

Welcome

Greetings,

The International Center welcomes you to the State of Indiana! We are excited about the talents, skills and diversity you bring to our community, and we sincerely hope that you will have a wonderful living experience here.

With years of expertise assisting international families in relocating to Indiana, we understand the anticipation but also the challenges you will face. Thus, to help you adjust to your new home, The International Center prepared this International Guide to Central Indiana.

From buying a house to opening a bank account, from locating jobs to finding entertainment and activities, this comprehensive, easy-to-use reference guide provides essential and practical information about living and working in Indiana.

Again, please accept our warmest welcome to you and your family. Moving away from your country of origin could be challenging at the beginning, but with all the wonderful opportunities and wide range of arts and activities that Indiana offers to its residents and visitors, we hope you will enjoy the state as much as we enjoy your presence in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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About Us

The International Center was originally formed to provide interpreters and translators for the NATO Conference of Mayors held in Indianapolis in 1972. Interested citizens recognized the need to extend its role on an ongoing basis, supporting international visitors, instilling appreciation of the state's multicultural populations and enhancing awareness of international issues.

In the four decades since its inception, The Center has witnessed and contributed to the state's unprecedented growth through the influx of newcomers from around the world. Indiana citizens speak 129 languages other than English in their homes. The foreign-born population has increased almost 100 percent since 1990. Indiana schools, hospitals, public safety departments, businesses and neighborhoods need access to cultural resources, information and referral services, and training to address the multicultural mix of population that is our present and future.

Throughout The International Center's history, The International Center has served as a catalyst for the state's international growth. Working in collaboration with businesses, organizations, government agencies, educational institutions and individual citizens, The Center expands Indiana's global interest in a variety of ways.

It prepares people and organizations to welcome international dignitaries and visitors, and to foster strong relationships abroad.

It helps assimilate professionals and their families relocating to Indiana from across the world.

The Center's multinational staff provides global competency training and protocol services to businesses and organizations seeking to bridge countries and cultures, and expand relationships with international colleagues and counterparts.

Its incubated program, Asian Learning Center of Indiana, is helping Hoosiers better understand the history, cultures and emerging business opportunities with Asia.

And at the heart of The Center's mission, it strives to make Indiana a welcoming place for international newcomers – through education, understanding and open dialogue.

The International Center is Indiana's window to the world – looking out and looking in.

