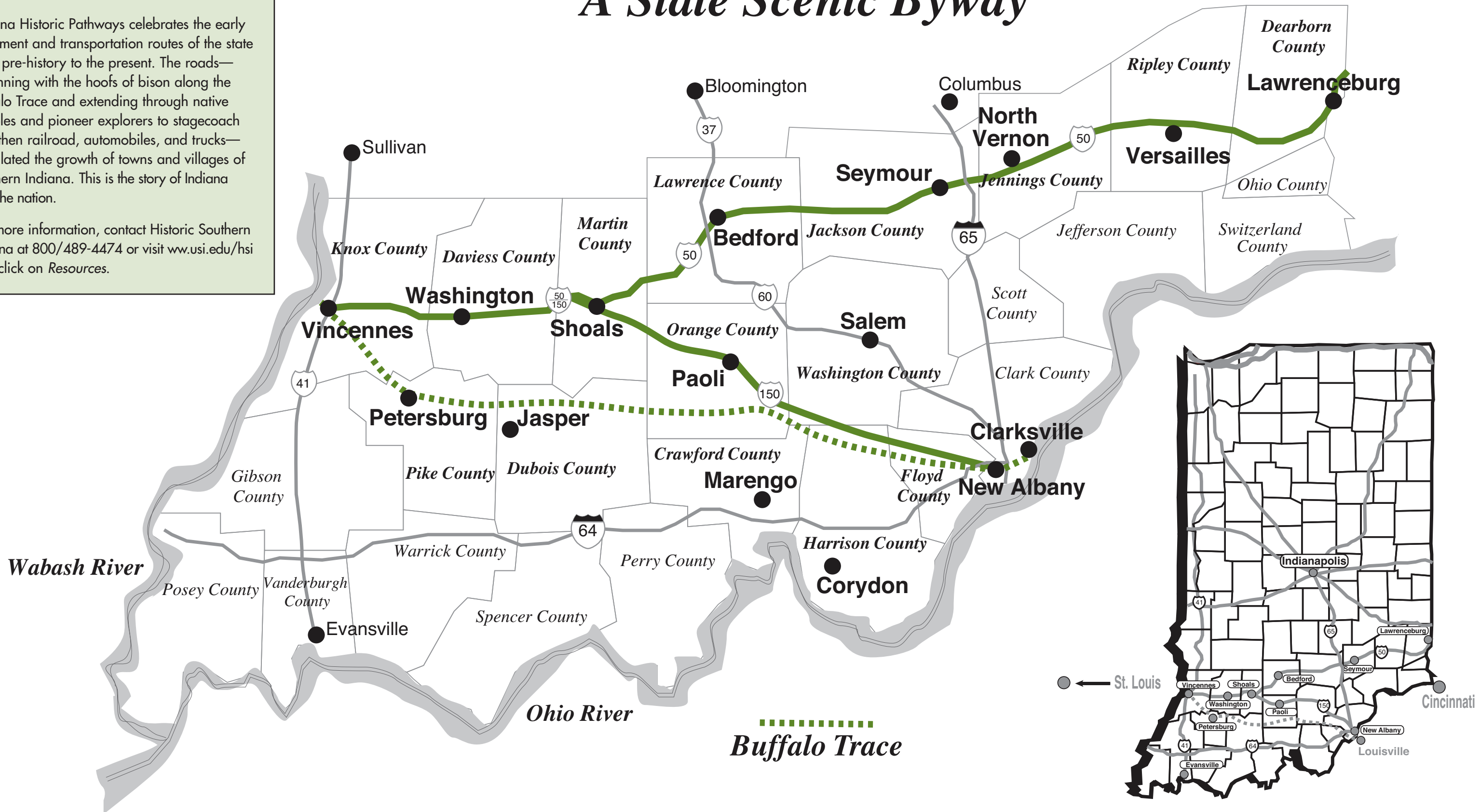


Indiana Historic Pathways celebrates the early settlement and transportation routes of the state from pre-history to the present. The roads—beginning with the hoofs of bison along the Buffalo Trace and extending through native peoples and pioneer explorers to stagecoach and then railroad, automobiles, and trucks—stimulated the growth of towns and villages of southern Indiana. This is the story of Indiana and the nation.

