). Breweries in Goshen, Warsaw, Granger and Elkhart, among other cities, are featured, too.

Explore the Midwest’s newest attractions in Fort Wayne, Indiana this summer! Make a splash at Riverfront Fort Wayne, have a wild time in the new central zoo at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, and make memories they’ll treasure forever!

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Play On!

CANDY, ICE CREAM AND ANIMALS BOTH REAL AND CARTOON-LIKE: KIDS WILL LOVE THESE ATTRACTIONS IN THE NORTH. by Laura Kruty

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW WILLY Wonka’s sugar-coated playhouse was in Indiana. Well, sort of. Merrillville’s Albanese Confectionery might not be the actual famous chocolate factory we know from the book and film, but it’s pretty darn close. Choose from bulk chocolates, caramels, nuts and other treats, but one non-negotiable purchase is its famous gummy bears—trust us.

Whiting’s quirky Mascot Hall of Fame could be the most unique museum you’ll ever visit, using STEAM-focused exhibits and programs to celebrate those lovable furry creatures who entertain at sporting events nationwide. Don’t forget to create your own mascot at the in-house Build-a-Bear Workshop.

Housed in a former power plant with colorful smoke stacks rising from the roof, Science Central in Fort Wayne flips young minds to “learning mode” via STEM-centric exhibits. The coolest just might be Science on a Sphere, an orb six feet in diameter that shows Earth’s oceans, continents and storm systems in real time. See animals native to various parts of the globe at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, home to African Journey, Indonesian Rainforest and Australian Adventure. Take a spin on the Crocodile River Adventure Ride to glimpse kangaroos, a Tasmanian devil and other critters from down under. View even more creatures at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, where more than 500 mammals, reptiles and birds make their home. You can even feed a bison.

Speaking of food, you might find yourself hankering for lasagna after traveling along the Garfield Trail in Grant County. In Marion and surrounding towns, you’ll come across 14 photo-worthy statues of everyone’s favorite comic strip cat, created by Fairmount native Jim Davis. Find a map at showmegrantcounty.com.

No matter our age, we all scream for ice cream, and luckily, the North region boasts several standout spots for cold treats. In Upland, Ivanhoe’s offers an eye-popping 100 options in both shakes and sundaes. Better study the menu ahead of time. Now in its 74th year, Valpo Velvet Ice Cream in Valparaiso serves up shakes, malts, floats and sundaes in kid-friendly flavors such as cookies and cream and bubble gum. And in Goshen, The Chief mixes its ice cream in house daily, to be scooped once, twice, even three times into cones, dishes and sundaes. Folks clamoring for a sweet treat have flocked to the cute roadside stand since 1962.
“We love it here and have no intention of moving, primarily because of the cost of living, the sense of community and the location. In 2011, I was able to open my own business, and the support I received from local mentors and organizations has been invaluable.

“I love the fact that we can reach several cities in just a few hours. We have a very strong lake community and all the activities associated with that, as well as walking trails.

“If you’re considering a relocation to Indiana, my advice would be to visit. Take a chance; it may be the best decision you’ll ever make.”

Marlene Betances
ENTREPRENEUR
Kosciusko County
The Wabash & Erie Canal played a pivotal role in developing the Midwest in the mid-1800s, moving people and goods from Toledo, Ohio (where the route connected to the Erie Canal) to Evansville. In Delphi, the Wabash & Erie Canal Park details the waterway’s importance and influence via exhibits, a narrated 40-minute canal boat tour and a pioneer village with historical buildings.

At one point, nearly 125 trains passed through the tiny town of North Judson each day. That significant railroad history is captured through artifacts and equipment on display at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, where you can even handle a locomotive yourself through the guest engineer program. The automobile heritage of South Bend is remembered at the Studebaker National Museum with a variety of the manufacturer’s cars and military vehicles on exhibit, as well as a collection of presidential carriages. One ferried Abraham Lincoln to Ford’s Theatre that fateful night.

Several magnificent homes reside in the North region. In the early 20th century, prominent Elkhart citizens Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley lived and entertained friends and business partners in a home they called Ruthmere. The Beaux Arts–style attraction now acts as a museum, providing a look at the Beardsleys’ lifestyle, as well as a collection of fine art. Designed for the 1933 World’s Fair in Chicago to showcase what houses of the future could look like, the five Century of Progress Homes were transported to Beverly Shores, along Lake Michigan, after the event. An annual tour takes place the last weekend in September, but you can always drive past them other times.

Among the 100-plus trains that chugged daily through North Judson were those from the Chesapeake & Ohio, Erie, New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.
I grew up in southeastern Indiana and gained an appreciation for the people, Midwestern values, outdoors and general quality of life, among other things. My professional path moved me in and out of Indiana over the course of the last 20 years. I moved my family back to Indiana in 2016, and we have embraced all Indiana has to offer.

Kosciusko County has a thriving business environment. It offers great restaurants, bars and shops, lakes, an abundance of outdoor opportunities and Indiana sunsets across four seasons that pull quality of life all together.

“Not only is Northern Indiana, Kosciusko County, a great place to visit, it’s a great place to call home.”

Mark Schindel

Kosciusko County
VISITOR RESOURCES

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Albion
Noble County Convention & Visitors Bureau
110 S. Orange St.
260.636.3602
visitnoblecounty.com

Angola
Steuben County Tourism Bureau
450 N. Wayne St., Ste. 1B
260.665.5386
lakes101.org

Auburn
DeKalb County Visitors Bureau
1601 S. Van Buren St.
260.927.4499
dekalbcvb.org

Berne
Berne Chamber of Commerce
205 E. Main St.
260.589.8080
bernein.com

Bluffton
Wells County Chamber of Commerce
211 Water St.
260.824.0510
wellscoc.com

Columbia City
Whitley County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center
128 W. Van Buren St.
260.248.8131
whitleychamber.com

Delphi
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
215 S. Washington St.
765.564.6757
carrollcountyindiana.com

Elkhart
Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau
3421 Cassopolis St.
800.262.8161
visitelkhartcounty.com

Fort Wayne
Visit Fort Wayne
927 S. Harrison St.
260.424.3700
visitfortwayne.com

Fowler
Benton County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 163
765.884.2080
bentoncounty chamberin.com

Hammond
South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority
1777 Corrine Dr.
219.989.7979
southshorecva.com

Huntington
Huntington County Visitors & Convention Bureau
407 N. Jefferson St.
260.359.8687
visithuntington.org

Kokomo
Greater Kokomo Visitors Bureau
700 E. Firmin St.
765.457.6802
800.837.0971
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Knox
Starke County Chamber of Commerce
400 N. Heaton St.
574.772.5548
starkecountychamber.com

Logansport
Cass County Visitors Bureau
311 S. Fifth St.
574.753.4856
visit-casscounty.com

Marion
Marion–Grant County Visitors Bureau
505 W. Third St.
765.668.5435
showmegrantcounty.com

“For honestly, I would have never chosen Indiana, but it obviously chose me. And why do I say that? Because it has everything I love. So, thank you Indiana.”