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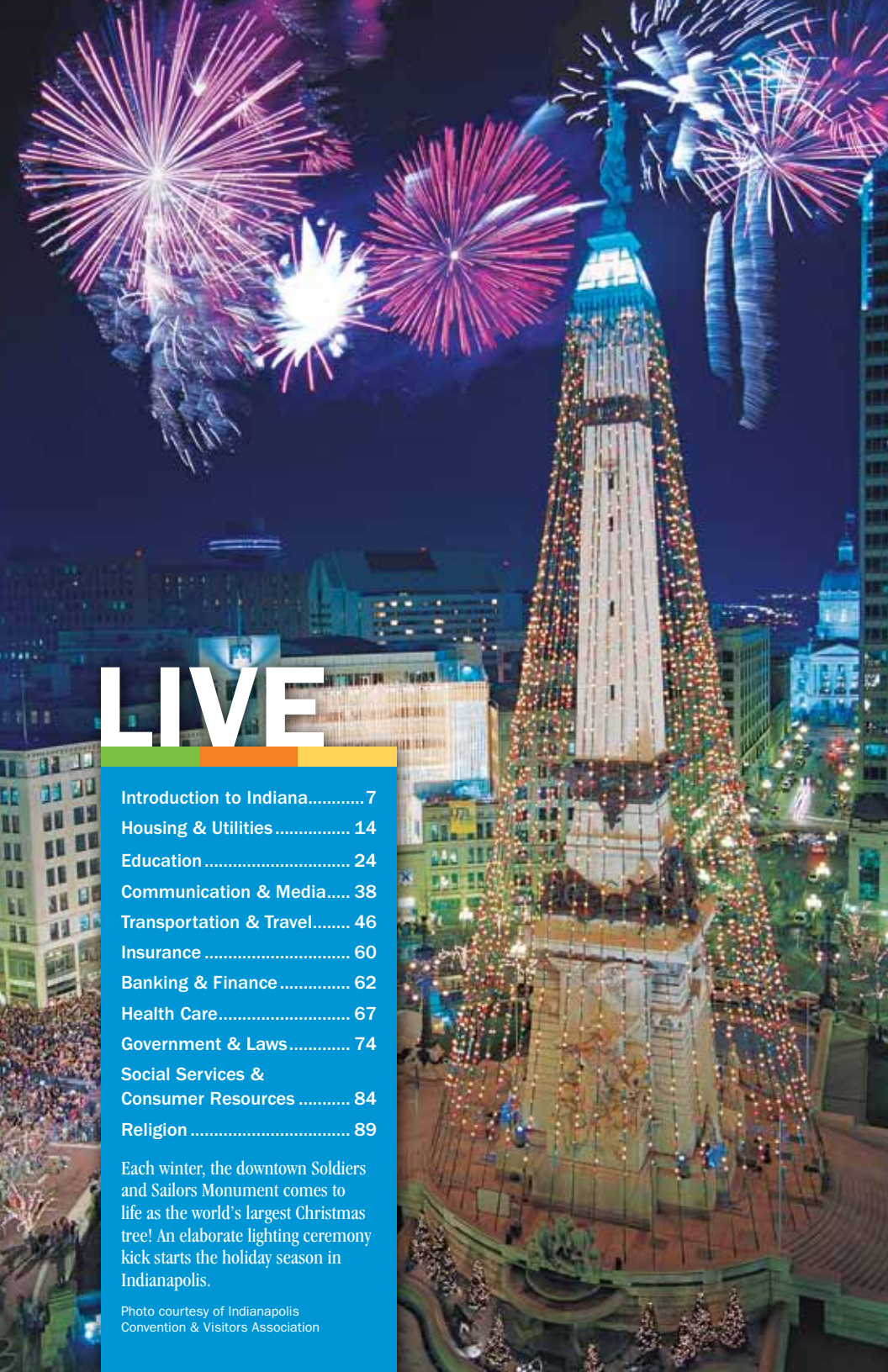
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Each winter, the downtown Soldiers and Sailors Monument comes to life as the world's largest Christmas tree! An elaborate lighting ceremony kick starts the holiday season in Indianapolis.

Photo courtesy of Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association

Introduction to Indiana

OVERVIEW

The **United States of America** (also referred to as the United States, the U.S., the USA, or America) is a federal constitutional republic comprising fifty states and a federal district. The country is situated mostly in central North America, where its forty-eight contiguous states and Washington, D.C., the capital district, lie between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, bordered by Canada to the north and Mexico to the south. The state of Alaska is in the northwest of the continent. The state of Hawaii is an archipelago in the mid-Pacific. The country also possesses several territories in the Caribbean and Pacific oceans.

The United States is divided into four regions. These regions are the Northeast, Midwest, South, and the West. The regions of the United States are grouped by history, tradition, economy, climate, and geography. Each region is different from the others. Indiana is part of the **Midwest region** which also includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, and Iowa.

Indiana was the 19th U.S. state to be admitted to the Union, in December 1816. The state's name means "Land of the Indians", or simply "Indian Land". The name itself dates back to at least the 1760s.

Residents of Indiana are known as **Hoosiers**, but the origin of the term is unclear. With approximately 6.3 million residents, Indiana is ranked 16th in population and 17th in population density. With a total area of 36,418 square miles (94,320 km²), Indiana ranks as the 38th largest state in terms of size. It is still the smallest state in the continental U.S. west of the Appalachian Mountains. Its capital and largest city is Indianapolis.

The state has a maximum dimension north to south of 250 miles (400 km) and a maximum east to west dimension of 145 miles (233 km). The state is bordered on the north by Michigan, on the south by Kentucky, on the east by Ohio and on the west by Illinois. The Ohio River separates Indiana from Kentucky on the southern border. Indiana is one of eight states that make up the Great Lakes region.