For more information, contact Historic Southern Indiana at 800/489-4474 or visit [ww.usi.edu/hsi](http://ww.usi.edu/hsi) and click on *Resources*.

# Indiana's Historic Pathways

## A State Scenic Byway



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**Clark County Falls of the Ohio State Park and Interpretive Center**

201 Riverside Drive, Clarksville 812-280-9970 www.falloftheohio.org Travel back to when Southern Indiana was covered by a salt water sea as you discover the world-renowned fossil beds that date back 400 million years. There are 220 acres of exposed Devonian fossil beds to explore. The Interpretive Center features a full-size mammoth skeleton, plus there are exhibits on geology, history, and cultural development of the Falls of the Ohio. Two spectacular audiovisual shows are also offered.

**Howard Steamboat Museum**

1101 East Market Street, Jeffersonville 812-283-3728 www.steamboatmuseum.org A 22-room, late-Victorian mansion features stained and leaded glass windows, intricate hand-carved and original furnishings. Artifacts and models of famous boats built in the Howard Shipyards are exhibited.

**Schimpff’s Confectionery**

347 Spring Street, Jeffersonville 812-283-8367 www.schimpffs.com For a taste of nostalgia and to satisfy your sweet tooth, stop by and visit one of Indiana’s “Hidden Treasures” in Jeffersonville. Famous for cinnamon red-hots, Schimpff’s is a fourth generation, family-owned business that features a soda fountain, the original tin ceiling, antique memorabilia, and tasty candies.

**Old Jeffersonville National Register of Historic Places District**

Jeffersonville’s central business district, the downtown riverfront, and several adjoining residential blocks are notable for their eclectic assortment of middle- and late- 19th century architecture, which typifies a small Midwestern river city; the central business district, whose spine extends along Spring Street between Court Avenue and Riverside Drive, boasts several distinctive Renaissance Revival, Italianate, and Neoclassical structures; homes range from Federal to Victorian styles; includes many churches.

**George Rogers Clark Cabin Homesite and Departure site of the Lewis and Clark Expedition** Harrison & Bailey Avenues, Clarksville www.falloftheohio.org A replica of a cabin built by General George Rogers Clark in 1803. Departure site of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase territory.

**Clark-Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Bureau**

315 Southern Indiana Avenue Jeffersonville, IN 47130 812-280-5566 www.sunnysideoflouisville.org

**Crawford County Blue River-Indiana’s First Natural Scenic River**

Milltown 888-702-2837 www.cavecountrycanoes.com Considered one of Indiana’s purest streams, this spring-fed river provides approximately 30 miles of waterway for fishing, boating, swimming, and canoeing.

**Marengo Cave US National Landmark**

400 East State Road 64, Marengo 888-702-2837 www.warengocave.com Creating wonderful family memories since 1883, the cave offers two walking tours, gemstone mining, the Maze Crawl, a gift shop, walking trails, picnic grounds, and more.

**Crawford County Tourism Office**

6225 E. Industrial Lane, Ste. A, Leavenworth 812-739-2246 www.crawfordcountyindiana.com

**Daviess County**

**Harned House** Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau 307 Harned Ave., Washington The Harned House, located one block off of Hwy. U.S. 50, is the former residence of Dr. Harned and is currently a bed and breakfast.

**Daviess County Museum**

Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau 212 1/2 East Main Street - Washington. The Daviess County Museum is viewed in the former Masonic Temple approximately one mile off of U.S. Hwy. 50.

**Graham Mansion 1885**

Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau N.W.1st Street - Washington The exterior premises of this historic house, the former home of Robert and Roberta Graham, also known as “Mimi’s House,” can be viewed. Approximately one mile off U.S. Hwy 50.