Jena Bellezza
INDIANA PARENTING INSTITUTE
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Michigan City
Visit Michigan City–LaPorte
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800.614.2650
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Monticello
Enjoy White County
105 W. Broadway St.
574.313.421
enjoywhitecounty.com

Morocco
Discover Newton County
417 S. 240 W.
219.989.7770
discovernewtoncounty.com

Peru
Miami County Tourism Bureau
13 E. Main St.
765.472.1923
enjoymiamicounty.com

Plymouth
Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau
108 N. Michigan St.
800.626.5353
visitmarshallcounty.org

Porter
Indiana Dunes Tourism
1215 N. S.R. 49
219.926.2255
indianadunes.com

Portland
Jay County Visitors & Tourism Bureau
118 S. Meridian St.
Ste. C
260.726.3366
visitjaycounty.com

Rensselaer
Discover Jasper County
219.866.3080
discoverjaspercounty.com

Rochester
Fulton County Chamber of Commerce
822 Main St.
574.224.2666
fultoncounty chamber.com

Shipshewana
Shipshewana/ LaGrange County Visitors Center
350 S. Van Buren St.
800.254.8090
visitshipshewana.org

South Bend
Visit South Bend Mishawaka
101 N. Michigan St.,
Ste. 300
800.519.0577
visitsouthbend.com

Wabash
Visit Wabash County Indiana
221 S. Miami St.
260.563.7771
visitwabashcounty.com

Warsaw
Kosciusko County Convention & Visitors Bureau
111 Capital Dr.
574.269.6090
visitkosciusko county.org

Winamac
Pulaski County Indiana
623 W. 11th St.
574.946.3869
pulaskionline.org

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Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

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White River State Park in Indianapolis
No matter what's on your wish list for a getaway, you'll find it in the Central region. You'll discover fascinating museums and historical sites; top-notch outdoor recreation; world-class shopping; award-winning wineries, distilleries and breweries; and lodging that you may never want to leave. It's an especially great year to visit Indianapolis—both Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure named Indy among the top places to visit in 2021. Let's go!
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Hike among awe-inspiring natural features, learn about Indiana’s sports heritage and take the kids to an internationally known attraction that’s all about them—do those and much more when you travel Indiana’s Central region. BY LAURA KRUTY

WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM
Five floors of interactive exhibits and displays await at The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, the world’s largest. Everything promotes learning and discovery, but in a fun way, such as trying on astronaut gear in Beyond Spaceship Earth, giving a presidential speech in Barbie™ You Can Be Anything™. The Experience and visiting a real archaeology lab in National Geographic Treasures of the Earth. There’s even a huge outdoor play area, where kids can shoot hoops, hit a homerun and send a football through the uprights.

GORGEOUS HIKES
Rugged hiking trails—some requiring ladders—wind through canyons and ravines that Mother Nature carved millions of years ago at Turkey Run State Park in Marshall. Tackle the 5 Mile Challenge in Rocky Hollow–Falls Canyon Nature Preserve to see the full array of Turkey Run’s dramatic landscapes. Close by, Shades State Park offers even more picturesque scenery for hiking, especially in unspoiled Pine Hills Nature Preserve. Both parks provide fishing and camping.

RACING HISTORY
More than a century of open-wheel racing history is preserved at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Among the rotating display of perfectly preserved cars is the Marmon Wasp, winner of the first-ever Indianapolis 500 in 1911. You can also view the impressive winner’s prize, the Borg-Warner Trophy. Book a track tour to cruise around the world-famous oval and stop at the equally well-known Yard of Bricks.

COVERED BRIDGES
Parke County is home to 31
historic covered bridges, and while they're celebrated during peak fall foliage time in the Covered Bridge Festival, they're worthy of a visit any time of year. Simply download a map from coveredbridges.com and make your way along scenic country roads to each of the photo-worthy structures.

HISTORIC DRIVE-IN
Just outside the Purdue University campus, Triple XXX Family Restaurant has dished out burgers, fries and its delicious root beer since 1929. Even Guy Fieri had to check out the eatery for an episode of Diners, Drive-ins and Dives. Our suggestion: the Duane Purvis burger featuring a swipe of peanut butter—don’t knock it till you try it!

BASKETBALL HERITAGE
From high school to the pros, basketball is an obsession in Indiana. To explore the sport’s heritage, pay a visit to Butler University’s Hinkle Fieldhouse, a 1928 landmark that you might remember from Hoosiers. Another site from the movie, the Historic Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, was the home court of the film’s Hickory Huskers. Both hoops shrines offer tours. And in New Castle, learn how greats like Oscar Robertson, John Wooden and Larry Bird shaped the state’s reputation as a basketball hotspot via memorabilia and exhibits at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

BIG CATS
In the tiny town of Center Point, more than 150 big cats, saved from abuse and neglect, make their forever home at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Take a tour to see up close and learn about Zoey the puma, Raja the white tiger, Majae the black leopard and dozens of others who live at the tucked-away facility.

HEARTWARMING ART
Did you know? The Joy of Painting’s Bob Ross filmed the majority of the episodes in the Lucius Ball residence, now part of the Minnetrista campus in Muncie. In its newest permanent exhibit, The Bob Ross Experience, you can see the artist’s former studio and original paintings and artifacts. Brushing up on Ross’ world of calming creativity will be anything but a “happy accident.”

LAKESIDE SPLENDOR
A 300-acre private resort in Poland, Wasatch Lake packs in a ton of activities: fishing, kayaking, swimming, tennis, 12 miles of hiking and biking trails and even a challenge to find “faces” embedded in trees. Various cabins are available to rent year-round—even in winter, when you can ice skate, sled or just relax by the fire.

DREAMY FIND
Stay in the heart of the action at the Inn at High Hats Antique Mall in Cambridge City, which sleeps four.

ANTIQUE HUNTING
It takes time to dig for that perfect piece of Depression glass, that vintage toy car to complete your collection, that rare coin that has—so far—eluded you. So you won’t want to rush through the two Antique Alley trails featuring 1,200 antique malls and dealers throughout Wayne County. The epicenter is Cambridge City, where numerous vendors are clustered along a short stretch of U.S. 40. Find maps at visitrichmond.org.
Year-Round Fun
FROM FARM FIELDS TO SNOW-COVERED HILLS, HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE SEASONS IN CENTRAL INDIANA. by Emily Udell

SPRING
The 28 acres of the Willowfield Lavender Farm in Mooresville evoke the atmosphere of Provence, France, with serene fields filled with purple blooms for wandering and picnicking in late spring through early fall, free of charge. In Noblesville, check out Spencer Farm for a variety of seasonal pick-your-own fruits, veggies and flowers, including strawberries, blueberries, asparagus and chrysanthemums.

SUMMER
For aquatic adventures, cool down at the region’s water-logged attractions, such as the Waterpark at the Monon Community Center in Carmel, Splash Island in Plainfield or Freedom Springs Aquatics Center in Greenwood. To paddle or float away the day down the tranquil White River, book a trip with White River Canoe Company in Noblesville. Stop at Potter’s Bridge Park to check out the namesake covered bridge.

FALL & WINTER
Lafayette’s Exploration Acres bills itself as the area’s largest pumpkin patch, where visitors also enjoy seasonal diversions like hayrides, a corn cannon and an 18-acre corn maze with nine miles of pathways. The destination is open September and October. Slide into winter at Noblesville’s Koteewi Run Seasonal Slopes—its tow rope and 700 feet of groomed hills make snow tubing an easy and speedy way to enjoy the season.

During an abundant harvest, Willowfield Lavender Farm lets visitors pick their own flowers. Pre-plucked bundles can be purchased, too. Just think of the aroma!
Slice of Life

A SNAPSHOT OF WORKING, STUDYING AND LIVING IN INDIANA’S CENTRAL REGION.

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

WORK
People around the world become healthier and the global healthcare industry becomes smarter, more efficient and more technologically advanced thanks to work done in Indiana. Our life sciences industry, including companies working in drug development, medical device and equipment manufacturing, research and testing, and health information technology systems, is a juggernaut, with $77 billion in state economic impact alone. Much of it is centered in Indianapolis and is anchored by Eli Lilly and Company, which employs more than 10,000 in downtown Indy. Other major employers include Roche Diagnostics Corp. and Beckman Coulter.

