

Quality of Life and Young Professional Benefits:

Quality of Life - Statewide

There's more than corn in Indiana. In fact—from our world class Children's Museum to state parks and sporting events—there's plenty to do in your own backyard when you live in Indiana. Check out some of the best things to do in Indiana!

ARTS

From nationally-ranked museums—like the Children's Museum of Indianapolis—to concert venues all over Indiana, there's something for everyone. You'll also find philharmonic orchestras and theaters in every corner of the state to see popular musicals and plays like *Hamilton*.

BEER & WINE

There are nearly 100 breweries and wineries in Indiana. We have big name breweries—like 3 Floyds and Sun King—and Indiana-famous names like Bad Dad Brewing Co. If wine is more your thing, Two EE's Winery and Oliver Winery, among others, have beautiful scenery and great wine.

FESTIVALS

Check out summer and fall festivals filled with live music and great food. Evansville's Fall Festival, Vincennes' Rendezvous, Fort Wayne's Johnny Appleseed Festival and the Indiana State Fair—just to name a few—bring in visitors from all over Indiana and beyond.

SPORTS

Taking in a live sporting event is easy in Indiana. Central Indiana is home to several major teams and events—like the Indy 500, Brickyard 400, Indianapolis Colts, Indy Fever and Indiana Pacers. And, you'll find minor league teams all over the state, too.

STATE PARKS

Indiana's rural regions are home to dozens of state parks and lakes, so there's plenty of opportunity to camp, hike and paddle your way through Indiana. Turkey Run State Park and Brown County State Park are regularly voted among the top parks in Indiana.

BONUS: ROADTRIP-WORTHY SIGHTS

Indiana is filled with quirky, fun locations for a quick road trip with friends. From the World's Largest Steer in Kokomo to the Market Street Catacombs in Indianapolis, there are weird and unusual attractions all over the state perfect for a quick trip and some photos.





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FOR THE OUTDOORSY TYPE: RIVERFRONT FORT WAYNE'S PROMENADE PARK

Fort Wayne's newest park is at the heart of downtown, near other great places like an art museum and tons of restaurants. The park features a treetop canopy trail, an accessible playground, water features, an amphitheater, dining options, boat rides and more. Learn more at riverfrontfw.org.

FOR THE ANIMAL LOVER: BLACK PINE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, located in Albion, Indiana, provides refuge for more than 50 species of displaced, captive-raised exotic animals. Visitors can take a self-guided tour, or sign up ahead of time to take a guided tour or experience. Learn more at bpsanctuary.org.

FOR THE ADVENTURER: TOBOGGAN AT POKAGON STATE PARK

One of northern Indiana's hidden gems, Pokagon State Park is home to the only refrigerated, twin-track toboggan slide in Indiana. Each year, about 90,000 visitors come to ride the quarter mile track. Going as fast as 42 mph, thrill seekers will love this winter ride. Learn more at in.gov/dnr/parklake/4699.htm.

FOR THE SPORTS FAN: PARKVIEW FIELD

Parkview Field was ranked as the Number 1 Minor League Baseball Experience in the country by *Stadium Journey Magazine* for three years! During the summer, take in a Fort Wayne TinCaps game. Mondays and Thursdays are Fort Wayne favorites, featuring food and drink specials, like hot dogs and domestic draft beers for one dollar. Learn more at parkviewfield.com.

FOR THE ROADTRIPPER: THE GARFIELD TRAIL

If you're looking for a weekend roadtrip, consider heading to Fairmount to check out The Garfield Trail. Garfield creator, Jim Davis, is from Fairmount, and there are 14 Garfield statues spread out across 9 small cities in the area for you to take photos of. Learn more at showmegrantcounty.com.



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FOR THE ANIMAL LOVER: WOLF PARK

Wolf Park is an education and research center in Battle Ground, Indiana that specializes in wolves, coyotes, foxes and bison. Visitors can take part in tours that allow them to see the animals close up and in special events—like Wine and Wolves—to help them fundraise. Learn more at wolfpark.org.

FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE SEEKER: THE STATE THEATRE

The State Theatre, located in Logansport, Indiana, hosts local musicians, touring bands, comedians, movies and more. The State Theatre, which opened in 1940, is currently undergoing restoration to bring it back to its original grandeur. Learn more at statetheatrelive.com.

FOR THE ROADTRIPPER: EXPLORATION ACRES

If you've ever felt like exploring an 18-acre corn maze, Exploration Acres in Lafayette, Indiana is for you! This fall favorite has a famous corn maze, pumpkin patches, fire pits, hay rides and more. Learn more at explorationacres.com.