**Maysville Church 1851**

Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau Come visit a lovely Methodist country church in Washington, located approximately 1/4 mile off of U.S. Hwy.50 in Washington.

**Train Depot 1906**

Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau Situated 3 blocks off of U. S. Hwy. 50, the renovated Old Train Depot is home to the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation.

**Round Barn (1908)**

Contact: Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Bureau Situated on U.S. Hwy 57, approximately four miles south of U.S. 50 Bypass in Washington, the only round barn in the county is a working cattle barn and currently seeking Historic National Register listing.

**Daviess County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Bureau**

One Train Depot Street Mailing address: PO Box 430 Washington, IN 47501 812-254-5262 www.daviesscounty.net

**Dearborn County Argosy Casino and Hotel**

777 Argosy Parkway, Lawrenceburg 888-Argosy-7 www.pngaming.com Dockside gaming, hotel, and 200,000 square-foot pavilion featuring live entertainment and fine dining.

**Perfect North Slopes**

19074 Perfect Lane, Lawrenceburg 812-537-3754 www.perfectnorth.com Ski resort featuring skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. Open during winter months.

**Hillforest Victorian House Museum** 213 5th Street, Aurora 812-926-0087 www.hillforest.org

Hillforest is a restored 1855 mansion overlooking the Ohio River. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated National Historic Landmark.

**Chateau Pomije Winery**

25060 Jacob’s Road, Guilford 812-623-3332 www.cpwinery.com The winery and restaurant occupy a renovated 1891 barn featuring a 7,000-stone fireplace in the main dining room.

**Lawrenceburg Speedway**

U.S. Highway 50 East Dearborn County Fairgrounds, Lawrenceburg 812-948-5234 www.lawrenceburgspeedway.com The quarter-mile dirt track features sprint car racing, modifieds, and pro stocks. Open May–September.

**Tri-State Antiques Market**

Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds U.S. Highway 50, 1 mile west of Exit 16 on I-275, Lawrenceburg 513-738-7256 www.queencityshows.com Indiana’s largest “antiques and vintage-only” market.

**Dearborn County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Bureau**

320 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg 800-322-8198 www.visitsoutheastindiana.com

**Dubois County**

**Dubois County Museum** 2704 Newton Street, Jasper (located several miles south of Buffalo Trace route) 812-634-7733 Known as the largest county museum in the state of Indiana, this museum showcases the rich German heritage and history of the Dubois County area and features a six-foot-tall, stuffed buffalo named “Trace.”

**St. Joseph Church**

13th & Newton Sts., Jasper (located several miles south of Buffalo Trace route) 812-482-1805 www.saintjosephjasper.com Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this magnificent 1880 Romanesque, old world-style church was built by the early parishioners and showcases priceless German stained-glass windows.

**Dubois County Visitors Center**

2704 Newton Street, Jasper 1-800-968-4578 www.duboiscounty.org

**Floyd County**

**Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site** 914 East Main Street, New Albany 812-944-9600 www.in.gov/ism/HistoricSites/Culbertson/Historic.asp A Victorian mansion that stands as an impressive tribute to one of Indiana’s leading merchants and philanthropists, William Culbertson.

**Carnegie Center for Art and History**

201 East Spring Street, New Albany 812-944-7336 www.carnegiecenter.org An art and history museum, home of the ever-popular Yenawine Exhibit - a hand carved, animated diorama depicting scenes of life in early Indiana.

**Scribner House**

106 East Main Street, New Albany 812-949-1776 See evidence from an era long ago. The Scribner House was built in 1813 by the Scribner Family. The first frame house built in New Albany is owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

**Mansion Row National Register of Historic Places District**

Main and Market Streets, New Albany Collection of homes, churches, and distinctive commercial buildings that have been carefully restored, providing a glimpse of life during New Albany’s “Age of Elegance.” This area includes many bed and breakfasts, wedding chapels, reception halls, and the Culbertson Mansion.