Elanco Animal Health, which develops products and services to prevent and treat maladies in farm animals and pets, will soon make its global headquarters on Indianapolis’ near west side, developing a long-vacant site into a vibrant space for over 1,000 employees. The new campus is part of Elanco’s $300 million investment in Indiana.

Indianapolis has also emerged as a hotspot for tech companies, whether an industry giant or a two-person startup. Aside from its San Francisco headquarters, Salesforce Marketing Cloud has its second-largest location in Indy, with about 1,700 employees working on its digital marketing and customer service software. Under construction on Indy’s northwest side, 16 Tech will bring entrepreneurs, researchers and other creative types from various industries together in a collaborative live/work/play environment. Overall, the tech sector is estimated to account for $9.3 billion in state economic impact.

The home of North American production for Subaru, Subaru of Indiana Automotive, employs more than 6,000 at its Lafayette plant. Additional major employers in west-central Indiana include Boston Scientific and Cook Urological Components in Greencastle. The east-central area counts advanced manufacturing, food processing, logistics and warehousing (taking advantage of Indiana’s extensive highway and rail network), and IT data operations among its primary industries.

STUDY
Lucky for those companies, and the region as whole, a strong talent pipeline isn’t far away. The largest medical school in the country, the Indiana University School of Medicine, is a leading research and teaching institution, headquartered on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis. The Indiana University School of Dentistry also makes its home there, and, less than five miles away, Marian University prepares future physicians at its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Via its Doctor of Pharmacy program, Butler University trains students for much more than just dispensing medications.

Speaking of Butler, U.S. News & World Report named it No. 1 among Regional Universities in the Midwest for the third straight year. Other Central-based institutions of higher learning include IUPUI, where students can earn degrees from both Indiana University and Purdue University; the University of Indianapolis, with over 100 undergrad programs; Terre Haute’s Indiana State University, which has earned recognition for its innovation and undergraduate teaching; Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, also in Terre Haute.
and the country’s preeminent engineering school; Purdue University in West Lafayette, a strong engineering school but also recognized for its STEM-focused programs in agriculture, health and human sciences, and technology; Muncie’s Ball State University, known for its communications, architecture, education and business programs; and smaller liberal arts schools DePauw University in Greencastle and Earlham College in Richmond.

LIVE
If Indiana is the Crossroads of America, then Indianapolis is the always-buzzing, centrally located intersection. Sports fans always have plenty to see and do, including cheering on the Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers and attending the Indianapolis 500, the world’s largest single-day sporting event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway each May. The Circle City’s museums, trails, music venues, theaters, independent boutiques and restaurants, and festivals are perennial draws for residents and out-of-town visitors alike.

North of Indy, Hamilton County cities Carmel, Fishers and Westfield are continually ranked among the best places to live in the country, thanks to great schools, low unemployment, overall safety and bustling (and still-growing) commercial districts. Westfield’s massive Grand Park Sports Campus attracts 2.5 million visitors annually for indoor and outdoor youth sports and events.

In west-central Indiana, residents of Terre Haute, Crawfordsville, Greencastle and Lafayette enjoy close access to some of Indiana’s best parks and outdoor recreation areas and the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. Anderson, Muncie and Richmond, each home to a college or university, anchor the east-central counties, offering entertainment, shopping, dining and a low cost of living a short distance from more emerging areas like New Castle and Knightstown.

You don’t need to trek to the other side of the world to check off one of the best places to travel in 2021. After top editors scoured the globe searching for the hottest places to go, Indy rose to the top making the cut on both Conde Nast Traveler’s list of “Best Places to Go in 2021” and Travel + Leisure’s “Best Places to Visit in 2021”—and for good reason.

FIRST ON THE LIST OF EXCITING THINGS making their debut in 2021 is a brand-new neighborhood, the Bottleworks District. This 12-acre culinary, arts and entertainment hub takes over what was once the world’s largest Coca-Cola bottling plant. With the addition of the 139-key Art Deco Bottleworks Hotel, visitors can stay, play and experience the best that Indy has to offer.

In June, visitors can step into a Van Gogh painting through The LUME Indianapolis at Newfields. This floor-to-ceiling, immersive experience featuring projectors that transform 2-D paintings into a 3-D world will be the first of its kind in the U.S.

Indy has something for everyone, from the old soul to the kid-at-heart. Whether it’s dining at the highly anticipated Kan-Kan Brasserie in Windsor Park, biking along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, experiencing the world’s largest children’s museum or visiting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indy 500 in May, there’s something new to discover around every turn. Both Conde Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure agree—#LovelyIndy should be at the top of your list this year.

“From India to Indiana, I am proud to be a Hoosier. I have lived in Indiana for the last eight years now. I like the people, the culture, what the state has to offer and love the supportive business ecosystem. I have enjoyed every aspect of living here for the past eight years.”

Rajiv Sharma
DOCTOR AND ENTREPRENEUR
Vigo County

CHECK IT OUT!
Safewise ranked Carmel No. 1 and Fishers No. 4 in safest cities to raise a child.

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THOSE WANTING TO WORK ON their golf game will find numerous challenging courses, all on the Pete Dye Golf Trail, which honors the great course architect and longtime Indiana resident. On the Purdue campus, hit the links at two courses, Ackerman-Allen and Kampen. In Indianapolis, Maple Creek Golf & Country Club, Brickyard Crossing, with four holes inside the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; and The Fort Golf Course at Fort Harrison State Park are all on the trail.

In West Lafayette, Prophetstown State Park welcomes hiking through restored prairies. Visit in spring to see a burst of wildflowers, and wander through the Farm at Prophetstown, a working farm that showcases homesteading life in the 1920s. With 3,900 acres, Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis is another prime hiking destination, especially for bird-watchers. The park’s 1,400-acre reservoir is popular for kayaking and canoeing. Exploring the water is also a draw at Whitewater Memorial State Park in Liberty, where campsites and cabins allow you to make a weekend of boating on Whitewater Lake, fishing and hiking.

Embrace urban adventuring via bike on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, an eight-mile route that connects the city’s various cultural districts with stops at restaurants, breweries and shops in between. Rent a ride from one of several Indiana Pacers Bikeshare stations along the path. In Terre Haute, Griffin Bike Park has cemented itself as a bona fide destination for the serious cyclist with numerous trails, specialized training areas, and terrain and skills parks.

Open since 2016, Griffin Bike Park honors the legacy of Sgt. Dale R. Griffin, who grew up in Terre Haute. His family, avid bikers, spearheaded the creation of the park.
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Full Circle

INDIANAPOLIS EMBRACES MAJOR HAPPENINGS IN 2021. by Laura Kruty

THE Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields welcomes a blockbuster exhibit—the largest in its history—in June with the debut of THE LUME Indianapolis. The museum's entire fourth floor will be transformed into a digital, floor-to-ceiling palette brought to life with 3-D images of Vincent van Gogh paintings. Music, fragrance, food and drink add to the multisensory experience coming to the U.S. for the first time.

Two institutions in Indy, one cultural, one sports-related, reach milestones this year. Victory Field, the home base of the Triple-AAA Indianapolis Indians, turns 25 in 2021. The downtown Indianapolis stadium with skyline views is continually lauded as one of the best minor league ballparks in America. In October, Heartland International Film Festival celebrates 30 years of inspiring both filmmakers and audiences via heartwarming, uplifting films from around the globe.

In an even bigger anniversary, Indianapolis wraps up its bicentennial celebration this May. Visit indybucketlist.com for 200 experiences that you’ll only find in the Circle City.