Indiana is divided into 92 counties. Among them, Marion is the only consolidated city-county.

■ Central Indiana

Central Indiana refers to the 33 counties in the middle third of the state. The region's capital city is Indianapolis. Other prominent cities include Lafayette, Carmel, Anderson, Muncie, Greenfield, Columbus and Terre Haute. Central Indiana is the most populous region of Indiana. The primary economic engines of Central Indiana are education and research, agriculture and manufacturing.

Physically, the land in Central Indiana is characterized primarily by low, gently rolling hills, shallow valleys, and sandstone ravines carved out by the retreating glaciers. Many of these ravines can be found in west Central Indiana, specifically along Sugar Creek in Turkey Run State Park and Shades State Park.

Elevation ranges from 600 feet to over 1,000 feet above



sea level. Forests and farmland line Central Indiana's gently rolling plains and river valleys. The highest point in Indiana is Hoosier Hill, at 1,257 feet above sea level in northern Wayne County.

- **Marion County** – central; 403 sq mi.
- **Hamilton County** – north; 403 sq mi.
- **Madison County** – northeast; 453 sq mi.
- **Hancock County** – east; 307 sq mi.
- **Shelby County** – southeast; 413 sq mi.
- **Johnson County** – south; 322 sq mi.
- **Morgan County** – southwest; 409 sq mi.
- **Hendricks County** – west; 409 sq mi.
- **Boone County** – northwest; 423 sq mi.



Indianapolis

Sometimes known as the Circle City, Indianapolis began as a pioneer village in the middle of a forest. The city was first laid out as a one-mile-square grid of streets with a circle at its center. Today, the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument stands at the center of that circle, now known as Monument Circle, and the city has grown to more than 400 square miles beyond that original mile square.

This is a growing metropolitan area that offers all amenities of city life while allowing its neighborhoods to retain the personal touch of smaller communities. Tying this together is a well-developed road system that not only gives residents quick routes across the city, but also gives them easy access to cities, towns and rural areas in the Central Indiana region. As you explore the area you will find a variety of residential options, from Victorian-era homes in historic districts to luxury homes in new developments. Condominiums and apartments are available downtown and throughout the city.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Weather

The Indiana climate is one of extremes, with temperatures that can range from under 0 F (-18 C) in the winter to over 100 F (38 C) in summer. Each year, the state receives an average of 40 inches of rain and 23 inches of snow. (See conversion chart on page 137).

The weather can change from day to day or hour to hour. In spring, summer and autumn thunderstorms might break out without warning in the middle of a sunny, pleasant day, so it is helpful to have a “weather radio” to warn about the approach of bad weather. Information is available from the Weather Channel on cable TV or on the Internet at www.weather.com.

In Indiana, tornadoes occur most likely from spring through autumn. A tornado “watch” means weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop; a “warning” means that a tornado has been sighted. In Indianapolis and many surrounding residential areas, tornado sirens warn persons in the threatened area to take cover immediately (these sirens are tested every Friday at 11:00 a.m.).

If a tornado warning is issued:

- Go to a secure place in your home or office – a basement or an inside room with no windows;
- Take a battery-powered radio with you so you will know when the danger has passed; and,
- Keep a flashlight and drinking water in your “safe-place”.

Children in school have regular practice “tornado drills,” during which they go to a safe place. At home, have a plan for where family members should go when bad weather threatens. Be sure children know where to go and what to do.

■ Time

The U.S. does not use the 24-hour clock; “a.m.” is used for time from after midnight until noon, and “p.m.” from after noon to midnight.

The U.S. is divided into four time zones:

- Eastern Standard Time (EST)
- Central Standard Time (CST)
- Mountain Standard Time (MST)
- Pacific Standard Time (PST)

Most of the U.S. and Canada operates on Standard Time from November through March. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, clocks are moved forward one hour and remain on this time until 2 a.m. of the first Sunday in November, when they are moved back one hour, returning to Standard Time. This is called Daylight Saving Time.

Most of Indiana started to observe Daylight Saving Time in the Spring of 2006.