**Town Clock Church corner of Third and Main Streets, New Albany**

Greek Revival church has been a New Albany landmark since 1852 when it was completed by the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church; the church is said to have been a way-station on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War, aiding runaways with food, clothing, and other kinds of assistance.

**National Cemetery – Located in New Albany on 5.5 acres**

1943 Ekin Avenue, New Albany 812-948-5234 The New Albany National Cemetery was established in 1862 to accommodate the burial of soldiers posted at the training center. By November 1870, more than 2,000 known dead and 698 unknowns were buried here. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

**Clark-Floyd Counties Convention and Tourism Bureau**

315 Southern Indiana Avenue Jeffersonville, IN 47130 812-280-5566 www.sunnysideoflouisville.org

**Harrison County**

**Buffalo Trace Park** 1540 U.S. Hwy 150 NE, Palmyra 812-738-8236 Buffalo Trace Park is a 147 acre park that features a 30 acre man made lake for swimming and fishing, camping, canoe rental, paddle boat rental, lighted walking trail, petting zoo, and much more.

**Harrison County Convention and Visitors Bureau**

310 N. Elm Street, Corydon 812-738-2138 www.thisisindiana.org

**Jackson County**

**Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge** 12985 East U.S. Hwy 50, Seymour 812-522-4352 muscatatuck@fws.gov The 7,800-acre national wildlife refuge lake and waters are protected and managed for wildlife and its habitat with a special emphasis on waterfowl, migratory birds, and endangered species. Open seven days a week, sunrise to sunset.

**Jackson - Washington State Forest/Skyline Drive** 1278 East State Road 250, Brownstown 812-358-2160 jackstor@hsonline.net Situated two miles from U. S. Hwy. 50, the forestry, which encompasses more than 7,000 acres in Jackson County, is part of the knobs topographical region of Southern Indiana and offers scenic views from Skyline Drive and other vistas, hiking, biking, camping, fishing, and horse-back riding.

**Starve Hollow State Recreation Area**

4345 South County Road 275 West, Vallonia 812-358-3464 starvesra@dnr.state.in.us Starve Hollow, which is located 4.5 miles from U.S. Hwy. 50 near the location of Jackson County’s oldest community, Fort Vallonia, was constructed in 1938 and offers a 145 acre lake, fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, and fun.

**Seymour’s Historic Downtown District**

Contact: Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce 812-522-3681 www.seymourchamber.org The historic downtown district of Seymour, which was founded in 1852 and grew up at the intersection of two crossing railroads, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and includes architecturally significant sites such as the Farmers Club, Southern Indiana Railroad Freighthouse, Presbyterian Church, Carnegie library, as well as the site of the world’s first train robbery.

**Brownstown’s Historic Downtown**

Contact: Brownstown Chamber of Commerce 119 West Walnut Street, Brownstown 812-358-2930 www.brownstownchamber.com Centrally located within Jackson County, Brownstown, the county seat, is also home to the Ball Memorial Museum, Ketchum Pioneer Village, Marion - Kay Spices Home Office, Jackson County Historical Society, and Jackson County Genealogical Society.

**Bel Ford, Shieldstown, and Medora Covered Bridges**

Contact: Jackson County Visitor Center www.jacksoncountyin.com

As you travel U.S. Hwy. 50 in Jackson County, you

will be passing near the sites of three covered bridges-Bell Ford (1869) was believed to be the only Post-truss covered bridge remaining in the world; Shieldstown (1876), which uses a multiple King Post design with a Burr Arch Truss system; and Medora (1875), the longest three-span covered bridge in the world.

**Jackson County Visitor Center**

357 Tanger Blvd., Suite 231 Seymour, IN 47274 812-524-1914 or 888-524-1914 jacksoncountyin@verizon.net www.jacksoncountyin.com

**Jennings County Jennings North Vernon and the Historic Park Theater**

Contact: Jennings County Chamber of Commerce 44 Short Street, North Vernon 812-346-2339 www.JenningsCountyChamber.org At the turn of the century, North Vernon’s railroad system represented the sixth largest railway center with more than 100 trains arriving and departing daily. Visit the Historic Park Theater, a restored 1916 movie house, now home to movies, live entertainment, and festivals.