FOR THE OUTDOORSY TYPE: KOKOMO CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS

Explore the Kokomo Reservoir and Wildcat Creek in Kokomo with Kokomo Canoe & Kayak Rentals. They offer rentals on canoes, single and tandem kayaks, inflatable paddleboards and pedal fishing kayaks—perfect for solo or group experiences. Learn more at kokomocanoekayak.com.

FOR THE ADVENTURER: IN ZIPLINE TOURS

Indiana Zipline Tours, located in Crawfordsville, Indiana, is a treetop canopy tour perfect for thrill seekers. The tour consists of 8 ziplines, 1 swinging bridge and Indiana's only suspended platform in the trees. The zipline is suitable for kids and adults. Learn more at indianaziplinetours.com.





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FOR THE ATHLETIC TYPE: CARDINAL GREENWAYS

Cardinal Greenways, which spans from Marion to Muncie to Richmond, is a 62 mile bike trail perfect for biking enthusiasts of all ages. The trail is the longest rail-trail in Indiana, with a vision of eventually linking the trail with trails in Illinois and Ohio. Learn more at cardinalgreenways.org.

FOR THE BASKETBALL LOVER: INDIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

Basketball is serious business in Indiana. The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle, Indiana celebrates all things Hoosier basketball from the 1890s to today. The 14,000 square foot museum is a must-see for sports lovers. Learn more at hoopshall.com.

FOR THE ROADTRIPPER: WICK'S PIES

Wick's Pies started as a factory cantina in 1944, and it's been operating in Winchester, Indiana ever since. Wick started out using his grandmother's recipes and they got so popular that he started delivering them just a few years later. Today, you can visit their bakery to pick up one (or more) of these tasty pies. Learn more at wickspies.com.

FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE SEEKER: EMENS AUDITORIUM

Emens Auditorium is an arts and culture hub in Muncie for music, Broadway productions, ballet, comedians and more. Since its opening in 1964, Emens Auditorium has hosted Stevie Wonder, Adam Sandler, the musical *Cats* and more. Learn more and view upcoming events at bsu.edu/web/emens.

FOR THE WINE DRINKER: BELGIAN HORSE WINERY

There are dozens of great wineries in Indiana, and Belgian Horse Winery is among them. Located in Middletown, Indiana, Belgian Horse Winery offers tastings and live music every Wednesday night. Learn more at belgianhorsewinery.com.





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FOR THE ANIMAL LOVER: THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, Indiana provides a permanent home for exotic cats that have been abused, abandoned or cannot be back in the wild. Their center houses about 150 big cats, and they host special events throughout the year. Learn more at efrc.org.

FOR THE HISTORY BUFF: CANDLES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER

In 1995, Eva Mozes Kor opened the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana with the mission to prevent hatred through education about the Holocaust. As Indiana's only Holocaust museum, it's seen thousands of visitors. Learn more at candleholocaustmuseum.org.

FOR THE OUTDOORSY TYPE: SUGAR VALLEY CANOE TRIPS

Sugar Valley Canoe Trips in Marshall, Indiana offers trips for canoers of all experiences. With trips as little as 3 miles up to overnight, 21-mile adventures, the trips take place in Turkey Run State Park and Shades State Park. Learn more at sugarvalleycanoes.com.

FOR THE ROADTRIPPER: DITZLER ORCHARD

Ditzler Orchard, located in Rosedale, Indiana, is dedicated to enhancing bio-diversity and increasing awareness of the benefit of regional food production. It's also a great roadtrip destination, with a pick-your-own program that runs from May to October where you can pick strawberries, black raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, peaches and apples. Learn more at ditzlerorchard.com.

For the Arts and Culture Seeker: Historic Ritz Theater

The Historic Ritz Theater opened in 1912 as an opera house. It was renovated in the 1930s to take on an Arte Moderne Style, which is still around today on the exterior marquee. Today, it operates as a first-run movie theater and a playhouse with an old time theater feel. Learn more at historicritztheater.com.





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FOR THE HISTORY BUFF: EVANSVILLE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

The mission of the Evansville African American Museum is to collect, preserve and educate the public on the history and traditions of African American families and communities. The museum showcases local artists and citizens as well as traveling and permanent exhibits. Learn more at evvafricanamericanmuseum.org.

FOR THE ROADTRIPPER: NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

New Harmony is a historic town in Posey County, Indiana that was formed in 1814. The town is straight out of the past—with history tours, more than one labyrinth, and a quaint downtown filled with restored buildings. Learn more at visitnewharmony.com.