■ Measurement

The “English units” is the most commonly used system of measurement in the U.S. It is similar but not identical to the British Imperial units. The U.S. is the only industrialized nation that does not mainly use the metric system in its commercial and standards activities, although the International System of Units (SI, often referred to as “metric”) is universally used in science, and increasingly in medicine, government, and various sectors of industry.

The U.S. customary units have common roots with the Imperial units, which were used in the British Empire. Many U.S. units are virtually identical to their Imperial counterparts, but the U.S. customary system developed from English units in use before the Imperial system was standardized in 1824, and there are several numerical differences from the Imperial system.

You will find useful conversion tables under the section Resources of this guide.

■ Holidays

Hoosiers celebrate a number of holidays, and some have historical or religious origins. Following are a few widely celebrated holidays.

New Year’s EveDecember 31

Many Americans celebrate the start of the New Year by giving parties or going to a restaurant for dinner. At midnight (12 a.m.), everyone drinks a toast to welcome the New Year. On television, you can view the festivities in Times Square, New York. A large illuminated ball drops at midnight and thousands of balloons float up into the sky.

New Year’s Day.....January 1

On this day, Americans greet each other saying, “Happy New Year” and make New Year’s resolutions (plans to change their behavior—such as stop smoking cigarettes or stop eating chocolate). Many Hoosiers relax by watching American football in contests known as “college bowl” games. You may be invited to join a party where all the guests watch the football game on television.

Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday Third Monday in January

Holiday to honor the assassinated civil rights leader. Public schools and some businesses close. Indiana Civil Rights Commission provides information on programs and celebrations. Federal and state offices, banks and public schools are closed. For more information, call (317) 232-2600 or go to www.in.gov/icrc.

Valentine’s Day..... February 14

On Valentine’s Day, many Americans send cards to family members and friends. Often



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The Second Street Bridge in Columbus is a cable-stayed bridge, the first of its kind in North America. The bridge offers an impressive view of two of the city's notable structures – the Bartholomew County Courthouse and the tower of First Christian Church.

Photo courtesy of
The Columbus Visitors Center

Employment

PERMITS & VISAS

In order for you to come to the U.S. lawfully as a nonimmigrant to work temporarily, your prospective employer must generally file a nonimmigrant petition on your behalf with USCIS.

■ Information for Employers and Employees

Employers

Employers must verify that an individual whom they plan to employ or continue to employ in the U.S. is authorized to accept employment in the U.S. For more information about the employment authorization verification process, visit www.uscis.gov.

As an employer, you may require the services of a foreign national to work at your company or business. If the individual is already a permanent resident (green card holder), you may hire that individual, but you must comply with the employment verification requirements.

If the alien is not already a permanent resident, you will need to file a petition so that the individual may obtain the appropriate immigrant or nonimmigrant classification. You may choose to file an immigrant petition (permanent) or a nonimmigrant petition (temporary) on behalf of that employee.

Employees

No alien may accept employment in the U.S. unless they have been authorized to do so. Some aliens, such as those who have been admitted as permanent residents, granted asylum or refugee status, or admitted in work-related nonimmigrant classifications, may have employment authorization as a direct result of their immigration status. Other aliens may need to apply individually for employment authorization.

There are many ways in which a person may be able to work in the U.S. You may seek an immigration classification that permits you to live and work in the U.S. permanently or temporarily. In most instances, your employer or potential employer must petition for you. You will find more information about coming to the U.S. to work temporarily or permanently and the many different eligibility categories for working in the U.S. on the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

■ Nonimmigrant Worker Visas

Nonimmigrant Visa types for Temporary Workers	Description	Nonimmigrant Visa types for Dependent(s) of a Temporary Worker
E-1	Treaty traders and qualified employees	E-1
E-2	Treaty investors and qualified employees	E-2
E-3	Certain “specialty occupation” professionals from Australia	E-3
H-1B	Workers in a specialty occupation and the following sub-classifications: H-1B1 - Free Trade Agreement workers in a specialty occupation from Chile and Singapore H-1B2 - Specialty occupations related to Department of Defense Cooperative Research and Development projects or Co-production projects H-1B3 - Fashion models of distinguished merit and ability	
H-2A	Temporary or seasonal agricultural workers	H-4
H-2B	Temporary non-agricultural workers	H-4
H-3	Trainees other than medical or academic. This classification also applies to practical training in the education of handicapped children.	H-4
I	Representatives of foreign press, radio, film or other foreign information media	I
L-1A	Intra-company transferees in managerial or executive positions	L-2
L-1B	Intra-company transferees in positions utilizing specialized knowledge	L-2
O-1	Persons with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics and motion picture or TV production	O-3