“...it’s all about the people! The people are amazing and have been able to do some great things and just impact lives. That is why I am still in Indiana because I love it here.”

Tamika Catchings
Indiana Fever
Marion County

PARKE COUNTY

Travel to the picturesque countryside of Parke County, also known as “The Covered Bridge Capital of the World.”

Parke County is home to 31 historic covered bridges, Turkey Run and Shades state parks, shopping, restaurants and more. Parke County offers five color-coded touring loops that range from 24 to 33 miles. Highlights include the Bridgeton Covered Bridge, which is adjacent to the still-operational Bridgeton Mill. Indiana’s most famous covered bridge and waterfall is at Bridgeton. The dam is nine feet tall and 220 feet long. The bridge itself is 261 feet long. You can travel by car, bike or motorcycle. Parke County loves to celebrate the changing seasons. Taking the title “Indiana’s Largest Festival,” the 10-day Parke County Covered Bridge Festival highlights the historic covered bridges and features craft artisans from around the country. Indiana is home to a diverse array of state parks and recreation areas. In Parke County, outdoor adventures are never-ending. Hike through Turkey Run State Park, a landscape of mossy canyons, waterfalls and winding streams. The Ladders Trail, also known as Trail 3 at Turkey Run State Park, is a rugged, 1.7-mile trail that offers some unusual hiking opportunities. It follows the cliffs along Sugar Creek and returns to the ridgetop by a series of ladders. Shades State Park also provides numerous shady ravines full of spectacular topography that will amaze even the most seasoned traveler. Visitors can also check out Raccoon Lake State Recreation Area, which comprises 2,005 acres of land and 2,060-acre lake. Enjoy the outdoors by renting a boat, hiking, horseshoes, archery, camping, fishing, canoeing and much more.
Let’s Play!

FROM BIG ANIMALS TO TINY TOYS, HERE’S WHERE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS IN THE CENTRAL REGION. by Laura Kruty

IN FISHERS, Conner Prairie offers a hands-on look at life in the mid-1800s, when settler William Conner planted roots in the area. Interact with costumed interpreters in outdoor exhibits such as 1836 Prairietown and 1863 Civil War Journey, and get a bird’s-eye view of the grounds in 1859 Balloon Voyage. Families can experience a mode of transport popular during that time—the train—at Whitewater Valley Railroad, which chugs from Connersville to Metamora on themed rides. The Polar Express holiday outing is a favorite.

Those interested in flying rather than being grounded will want to visit the National Model Aviation Museum in Muncie, where dozens of small-scale planes are on display. And speaking of tiny, there are two Enchanted Fairy Trails, one in Wayne County, one in Hendricks County, that you can follow to see various adorable, pocket-sized displays at area businesses and attractions. Discover more diminutive creations at Carmel’s Museum of Miniature Houses, where you might need a magnifying glass to best view the seriously scaled-down homes and room vignettes.

Gators and crocs crawl into the spotlight at the Indianapolis Zoo in a new exhibit, Alligators & Crocodiles: The Fight to Survive, opening Memorial Day weekend. Learn how the American alligator was saved from the endangered list and what existential challenges face the Orinoco crocodile. More creatures can be found at Lafayette’s Columbian Park Zoo, open mid-April through mid-October. See critters from the Americas and Australia, wander through the Butterfly Sculpture Garden and meet farm animals.

See alligators and crocodiles in a new exhibit at the Indianapolis Zoo!

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Whitewater Valley Railroad

Museum of Miniature Houses

Conner Prairie

Columbian Park Zoo
STEP OUT IN CARMEL

Find the uncommon
Delight your spirits
Dine in a world of flavors
Explore a trail
Renew and recharge
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SIX OF OUR FAVORITE POSTS FOR INSPIRING WANDERLUST.
“When I was working for Disney in Orlando, I decided to apply for a job in Indiana. Everyone around me asked me, why? But my grandmother in India told me, ‘Indiana sounds a lot like India. It must be a nice place.’ Boy, was she right!

“We have had countless memories from the Canal to Monument Circle, from state parks to special events and from the Fever to the Pacers.

“For anybody looking to move to Indiana, I will tell you this: Come here for the growing tech scene, the arts, the culture, the food. And I guarantee you, you will stay because of the people.”

Neelay Bhatt
PROS CONSULTING
Marion County
Good Nights
TRAVELERS HAVE A SLEW OF NEW LODGING OPTIONS IN ADDITION TO FAMILIAR STANDBYS. by Emily Udell

A SLEEK $35 MILLION EFFORT TO modernize Purdue University’s Union Club Hotel draws on elements of the school’s legacy while paying homage to its celebrated alumni and architecture at the heart of campus. Also in West Lafayette, less than five miles from Purdue, The Whittaker Inn might fool visitors with its historic farmhouse facade, hand-picked decor and rural Midwestern magic—the 15-room modern hotel broke ground in 2018 and opened the following year.

Art Deco allure abounds at the Bottleworks Hotel, sleek boutique lodgings in a renovated Coca-Cola bottling plant with easy access to the bustling strip of Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis. In downtown Carmel, Hotel Carmichael exudes luxurious elegance, conveniently located next to the Monon Trail and the Center for the Performing Arts in the city’s Arts & Design District.

For a more rustic setting, the historic Fort Harrison State Park Inn connects visitors to the park’s golf course, trail system and other outdoor amenities on the northeast side of Indianapolis. At Turkey Run State Park in Marshall, the Turkey Run Inn comprises a main lodge with an indoor heated pool and restaurant, as well as detached cabins, both ideal places to relax after a day of hiking. And in Spencer, at McCormick’s Creek State Park, Canyon Inn sits on the site of a former sanitarium that was established in the late 1800s so travelers could rest, recuperate and enjoy the nearby cliffs.

From the ballroom-like lobby, pictured here, to the guest rooms and onsite French restaurant, resplendent elegance abounds at the Hotel Carmichael in Carmel’s City Center.

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“Four years ago, I moved from Austin, Texas, to Indianapolis, a thousand miles away from my family, to take a new job in a new city where I had no friends, and I think it snowed. Turns out, that was the best decision I have ever made. Indiana truly is a place where you have to see and feel to truly understand. The state is alive with tradition, history and innovation.”

Maggie Bishop
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**Time Travel**

FROM FASCINATING PEOPLE TO OLD-TIMEY TRANSPORTATION TO MILITARY CONFLICTS, THERE’S LOTS TO LEARN ABOUT AT CENTRAL’S HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS.  
*by Laura Kruty*

In a picturesque setting next to a red covered bridge and waterfall, stones weighing more than 2,000 pounds grind wheat into flour and corn into meal at Parke County’s Bridgeton Mill, which dates back to 1823. Watch the massive rocks do their thing, then take home pancake, cornbread and muffin mixes courtesy of their hard work.

When the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis ended, the mansion that served as the Connecticut Building was moved to Lafayette and now exists as the Haan Museum of Indiana Art. The grand Classical Revival–style building houses a treasure trove of works by Indiana painters, sculptors and ceramicists, as well as American furniture largely from the late 19th century. The art extends outdoors, too—more than 25 diverse pieces are placed throughout the sculpture garden.

Less-famous creative pursuits of Gen. Lew Wallace, including music and art, are highlighted in a special exhibit this year at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum in Crawfordsville. Housed in Wallace’s architecturally unique study building, the site remembers the *Ben-Hur* author who also had extensive military and political careers. Another Indiana wordsmith, James Whitcomb Riley, is memorialized at two attractions. In Greenfield, the James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home & Museum showcases the early years of the Hoosier Poet in the 1850s. In Indianapolis, tour the opulent James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home, where Riley lived until he passed in 1916, to glimpse what life was like in the Victorian era.