**B & O Depot and Caboose**

Contact: Jennings County Chamber of Commerce 44 Short Street, North Vernon 812-346-2339 www.JenningsCountyChamber.org The depot and caboose, which are dedicated as a memorial for all those who worked on the railroad, are featured during the Railroad Days festival the second week in June.

**Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge**

Contact: Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge Joe Robb 1661 JPG Niblo Road, Madison, IN 47250 812-273-0783 www.fws.gov/midwest/bigoaks/ Located in a former U.S. Army proving ground, Big Oaks is the largest National Wildlife Refuge in Indiana. Visitors must go through a safety briefing before entering the refuge. With its limited human access through the years, nature has been well preserved for the wildlife. Hunting and fishing are permitted with valid licensing and an access permit into the refuge.

**Historic Vernon**

Contact: Jennings County Visitors Center 325 North Street Hwy 7, North Vernon 812-346-4865 or 800-928-3667 www.Jenningsco.org Situated two miles from U.S. Hwy. 50, the historic town of Vernon, which is listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places, is the site of the John Hunt Morgan Trail and was an active participant in the Underground Railroad.

**Muscatatuck Park/Walnut Grove One Room School**

Contact: Jennings County Visitors Center 325 North Street Hwy 7, North Vernon 812-346-4865 or 800-928-3667 www.Jenningsco.org Enjoy amenities such as camping, fishing, hiking and mountain-biking trails, basketball and sand volleyball courts, soccer, baseball, and open fields, playground and picnic areas, shelters, wildlife marshes, and bouldering and climbing. The Walnut Grove School is restored to the 1913-1925 time frame and is open for tours.

**Hayden Historical Museum**

6715 West County Road 20 South, North Vernon 812-346-8212 www.seidata.com/~haydenmu/ The building was donated by former Indiana Governor Edgar Whitcomb and his family opened in 1993, the museum features historically-themed rooms such as a typical Indiana kitchen in 1939 and Whitcomb’s Governor’s Office.

**Jennings County Visitors Center** 325 North Street Hwy 7, North Vernon 812-346-4865 or 800-928-3667 www.Jenningsco.org

**Knox County**

**George Rogers Clark National Historical Park** 401 South Second Street, Vincennes 812-882-1776 www.nps.gov/gero

George Rogers Clark’s conquest of the Old Northwest Territory is the theme of this national historical park. See the largest memorial outside Washington, D.C.!

**Grouseland**

3 West Scott Street, Vincennes 812-882-2096 www.grouselandfoundation.org Home of William Henry Harrison, first governor of the Indiana Territory and ninth president of the United States. Tour the beautifully restored 1803 mansion.

**Vincennes State Historic Sites**

1 West Harrison, Vincennes 812-882-7422 www.in.gov/ism/HistoricSites/Vincennes Where Indiana began! Tours of the first college, first capitol, first print shop, and more replicate frontier life from 1800-1813.

**Old Cathedral Complex** 205 Church Street, Vincennes 812-882-5638 Historic Cathedral and French and Indian cemetery. See Indiana’s oldest library, founded in 1794, featuring 15th – 19th century books.

**Old French House & Indian Museum** First and Seminary, Vincennes 812-882-7886 Home of fur trader Michell Brouillet, built in 1806. Great example of French Creole architecture.

**Indiana Military Museum** 2074 North Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes 812-882-8668 Military memorabilia from the Civil War to Desert Storm, featuring vintage tanks, aircraft, and more!

**Vincennes/Knox County Convention & Visitor Bureau** 102 North Third Street, Vincennes 800-886-6443 www.vincennescvb.org

**Lawrence County Courthouse and Historic Downtown** Bedford 812- 275-4120 Located on U.S. Hwy. 50, downtown Bedford is home to the Lawrence County Courthouse and the Lawrence County Historical and Genealogical Museum of History.