FOR THE SPORTS FAN: EVANSVILLE OTTERS

Bosse field, home to the Evansville Otters, opened in 1915, making it one of the three oldest ball parks in the United States. Its other claim to fame: it's the site of the filming of the 1992 hit movie *A League of their Own*. So, while you're taking in an Evansville Otters game, check out the historic architecture. Learn more at evansvilleotters.com.

FOR THE FAMILY TRIP: HOLIDAY WORLD

Indiana's famous Holiday World is located in Santa Claus, Indiana. Home to all things holiday—from the 4th of July to Thanksgiving and Christmas—holiday world is filled with rides, slides and a water park. While you're there, explore Santa Claus and enjoy the holidays any time of the year. Learn more at holidayworld.com.

FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE SEEKER: HAYNIE'S CORNER

Haynie's Corner is the arts district in Evansville, Indiana. Made up of 4 neighborhoods, it's a space for art and music, plus a brewery, galleries, restaurants and bars. Haynie's Corner hosts a monthly First Friday celebration with art, live music, street performers, food and more. Learn more at hayniescorner.com.





Quality of Life and Young Professional Benefits: Coworking Spaces & Young Professional Groups

Communities all over Indiana are dedicated to making our state work for its young professionals. With over 50 coworking spaces—including at least one in every corner of the state—and dozens of young professional groups, there's a community for you no matter where you choose to set down roots in Indiana.

COWORKING AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Coworking is an office or arrangement of small offices that workers and small businesses from different kinds of sectors share. Common spaces and equipment cut down on costs for everyone, and the possibility for cross collaboration is huge. It's easy to find coworking spaces in your area by using a simple Google search.

If you're serious about coworking, Launch Indiana is dedicated to increasing the number of Indiana innovation-driven enterprises. They've put together the Indiana Co-working Passport, where members can utilize over 40 coworking spaces all over the state. It's perfect if you're traveling throughout Indiana as you build your network. Learn more at launchindiana.org.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL GROUPS AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Young professional groups are a network of young people—typically in their 20s and 30s—that provide leadership development, networking opportunities and community volunteer involvement. It's a great way to build up your network, make friends and strengthen your community. Young professional groups can be location based, industry based or a combination of both.

Most regions in Indiana have a number of young professional groups to choose from. Not sure where to get started? Talk to your career center, coworkers, intern supervisor, or local chamber of commerce (find yours here: web.iceaonline.com/Chamber-of-Commerce) to find out if they know of any.





Quality of Life and Young Professional Benefits: Volunteering & Giving Back

Indiana residents love giving back. In fact, more than 1.8 million Indiana residents volunteered last year, and their service has an estimated economic value of more than \$4 billion. Whether you're looking for long-term volunteer opportunities like serving on a board or a one-time event, there are so many opportunities to get involved in your community in Indiana.

If you're new to a community—or even if you're not—volunteering is an opportunity to network. Volunteering is a way for you to dedicate time to a passion outside of work. From animals to the environment to literacy and STEM development, Indiana has opportunities for everyone. Plus, according to the Corporation of National and Community Service, volunteers are more likely to talk to their neighbors, participate in civic groups, discuss community issues and more. Volunteering is an effective way to stay involved and make a difference. Learn how to get connected using the resources below.

IN ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER CENTERS: [IN.GOV/SERVEINDIANA/VOLUNTEER/2418.HTM](https://www.in.gov/serveindiana/volunteer/2418.htm)

The Indiana Association of Volunteer Centers (IAVC) is a group of organizations and a great place to start to connect with volunteer opportunities. They can help you find a site that fits your skills, schedule and values.

VOLUNTEERMATCH: [VOLUNTEERMATCH.ORG](https://www.volunteermatch.org)

VolunteerMatch works with over 128,000 nonprofits around the world to connect them with volunteers. You can filter by city or state to find volunteer opportunities near you. If you can't find anything in your region, contact your local chamber of commerce for assistance.

REGION-FOCUSED VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Search online for opportunities. Some non-profits post their needs on their website or on LinkedIn. Others, like IndyHub ([indyhub.org](https://www.indyhub.org)) and VolunteerCenter ([volunteerfortwayne.org](https://www.volunteerfortwayne.org)), connect volunteers to organizations directly.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Many large non-profits have young professional boards to join, and volunteer organizations that target young professionals, like Giving Sum ([givingsum.org](https://www.givingsum.org)), offer a great way to network in your community.

Information from Serve Indiana, [in.gov/serveindiana](https://www.in.gov/serveindiana).