In Indianapolis, one of the most fascinating museums around sits on the site of the now-defunct Central State Hospital. The Old Pathology Building, where researchers once studied the physical causes of mental disease, is today the Indiana Medical History Museum, a time capsule of medicine from days gone by. See labs, the autopsy room and preserved...
Central History

In Indianapolis, the recently renovated Madam Walker Legacy Center honors the inspiring Madam C.J. Walker, who launched an African-American hair products business in the early 1900s and is one of the country’s first self-made Black female millionaires. Programming at the 1927 landmark centers around social justice, entrepreneurship, and cultural education.

Nearby, the 25-acre Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District, designed after World War I, pays tribute to the armed forces through museums, monuments, and parks. The crown jewel is the Indiana War Memorial—a tour of its impressive museum with military equipment and artifacts and the stunning, must-see Shrine Room.

Home of the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site in Metamora, platted in 1838, illustrates canal town life through a working grist mill, horse-drawn canal boat rides, and charming shops and diners.
Hit the Trails
FIND ART, SHOPPING AND A WHOLE LOT OF DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINK ON CENTRAL'S THEMED TRAILS.
**10 MUST-TRY TREKS**

1. **HAMILTON COUNTY TENDERLOIN TRAIL**
   On this trail devoted to the oversized fried pork tenderloin sandwich, you have more than 50 choices on where to indulge, including Dooley O’Tooles in Carmel and several locations of Wolffie’s Grill.

2. **I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM TRAIL**
   So many options for creamy, cool treats await, such as Martinsville Candy Kitchen, Frazier’s Dairy Maid and Good’s Candy Shop in Anderson, Chocolate Moose in Farmland, McCord Candies in Lafayette and Jimmie’s Dairy Bar in Pendleton.

3. **HOOSIER PIE TRAIL**
   Winchester’s Wick’s Pies is probably best known for its sugar cream pie. Other great stops: Oasis Diner in Plainfield, Gray Brothers Cafeteria in Mooresville, Lisa’s Pie Shop in Atlanta and Korners’ Kountry Kitchen in Brookville.

4. **CHOCOLATE TRAIL**
   In Wayne County, grab a passport at the Welcome Center for samples of all things cocoa.

5. **INDY WINE TRAIL**
   Savory the goods at four wineries: Indianapolis’ Easley Winery, Buck Creek Winery and Brandywine Creek Vineyards & Winery, and Cedar Creek Winery in Martinsville.

6. **ANTIQUE ALLEY TAILS**
   Browse hundreds of vendors throughout Wayne County and parts of Ohio along two trails devoted to all things antique, vintage and primitive.

7. **RURAL ROUTES TO MAIN STREET CULTURAL TRAIL**
   The 40-plus stops along this trail, which spans Putnam, Morgan and Hendricks counties, are divided into Arts & Crafts, Food & Drink and Galleries & Studios.

8. **PUBLIC ART TRAIL**
   In Lafayette and West Lafayette, make your way to more than 115 murals, sculptures and other works. Find the list at homeofpurdue.com.

9. **STATE LINE WINE TRAIL**
   Complete your passport of wineries on the western side of Indiana—Windy Ridge Vineyard & Winery in Cayuga, TJ Haase Winery in Clinton, Britton Winery in Rockville and WaterTower Estates in Terre Haute—to receive a free gift.

10. **WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER TRAIL**
    On this plucky trail, dig in to broasted chicken at The Tasty Freeze in Montezuma, fried chicken at Mayberry Cafe in Danville, wings and pot pie at Carmel’s Woody’s Library Restaurant and family-style dinners of pan-fried chicken at Kopper Kettle Inn in Morristown.
Glass Acts

SEARCHING FOR A NEW FAVORITE BREW? TRY ONE OF THESE 10 MEDALISTS FROM THE LATEST GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL.

Cherry Busey
SUN KING BREWERY (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Fruited Wood- and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer // FLAVOR PROFILE: A bevy of tangy Montmorency cherries goes into this slightly sour brew with aromas of cherry, raspberry and stone fruit.

Sunlight Cream Ale
SUN KING BREWERY (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Golden or Blonde Ale // FLAVOR PROFILE: Crisp and slightly sweet, this multiyear winner is a great intro to craft beer. // THE BREWERY: Sun King first rolled out kegs in 2009, launching Indy’s craft-beer boom. It has two locations in Indy, one in Carmel and Fishers, and one in Kokomo.

Skoolhouse Bock
MOONTOWN BREWING (WHITESTOWN)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Bock // FLAVOR PROFILE: Bronze-colored, malty and perfect for spring—with an even better name. // THE BREWERY: Inside an old school gymnasium, Moontown serves beer, cocktails and a chef-driven menu of burgers, flatbreads and smoked meats.

Moonlite Cream Ale
MOONTOWN BREWING (WHITESTOWN)
AWARD: Gold // CATEGORY: American-Style Cream Ale // FLAVOR PROFILE: With a light ABV, Moonlite is easy to sip on a hot day, and is brewed with malt from nearby Sugar Creek Malt Co.

Qualified
TAXMAN BREWING (BARGERSVILLE)
AWARD: Silver // CATEGORY: Belgian-Style Strong Specialty Ale // FLAVOR PROFILE: With notes of caramel, raisin and plum, this hefty beer can easily be enjoyed for dessert. // THE BREWERY: Taxman serves its Belgian-inspired brews and seasonal menus at three locations.
“My life involved two moves back to Illinois. After the third move to Lafayette, because I had a job and friends here, I was able to explain to family and Illinois friends who thought I was crazy, that in Chicago I could be a spectator. In Lafayette, I could be a participant.”

Jane Turner
Retired
Tippecanoe County

Afternoon Delight
SUN KING BREWERY (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Gold // CATEGORY: Wood- and Barrel-Aged Beer // FLAVOR PROFILE: Aged in a bourbon barrel, Afternoon Delight delivers aromas of brown sugar and molasses, a vanilla flavor and packs a punch with 9.6% ABV.

Pachanga
SUN KING BREWERY (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Light Lager // FLAVOR PROFILE: Ideal for summer days, Pachanga is a refreshing Mexican-style lager with a slight bitterness—and arguably the cutest mascot, Marty the piñata, around.

Wicked Pawesome
METAZOA BREWING (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Juicy or Hazy IPA // FLAVOR PROFILE: This full-bodied IPA has hints of tropical fruit and florals. // THE BREWERY: Animal-inspired Metazoa in downtown Indy offers an onsite dog park, skyline views and a barbecue food truck on weekends.

Meadowlark
METAZOA BREWING (INDIANAPOLIS)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Classic Saison // FLAVOR PROFILE: This farmhouse-style ale is brewed with a bit of wheat and a trio of hops to give it a somewhat grassy, fruity taste.