**Otis Park and Pinehall**

Bedford Contact: Golf Course 812-279-9092 Parks Department 812-275-5692 Otis Park, located just off U.S. Hwy. 50 on Tunnelton Road, is home to a golf course, Pine Hall, and the Bandshell. This property is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Bluespring Caverns**

1459 Bluespring Caverns Road, Bedford 812-279-9471 www.bluespringcaverns.com Situated two miles off U.S. Hwy. 50, Bluespring Caverns is the Nation’s Longest Underground River and is open April through October.

**Greenhill Cemetery**

1202 18th Street, Bedford 812-275-5110 Greenhill Cemetery is a wonderful example of early limestone carving. Walking tours of the cemetery are available

**Zahn Historic District**

Bedford Contact: Lawrence County Tourism Commission The Zahn Historic District, located between 17th and 20th Street on “I” and “J” Streets in Bedford, is home to St. Vincent’s Catholic Church, which is made out of Lawrence County limestone.

**Leesville**

Contact: Lawrence County Tourism Commission A short distance south of U. S. Hwy. 50, Leesville is home to some of the early settlers of Lawrence County.

**Lawrence County Tourism Commission**

533 West Main Street Mitchell, IN 47446 812-849-1090 or 800-798-0769 limestonecountry@verizon.net www.limestonecountry.com

**Martin County**

**Jug Rock** U.S. Hwy 50, Shoals Contact: Martin County Chamber of Commerce Just off U.S. Hwy 50 at Shoals stands the incredible natural geological sandstone formation, Jug Rock. The formation, which is 60 feet high with a 20-foot diameter base, stands alone with no adjacent ledge. It is classified as one of the most puzzling formations, known as “Stands Rocks,” in the United States.

**Pinnacle Rock**

Contact: Martin County Chamber of Commerce Among several geological wonders which can be found on West River Road just off U.S. Hwy 50 at Shoals is the astonishingly beautiful Pinnacle Rock, a massive sandstone formation with a vertical descent of over 200 feet.

**Martin County Museum** 220 Capital Avenue, Shoals 812-247-1133 mchsoc@rtccom.net Located in the 1876 courthouse which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Martin County Museum is a beautiful example of turn of the century architecture and is filled with a treasure of Martin County history. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10–4.

**Martin State Forest** U.S. Hwy 50, Shoals 812-247-3491 www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/stateforests/martin.htm Scenic rugged hills and vistas can be found at the Martin State Forest. Facilities include a primitive campground, picnic areas and shelter houses, hiking trails, mountain bike trail, fishing, fire tower, and arboretum for tree identification.

**Hindustan Falls** Contact: Martin County Chamber of Commerce Located on the White River, Hindostan Falls was once the site of an 1800s community and pioneer courthouse. A grist mill was once located on a large flat rock at the base of the 10-foot falls. Today, Hindostan Falls is a public fishing and picnic area located on SR 550 just four miles east of Loogootee.

**Overlook Park** Contact: Martin County Chamber of Commerce Situated 1.2 miles west of Shoals at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 50 and SR 450, Overlook Park provides a scenic view of the winding White River and adjacent farms and valleys. Facilities include a shelter house, picnic tables, and restrooms.

**Martin County Chamber of Commerce (Limited hours)**

210 Line Street, Loogootee 812-295-4093 www.martincountychamber.samsbiz.com Alternate contact: Martin County Museum

**Orange County French Historic Hotels/ French Lick Resort & Casino**

8670 West State Road 56, French Lick 812-936-9300 www.frenchlick.com

Includes the West Baden Springs Hotel and French Lick Springs Hotel, both fully restored to their early 1900s original grandeur. The two hotels offer luxury rooms, fine dining, European spas, beautiful gardens, golf, and other amenities.