Nonimmigrant Visa types for Temporary Workers	Description	Nonimmigrant Visa types for Dependent(s) of a Temporary Worker
O-2	Persons accompanying solely to assist an O-1 nonimmigrant	O-3
P-1A	Internationally recognized athletes	P-4
P-1B	Internationally recognized entertainers or members of internationally recognized entertainment groups	P-4
P-2	Individual performer or part of a group entering to perform under a reciprocal exchange program	P-4
P-3	Artists or entertainers, either an individual or group, to perform, teach, or coach under a program that is culturally unique	P-4
Q-1	Persons participating in an international cultural exchange program for the purpose of providing practical training, employment, and to share the history, culture, and traditions of the alien's home country	Not Applicable
R-1	Religious workers	R-2
TN	North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) temporary professionals from Mexico and Canada	TD

Source: USCIS website: www.uscis.gov. – last update August 20, 2010.

Notes:

Only a few nonimmigrant classifications allow you to obtain permission to work in this country without an employer having first filed a petition on your behalf. Such classifications include the nonimmigrant E-1, E-2, E-3 and TN classifications, as well as, in certain instances, the F-1 and M-1 student and J-1 exchange visitor classifications.

E and L dependent spouses may apply for employment authorization. Therefore, they are eligible for a Social Security Number (SSN). However, E and L dependent children are not eligible for a SSN.

Though the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) does not provide a specific nonimmigrant classification for dependents of Q-1 nonimmigrants, this does not preclude the spouse or child of a Q-1 from entering the U.S. in another nonimmigrant classification.



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Indiana Dunes State Park consists of 2,182 acres of primitive, beautiful, historic, and amazingly unique Hoosier landscape. It lies at the north end of State Road 49 in Porter County and includes more than three miles of beautiful beach along Lake Michigan's southern shore.

Photo courtesy of
Indiana Office of Tourism Development

Arts & Entertainment

The arts play an important part in the lives of the people of Central Indiana and enrich the culture of the community. Indianapolis supports more than 200 arts organizations, including world-class symphonic music, theater, opera, ballet, museums and art galleries.

Various organizations and associations support the arts throughout central Indiana. Indianapolis itself offers six exciting and diverse cultural districts, and one cultural trail:

- Broad Ripple Village, www.discoverbroadripplevillage.com
- Canal and White River State Park District, www.DiscoverCanal.com
- Fountain Square, www.discoverfountainsquare.com
- Indiana Avenue District, www.DiscoverIndianaAvenue.com
- Mass Ave Arts District, www.DiscoverMassAve.com
- Downtown Wholesale District, www.DiscoverWholesaleDistrict.com
- Indianapolis Cultural Trail, www.indyculturaltrail.info

Information about entertainment, restaurants, night life, movies and the performing arts as well as schedules for all types of live music, lectures, exhibitions and sporting events can be found on the official site of the **Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association (ICVA)** at www.visitindy.com or call (317) 262-3000.

Other great sources of information are the magazine *Indianapolis Monthly* and the “Weekend” section of the Friday edition of *The Indianapolis Star*, and on the newspaper’s website at www.indystar.com.

The Visitors Center, located in the Artsgarden at Circle Centre Mall, provides brochures and flyers for many of the city’s arts organizations. You can contact them at (317) 624-2563. This service is sponsored by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to arts groups, artists and the community. For information about the **Arts Council of Indianapolis**, call (317) 631-3301, or go to www.indyarts.org.

The Yellow Pages “Community Living” section includes descriptions of annual events and seating charts for venues.