Saison de Walt
FLIX BREWHOUSE (CARMEL)
AWARD: Bronze // CATEGORY: Brett Beer // FLAVOR PROFILE: Post-fermentation, this beer is mixed with one that’s been aging in wine barrels, lending a unique flavor. // THE BREWERY: Flix upgrades the movie-going experience with a full menu of wraps, pizzas and burgers and pints of fresh, house-brewed beer.
VISITOR RESOURCES

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East Region Tourism
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**Anderson**
Anderson/Madison County Visitors Bureau
6335 S. Scatterfield Rd.
765.643.9633
visitandersonmadisoncounty.com

**Brazil**
Clay County Chamber of Commerce
535 E. National Ave.
812.448.8457
claycountychamber.org

**Brookville**
Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission
18 W. 10th St.
765.647.5632
franklincountyin.com

**Carmel**
Hamilton County Tourism
37 E. Main St.
info@hamiltoncountytourism.com
visithamiltoncounty.com

**Clinton**
Vermillion County Chamber of Commerce
407 S. Main St.
765.832.3844
vermillioncountyindiana.com

**Connersville**
Tour Connersville
401 Central Ave.
765.309.7168
tourconnersville.org

**Covington**
Fountain County
301 Fourth St.
765.793.5000
fountaincounty.net

**Crawfordsville**
Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau
101 W. Main St.
765.362.5200
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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Outstanding outdoor recreation, underground marvels, world-renowned architecture, a top amusement park—the Southern region is filled with surprises. BY LAURA KRUTY

RIVER DRIVES
Stretching from Mount Vernon to Lawrenceburg, the Ohio River Scenic Byway is Indiana’s ultimate road trip. The winding, 300-mile route takes you to some of the state’s oldest river towns, historic homes and landmarks, forests and natural wonders, shopping districts and locally beloved restaurants and much more. Crank up the music and get rolling.

SO MOD
You’ve probably heard about Columbus’ modernist art and architecture, which the American Institute of Architects ranked sixth in the U.S. Now see those structures up close and learn about the men and women responsible for creating a design mecca out of this small town. Walking, bike, bus and self-guided tours are all offered.

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL
The modernist Miller House and Garden, completed in 1957, is a National Historic Landmark.

SPRING AWAKENING
French Lick Resort, composed of French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel, has drawn guests to Southern Indiana since the early 1900s. Fully restored to their magnificent grandeur of old, the sites are ideal for getaways, with spas, fine dining, a casino, golf, shopping and more on site. At the very least, stop in West Baden Springs, once dubbed “the eighth wonder of the world,” to see its impressive 200-foot-wide atrium.

DESTINATIONS AT A GLANCE

STORY TIME
The seven murals inside the rotunda, each 28 feet tall, took artist Ezra Winter two years to complete.

MONUMENTAL
An impressive monument and park pay tribute to frontier militia leader George Rogers Clark, best known for taking Fort Sackville from the British in 1779. Learn about his life, other military accomplishments, and the men who helped him at George Rogers Clark National

Henry Moore’s Large Arch in Columbus’ Library Plaza

Marengo Cave

Falls of the Ohio State Park
SOUTH noteworthy

Historical Park on the banks of the Wabash River in Vincennes.

COUNTRY ROADS
The hub of Brown County, Nashville has long been an essential destination for those who appreciate art and handcrafted goods. The village comes by its nickname, the Art Colony of the Midwest, naturally, peppered with dozens of art galleries and studios of potters, jewelers, woodworkers and more. Stop by to watch them at work and take home a souvenir, and don’t overlook other Nashville boutiques that offer gourmet foods, antiques, apparel, fudge, home decor and more.

GO DEEP
You’ll hear more interesting-sounding names, such as stalactites and helictites, among other cave formations, along the Indiana Cave Trail, which includes Bluespring Caverns in Bedford, Indiana Caverns in Corydon, Marengo Cave in Marengo and Squire Boone Caverns in Mauckport. Each is open for tours, either by foot or boat. At Indiana Caverns, the truly adventurous can opt for four hours of crawling, climbing and splashing in the Deep Darkness tour.

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

THRILL OF THE HUNT
Your first stop at Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville should be the interpretive center, where you can learn just how the attraction’s 390 million-year-old fossil beds were formed. Then, walk out onto the beds themselves (the best time to do so is August through October), keeping an eye out for very old specimens with cool names like brachiopods and echinoderms. You can’t take them home, so bragging rights for the most found will have to do.

LET IT RIDE
Roller coasters or water slides? Families divided on the issue won’t have to choose at Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari in Santa Claus. Its newest ride, Cheetah Chase, is a launched water coaster—the world’s first—that combines both thrills. Other coasters, such as The Voyage and Thunderbird, offer more fast-paced joyrides, while a wave pool, lazy river and slides are perfect for hot summer days.

INTO THE WOODS
Whether you want to fish, bike, horseback ride, hike, or simply enjoy a picnic shrouded in solitude amid towering trees, find your way to Hoosier National Forest, which sprawls 200,000 acres across nine counties. Among the many standout features are Hemlock Cliffs, a canyon with rock formations and waterfalls; Pioneer Mother’s Memorial Forest, an 88-acre tract of trees practically undisturbed since the early 1800s; and Charles C. Deam Wilderness, a remote span with nearly 40 miles of trails.
Seasonal Fun

FROM BRIGHT BLOOMS TO SPARKLING SNOW, THESE ATTRACTIONS GIVE REASON TO VISIT ALL YEAR LONG. by Emily Udell

SPRING

More than 4,000 azalea plants adorn the 60-acre property at Azalea Path Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Hazleton, where wanderers can also appreciate native trees, water features and intricate carved chainsaw sculptures in spring and summer. Nature and history buffs alike enjoy the educational excursions run by Rockin’ Thunder tours on the Ohio and Kentucky rivers, launching from Madison and combining pretty views with river lore.

SUMMER

Wine enthusiasts savor the summer and fall at Oliver Winery and Vineyards in Bloomington and Huber’s Orchard & Winery in Borden, both of which offer tasting room experiences, retail shopping and other amusements in scenic settings. Rent a pontoon or book a boat tour at Birdseye’s Patoka Lake Marina & Lodging, where visitors can drop an anchor at one of the houseboats or floating cabins for a shoreside stay.

FALL

In Nashville, cruise the 325 wooded acres of Hard Truth Hills on an ATV during leaf-peeping season and taste the distiller’s newly debuted batches of whiskey, and their flagship rum, vodka and gin. Afterward, dine on the patio of onsite Big Woods Restaurant. Autumn at Cornucopia Farm in Scottsburg includes corn and soybean mazes, hayrides, a petting farm, duck races and other family-friendly fare.

WINTER

Indiana may not be known for its downhill diversions, but the slopes at Paoli Peaks in Paoli and Perfect North in Lawrenceburg cater to skiers, snowboarders and snow tubers alike. Get in the Christmas spirit and postmark a letter to the North Pole in the town of Santa Claus, home to seasonally themed events, stores and attractions, such as Santa’s Candy Castle and Santa Claus Christmas Store.
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A SNAPSHOT OF WORKING, STUDYING AND LIVING IN INDIANA’S SOUTH REGION.

LARGE MANUFACTURING AND LIFE SCIENCES operations are based in the South, as are some of Indiana’s best colleges and universities and outdoor amenities.

WORK

If you arrived in Indiana via a Toyota Sienna or a Honda CR-V, there’s a good chance that vehicle was assembled in the Hoosier State. Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. accelerated into Princeton in Gibson County in 1996 and has maintained a huge presence ever since. More than 7,000 are employed there (with thousands more working at suppliers around the state), rolling out more than 420,000 cars each year. The Princeton location is part of Toyota’s nearly $6 billion investment in Indiana. Just over three hours east in Greensburg, Honda Manufacturing of Indiana employs about 2,500 to work on Civics, CR-Vs and Insight Hybrids. Honda recently announced a $110 million investment over three years to increase and improve its production space in Greensburg.

Founded in 1919, Cummins Inc. has seen over a century of innovation all from its global headquarters in Columbus. The engine-maker’s vast portfolio is serviced by 8,000 employees there and additional workers in Indianapolis.