**Springs Valley Trail (Formerly Tucker Lake) - Buffalo Trace**

Contact: Hoosier National Forest, 812-275-5987 www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/ Multiple-use trail features scenic views of Springs Valley Lake and remnants of the Buffalo Trace, a route carved by the hooves of bison and used by Native Americans and early settlers to travel in southern Indiana.

**Rise of the Lost River – Orangeville**

Contact: French Lick Springs/West Baden Chamber of Commerce Railroad Museum, French Lick 812-936-2405 www.flwbcc.com The Lost River flows underground 22.5 miles from Orleans to Orangeville. The rise is one of the largest karsts springs found in the Midwestern United States. This spring is where the Lost River surfaces above ground and continues to flow above ground to the White River.

**Quaker Meeting Houses/Newberry and Lick Creek 1813 – Paoli**

2153 W. U.S. Hwy 159, Paoli 812-723-2543 The Quakers, who founded Orange County in 1811, and their religion played an important part in the lives of the settlers. They were the first denomination to hold religious services in the county.

**Paoli Historic District/Court House, 1800 Iron Bridge** 1 Court Street, Paoli 812-723-2411

The Orange County Court House, circa 1850, is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture east of the Mississippi River. It is the second-oldest operating court house in Indiana. The 1800 Iron Bridge, just off the square on South Gospel Street, is one of the few examples of Cleveland Pratt bridges in existence. The open-webbed floor beams are one of the bridge’s most unusual design features.

**Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest- Cox Woods**

Contact: Hoosier National Forest, 812-275-5987 www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/ This 88-acre tract is the last old-growth forest in Indiana and has been left untouched since 1816.

**Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau** 812-936-3418 www.orangecountyin.com

**Pike County Prides Creek Park**

1045 East County Road 400 North, Petersburg 812-354-6798 250 acres with a 90-acre lake. Camping, fishing, swimming, tennis courts, volleyball, picnicking, and more.

**Log Ends Farm Bed & Breakfast** 2769 West State Road 56, Petersburg 1-877-LOGENDS Local 354-2192 www.log-ends.com Log Ends is nestled on a working farm. Four guest rooms with private baths are available. An additional cabin that hosts six guests is located on the property. Stay includes hearty farm breakfast.

**Pike County Courthouse**

801 East Main Street, Petersburg Courthouse is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays. A visit to the rotunda is worth a stop. View the larger-than-life bronze bust of hometown native and baseball legend Gil Hodges.

**Hornady Park** State Road 56, Petersburg 812-354-8551 Lovely city park affords shelter rentals. Do some fishing in Ashley Lake across the road from the Peter Brenton cabin or run through the new spray park.

**Buffalo Trace Historical Marker** State Road 61 North at White River This state marker gives a brief history of where the trace crossed the White River.

**Wabash & Erie Canal Historical Marker** East Main Street, Petersburg Commemorative marker at the former site of the historical depot.

**Pike County Chamber of Commerce** 714 Main Street, Petersburg 812-354-8155 www.pikecountyin.org

**Ripley County Versailles State Park** U.S. Highway 50, Versailles 812- 689-6424 http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/properties/park\_versailles.html

Enjoy the beauty of Versailles State Park located on U.S. Hwy. 50 - hike, horseback ride, swim, camp, bike, fish, or relax during the annual Bluegrass Festival.

**Milan ‘54 Basketball Museum (inspiration for the movie “Hoosiers”) Milan** Carr Street, Milan 812- 654-2772 www.milan54.org

Come and relive the exciting moments of the Milan ‘54 Basketball State Championship Game and find out why the story inspired the movie “Hoosiers” at the ‘54 Basketball Museum, five miles north of U.S. Hwy. 50.

**Busching Covered Bridge** Contact: Ripley County Tourism Bureau Drive back into time and enjoy the view of Laughey Creek as you go over the 1885 Busching Covered Bridge, just off U.S. Hwy. 50 near the Versailles State Park entrance.