GENERAL INFORMATION

■ Museums

Indianapolis and Central Indiana have so many excellent museums that it is impossible to give a full list in this guide. Look in the Yellow Pages under “Museums” (or in the many publications available in public libraries and bookstores.)

A great source of information can be found on Indiana’s official travel planning source **Visit Indiana** at: www.visitindiana.com. This website gives access to a tool called Trip Planner; Indiana museums can be found under the category “Attractions.”

The **Association of Indiana Museums** also can provide a list of all the museums available in Indiana. To get this information, call (317) 234-5255 or for further details on the association visit their website at www.indianamuseums.org

A few local museums include:

- **The Indiana State Museum** opened in 2002 in a new location in White River State Park. The architecturally stunning facility at 650 W. Washington St. houses an extensive collection with both high-tech and touchable exhibits, multi-media presentations and other state-of-the-art museum offerings which showcase Indiana’s history and unique characteristics.

Included in the museum is the state's only IMAX Theater. For more information, call the museum at (317) 232-1637 or go to www.indianamuseum.org.

- **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis** is the largest facility of its kind in the world. It features the world's largest water clock and hundreds of exhibits designed to be touched, worked with and examined (this is called a "hands-on experience"). For more information call (317) 334-3322 or go to www.childrensmuseum.org.
- **The Indianapolis Museum of Art**, founded in 1883, is the seventh largest in the U.S. It sits on 152 acres of parkland on the corner of West 38th Street and Michigan Road. The museum hosts national and international traveling exhibits and serves as the home to many noteworthy permanent collections representing over 50,000 works of art, including works by J.M.W. Turner, and the Eli Lilly Collection of Chinese Art. *100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park*, which is one of the largest contemporary museum art parks in the country is adjacent to the museum. *The Oldfields-Lilly House & Gardens* offers visitors a glimpse into the lives of the Lilly Family. For more information, call (317) 923-1331 or go to www.imamuseum.org.
- **The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art** spotlights Native American artifacts (objects of historical interest) and American Western Art. The museum's design was inspired by the adobe architecture (buildings made of sun-dried bricks formed from clay and straw) of the southwestern states. For more information call (317) 636-9378 or go to www.eiteljorg.org.
- **Conner Prairie**, a living history museum, is located in the town of Fishers (northeast of Indianapolis), gives visitors an opportunity to experience life as it was in the past. For more information call (317) 776-6000 or go to www.connerprairie.org.

Other points of interest include:

- Indianapolis Zoo, www.indianapoliszoo.com
- Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium, www.butler.edu/holcomb-observatory
- Indiana State Library, www.in.gov/library
- NCAA Hall of Champions, www.ncaahallofchampions.org
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com
- Indiana Historical Society, www.indianahistory.org

There are also many historical homes in Indianapolis and the surrounding counties. For information about places to visit, call the ICVA at (317) 262-3000, or go to www.visitindy.org and for more Indiana historic sites, call (317) 234-5255 or go to www.indianamuseums.org.

■ Visual Art

Indianapolis Art Center

The Indianapolis Art Center is one of the premier community art centers in the Midwest. The center offers a wide variety of courses in various media and art history. The facility counts 13 state-of-the-art studios, a 224-seat auditorium, a library with a two-story atrium, a gallery gift shop and gracious porticos. Exhibitions and special events are designed to promote art in the community. For more information, visit www.indplsartcenter.org or call (317) 255-2464.

Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA)

The IMA offers a variety of classes related to permanent collections, exhibitions, and the gardens. For more information, visit www.imamuseum.org or call (317) 923-1331.

Art Galleries

For information about the galleries, visit the ICVA website at www.visitindy.com or call (317) 262-3000 or contact the Arts Council of Indianapolis at (317) 631-3301.