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

Life sciences has a large presence in the South, too. In Mount Vernon, pharmaceutical maker AstraZeneca is one of Posey County’s largest employers, with about 700 at its facility. (Also in the area: Ports of Indiana–Mount Vernon, the seventh-largest inland port in the U.S., handling 4 million tons of cargo each year.) In 1963, Bill and Gayle Cook launched their company with three simple medical devices that were less invasive than other instruments at the time. Today, Cook Group, based in Bloomington, is a multifaceted global operation whose primary business lines include medical devices and life sciences. The company pulls in an estimated $2 billion in annual revenue.

STUDY

In addition to being Monroe County’s largest employer, Indiana University Bloomington is home to over 43,000 undergrad and graduate students across 16 degree-granting colleges and schools. Its Kelley School of Business is ranked No. 11 overall by U.S. News & World Report and the school as a whole is ranked No. 31 among top public universities. There are more than 750 student organizations to join, and any alum will tell you the campus’ beauty cannot be beat. IU also has a satellite location in New Albany.

In Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana enrolls about 10,000 students primarily in business, liberal arts, science, engineering and education, and the University of Evansville welcomes about 2,300 pupils and offers study-abroad opportunities at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

The state’s first university, Vincennes University, founded in 1801, grants certificates and associate and bachelor’s degrees; students can also transfer credits to four-year schools. And in Madison, just over 1,000 students study at Hanover College, a private liberal arts school. Many of them focus on biology, communication, economics, kinesiology and psychology.
LIVE

Those who love seeking respite in the great outdoors could do much worse than living in Southern Indiana. The massive Hoosier National Forest encompasses parts of nine counties in the region, offering 200,000 acres in which to camp, hike, horseback ride, boat, fish or just drive through, admiring the scenery. Monroe Lake, Patoka Lake, the Ohio River and numerous state parks and recreation areas provide even more compelling reasons to get outside.

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

When the need for a staycation arises, South residents head to the stately French Lick Resort, where French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel await for rest and relaxation (and plenty of fun, too) in Orange County.

LOCAL PRIDE

“Madison is a wonderful, beautiful and walkable town. It deserves its reputation as America’s most beautiful river town because of the wonderful historic architecture. We live downtown and can walk to shops, restaurants and great entertainment and nightlife, especially live music. This has been a wonderful experience for us, and when we moved to Madison, Indiana, we realized that we were home.”

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HILLY TERRAIN, LUSH FORESTS AND INDIANA’S LARGEST LAKE BECKON GUESTS OUTDOORS IN ALL SEASONS. by Laura Kruty

SOME OF THE STATE’S BEST SCENERY and outdoor recreation are located in Southern Indiana, making it a must-visit area for nature-lovers. Start with the region’s state parks. The largest in Indiana, Brown County State Park, swells with visitors in the fall when changing leaves show off hues of crimson, gold and burnt orange. The park is a popular destination for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders year-round, though. See its many highlights on the 7 Vista Challenge, snapping photos of each stop.

If you want to glimpse the waterfalls that give Clifty Falls State Park its name, it’s recommended to visit December through June, when there’s a better chance that the water will be flowing heavily. The park’s four-mile Four Falls Challenge takes you to each one, as well as canyons and cliffs. Young Abraham Lincoln wandered the land that makes up Lincoln State Park, founded in memory of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Tributes to the family and relics of 19th-century life are throughout the property, where you can camp, boat, hike and even see a concert at the Lincoln Amphitheatre. More historical features can be found at Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell, such as a pioneer village, a pioneer cemetery and a memorial to Mitchell native Gus Grissom, the second American in space. Take a boat tour of Twin Caves or hit the miles of rugged trails. Charlestown State Park is Indiana’s third-largest state park, with camping, hiking and a boat ramp into the Ohio River. But its most unique feature is Rose Island, a 1920s-era amusement park whose ruins you can see while hiking trail 7.

For amazing views of the Ohio River, walk the 1.5-mile trail E through a nature preserve at O’Bannon Woods.

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Seasoned hikers up for a new challenge may want to add a pair to their to-do list. One is the Adventure Hiking Trail, a 25-mile backpacking trek that winds through O’Bannon Woods State Park and Harrison-Crawford State Forest. It’s part of the American Discovery Trail. The other is the Knobstone Trail, affectionately known as the “Little AT” for its common use as a warmup for the Appalachian Trail. The 60-mile route is for foot traffic only, due to steep climbs and descents through state forests.

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

Fishing and water sports are the biggest draws at Monroe Lake, Indiana’s largest body of water, in Bloomington. Trade your flip-flops for sneakers to explore the thousands of acres of forest that surround the lake.

“The Hoosier State is a great state to live, work and play. I love the outdoors. There are so many great places to hike in this region of the state. We have state parks, trails, lakes, there are caves to explore, and we are globally known for our limestone industry. We have great venues for live music and outdoor festivals. I love the diversity of restaurants. We’ve got craft distilleries and breweries all within a short drive. If you haven’t been to Indiana, you need to check us out.”

Liz Irwin
Smithville Fiber
Monroe County
A relic of Madison’s industrial past, Eagle Cotton Mill is slated to open a modern chapter as a Fairfield by Marriott in mid-2021 in the city’s historic district along the Ohio River. Additional accommodations with old-fashioned appeal can be found in Vevay at the Pleasant Rose Mansion Inn Bed and Breakfast, where each of three charming guest rooms has a private bathroom and gas-burning fireplace. The Inn at Irwin Gardens near downtown Columbus is a jewel box of elegant rooms and suites nestled on two acres of gorgeously landscaped grounds inspired by the gardens of Italy. Many of the mansion’s furniture and architectural features look the same as they did when the property was remodeled in 1910. After a day of touring Evansville, retire to the large front porch of Cool Breeze Bed and Breakfast. The 1906 home is located in the Haynie’s Corner arts district, a short walk from dining and shopping.

In the tiny Brown County town of Story that dates back to 1851, the TV-free Story Inn provides respite in rooms and cottages that once served as homes and workspaces of Story’s initial residents. Plan to dine in the onsite restaurant, known for its elevated farm-to-fork cuisine. Many ingredients are sourced locally or grown in gardens expertly tended by staffer Jackie Wilkerson.

Explore Brown County’s countless outdoor amenities with a four-legged family member will love exploring the scents throughout Brown County State Park’s trails and woods. Good thing Abe Martin Lodge is pet-friendly.
THE FRENCH LICK RESORT comprises two hotels—French Lick Springs Hotel and West Baden Springs Hotel. These properties create a world-class destination that offers travelers many amenities, such as the opportunity to play championship golf courses designed by Pete Dye, Donald Ross and Tom Bendelow; relax and rejuvenate at two high-caliber spas; experience delectable dining options; or test lady luck with Vegas-style gaming. There is much to do near the 3,000-acre resort, too. Get up close and personal with an African and Asian elephant during a spa session at Wilstem Wildlife Park. Feed the giraffes and kangaroos, take a drive through the safari or experience Grizzly Encounters with Jeff “The Bear Man” Watson, formerly of Animal Planet’s Project Grizzly and Discovery Channel’s Porter Ridge. There’s no need to worry about the weather at Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park, as it has one of the world’s only retractable roofs. Visitors can also enjoy Sunset, Fall Foliage, Wine or Nature Cruises on Patoka Lake, or step aboard the French Lick Scenic Railway for many seasonal special events, including the Dinner Train, Wild West Hold-Ups, The Polar Express and Tasting Trains. With two world-renowned historic hotels, a state park, a scenic railway and an indoor water park nearby, a visit to French Lick West Baden is one to add to your bucket list.

“The resort community of Visit French Lick West Baden has been welcoming guests for over 100 years. Beautifully hidden amid the Hoosier National Forest’s rolling hills, French Lick Resort is pure escapism for all who visit.”

Laura Blake
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Kidding Around

ANIMALS, ICE CREAM, BUBBLES, ZIPLINES—THERE’S PLENTY TO KEEP KIDS OCCUPIED IN SOUTHERN INDIANA. by Laura Kruty

IN EVANSVILLE, TRAVEL TO ASIA, the Amazon and Africa all via the Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden, home to more than 700 animals. The newest exhibit, Penguins of Patagonia, welcomes the Humboldt variety from Chile and Peru. You can visit more far-away destinations—galaxies away, even—at the Koch Immersive Theater & Planetarium inside the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science. The 40-foot-wide screen will have you feeling like you’re on the International Space Station.

With a focus on science, Bloomington’s Wonderlab encourages exploration through a mix of offerings that includes bubbles, an aquarium, a garden and, the latest, a curiosity-piquing augmented-reality sandbox.

Near French Lick in Paoli, kids who love animals and the outdoors won’t want to leave Wilstem Wildlife Park. (Good thing there’s lodging on site.) Future zoologists can learn about and, in some cases, even feed an elephant, giraffe, sloth or grizzly bear. Active types will love the zipline excursions, ATV trips around the grounds and horseback rides.

With landmarks dreamed up by architectural greats such as Eero Saarinen and I.M. Pei, it’s little wonder that even a skate park in Columbus comes from a pedigreed designer. Finnish skate park architect Janne Saario dreamed up the Jolie Crider Memorial Skate Park 2.0, named after a Columbus resident who passed away in 1994. Saario’s first in the U.S., the remodeled park offers features for skateboarders and BMX bikers alike. Elsewhere in
Columbus, kidscommons, the city’s children’s museum, recently transformed an entire floor into Camp Kidscommons, with various nature-focused activities for young ones to explore. Afterward, head across the street to Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor, a beautifully restored soda fountain where you can dig into sundaes, milkshakes and floats amid the sounds of the peppy orchestration.

Kidscommons’ ExploraHouse lets children learn more about the ins and outs of a home and its many rooms. Oh, and they can glide down a giant toilet slide there, too.
Happy Trails

BEER! WINE! AND...CHURCHES? SOUTH'S TRAILS WILL BOTH QUENCH YOUR THIRST AND GIVE YOU TONS OF MATERIAL FOR YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS.
SEVEN MUST-TRY TREKS

1. INDIANA CAVE TRAIL
Pick up a passport at any of this pathway’s four caves full of geologic wonders—Bluespring Caverns in Bedford, Marengo Cave in Marengo, Indiana Caverns in Corydon or Suire Boone Caverns in Mauckport. Visit each one for a stamp and then turn in your passport for a T-shirt.

2. INDIANA WINE TRAIL
Swiss immigrants planted vineyards in southeast Indiana more than 200 years ago, laying the groundwork for the area’s numerous wineries to come. On this trail, make your way to Ertel Cellars Winery in Batesville, Holtkamp Winery in New Alise, Lanthier Winery in Madison, The Ridge Winery in Vevay and Stream Cliff Farm & Winery in Campbellsport.

3. HOOSIER WINE TRAIL
Not to be confused with the Indiana Wine Trail, this route is composed of wineries more centrally located in the South region. Winding country roads take you to Pepper’s Ridge Winery in Rockport, Monkey Hollow Winery in St. Meinrad, Blue Heron Vineyards & Winery in Cannelton and Indian Creek Winery in Georgetown.

4. LIMESTONE HERITAGE TRAIL
Stone used to build the Pentagon, the Empire State Building and dozens of other notable structures came from Monroe and Lawrence counties’ limestone corridor. That important history is recorded on this trail, where you can visit rock-solid sites including McCormick’s Creek State Park, the Joe Palooka statue in Oolitic and the Indiana University campus. Download a pamphlet at limestonecountry.com.

5. BLOOMINGTON ALE TRAIL
Sample the college town’s strong craft beer lineup. Passport stamps are given at Bloomington Brewing Co., Function Brewing, Big Woods Bloomington, The Tap Brewery, Switchyard Brewing Company and any one of Upland Brewing Company’s three locations: the brewpub, The Wood Shop with sour ales, and its production brewery.

6. TRAIL OF FAITH
Those who appreciate a historic or architecturally stunning house of worship should plan to embark on this tour throughout Dubois County. Standout stops include St. Joseph Church in Jasper and Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, known as the Castle on the Hill. And though it’s not in Dubois County, St. Meinrad Archabbey is in St. Meinrad is worth the detour.

7. BACK ROADS OF BROWN COUNTY STUDIO TOUR
From October 1–31, artisans throughout Brown County open their studio doors to the public, allowing you to chat with them about their work and watch them in action. See a list of participating makers at browncountystudiotour.com.

On Instagram

SIX OF OUR FAVORITE POSTS FOR INSPIRING WANDERLUST.

1. Exposed riverbed—and fossils—at Falls of the Ohio State Park. Photo by @sppalachia_and_autobots // 2. Robert N. Stewart Bridge in Columbus. Photo by @sidfox73 // 3. A rocky overhang on trail 7 at Clifty Falls State Park. Photo by Weir Tucter // 4. A double rainbow at Brown County State Park. Photo by @ivaleecraney // 5. Monroe Lake, golden at sunset. Photo by @louistenney // 6. Harmonist Labyrinth in New Harmony. Photo by @shifty78
INDIANA’S ROOTS WERE PLANTED IN THE SOUTH region, an ideal destination for history enthusiasts. There’s no better place to start than the state’s oldest city: Vincennes. Founded in 1732, Vincennes was named capital of the Indiana Territory in 1800, and it was there that Gov. William Henry Harrison and other leaders convened on matters that affected the entire area (which makes up much of the present-day Midwest). At the Vincennes State Historic Sites, you can explore the former capitol building, a fur trader’s home, a print shop and Indiana’s first institution of higher learning. Then, nearby, pay a visit to Harrison’s home, Grouseland. The property is currently undergoing restoration, scheduled to be complete this summer. In 1813, after its stint in Vincennes, government moved to Corydon. There, as part of the Corydon Capitol State Historic Site, tour buildings in which leaders prepared plans for Indiana’s move from a territory to a state, and see the Constitution Elm, under which the state’s constitution was drafted.

In New Albany, the lofty lifestyle of one of the richest men in the state is on parade at the Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site. Businessman William Culbertson built his 20,000-square-foot home in 1867, sparing practically no expense when it came to the handpainted ceilings, the carved staircase and elaborate decor. In Nashville, a more modest residence nestled in the woods belonged to a well-known impressionist painter and his wife. The T.C. Steele State Historic Site preserves their home, Steele’s studio with various works on display and the gardens that Selma lovingly tended, restored to their original state in 2017.
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Cindy Frey
COLUMBUS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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317.630.2001
indyzoo.com

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317.398.9623
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Muncie Visitors Bureau
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812.714.8110
sweetowencvb.org

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800.886.6443
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Spencer County Visitors Bureau
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888.444.9252, santaclausind.org
indianasabelincoln.org

Visit Beautiful, Scenic Jackson County
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812.524.1914
jacksoncountyin.com
WHAT’S NEW IN FRENCH LICK WEST BADEN

Indiana Native, Pam Metz, has relocated her company Boston International to French Lick. Bride go-to vendor for top retailers and is known for high-quality and well-designed home decor. With this move, Pam's dream of opening the company's first retail store became a reality. French Lick West Baden is happy to welcome Celebrate the Home to our community!

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