■ Cinemas

There are three **IMAX theaters** in the Indianapolis area showing 3D and 2D movies:

Downtown: at the Indiana State Museum

650 West Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 233-4629

www.imax.com/indy

On the south side: Kerasotes Indianapolis Showplace 16

Southern Plaza (I-465 Exit 2A and US 31 South)

4325 South Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46217

www.kerasotes.com

On the north side: Hamilton 16 IMAX

Hamilton Town Center (I-69 Exit 10, State Road 238)

13825 Norell Road

Noblesville, IN 46060

(317) 708-3600

www.hamilton16imax.com

For international films, consult the **Indiana Film Society**, which sponsors an International Film Series. Call (317) 937-1046 for information.

Landmark's Keystone Art Cinema 8702 Keystone Crossing, Suite 201A, Indianapolis, IN 46262. Phone: (317) 579-3009 is the referenced movie theater featuring foreign, classic and arts movies, not usually shown at other local theaters.

One Indianapolis theater offers the opportunity to dine while watching a film: **Greenbriar Cinema Grill**; movie patrons are seated at tables, and food and beverages are available for purchase. Contact (317) 254-1995 for more information.

Indiana has about twenty "drive-in" theaters still operating in the summer. For a detailed list, visit www.driveinmovie.com/IN.htm. Of the ten outdoor theaters that were running in the past around Indianapolis there is only one left: **Tibbs Drive-In**. For more information, contact (317) 243-6666.

Good choices for families on a budget are cinemas that Americans call "**dollar movie theaters**", where tickets cost less than at the major cineplexes. An admission at "first-run" theaters is cheaper before 6 p.m., when matinee prices are offered. Reduced-price tickets, called VIP tickets or concession tickets, permit entrance at any time at the matinee price. These tickets are available by mail, through discount coupon books sold at ticket outlets, and by service organizations such as the Kiwanis Club. Visit www.cinemark.com for more information on location in Indiana.

A listing of movie theaters can be found in the Yellow Pages under the heading "Theaters-Cinema." *The Indianapolis Star* website (www.indystar.com) has useful information about movie theaters.



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Brown County State Park is located in the beautiful hills of Brown County off Highway 46. Visitors enjoy the variety offered in Indiana's largest state park, including nearly 20 miles of roads, with numerous scenic vistas. Camping, hiking and biking trails, interpretive services and horseback riding facilities are some of the things that make the park popular year round.

Photo courtesy of
Indiana Office of Tourism Development

Important Phone Numbers

INDIANAPOLIS & MARION COUNTY

Emergency

When you make an emergency call, you will be asked for the following:

- Your name and address
- They type of emergency
- The address where emergency help is needed

Stay on the line until the operator tells you to hang up – in most cases, this will help the operator know where you are calling from.

Emergency telephone numbers:

- Emergency, police, fire, and paramedics: **911**.
- Hearing- and speech-impaired, call **911**.
- **911** should be used to report an accident, fire, injury, or crime in progress
- **Poison Center:** (317) 962-2330 or toll free (800) 222-1222.
- Hearing and speech impaired, call TDD: (317) 962-2336.
- **Child Abuse Hotline:** (800) 422-4453, www.childhelpusa.org.
- **Adult Abuse Hotline:** (800) 992-6978.
- **Crisis & Suicide Line:** (317) 251-7575.

State Police Services

Auto Theft Hotline (Indiana only)	(800) 453-4756
Drug Gang Hotline (Indiana only)	(800) 453-4756
Emergency Assistance	911
Marijuana Tip Hotline (Indiana only)	(888) 873-1694
Methamphetamine Hotline (Indiana only)	(800) 453-4756
Missing Children Clearinghouse: Indianapolis Area	(317) 232-8310
Outside Indianapolis	(800) 831-8953
Motorcoach Safety Concerns	(800) 622-4962
Operations Center (24 hour service) (Indiana Only)	(317) 232-8248 (800) 622-4962
Road and Weather Conditions	(800) 261-7623
State Police Public Information Office	(317) 899-8293
Traffic Ticket Information	(317) 232-8341

■ Municipal Services

Indianapolis Police	(317) 327-3811	www.indy.gov/impd
Indiana State Police	(317) 899-8577	www.in.gov/isp
Beech Grove Police	(317) 782-4949	www.beechgrove.com
Carmel Police	(317) 571-2580	www.ci.carmel.in.us
Fishers Police	(317) 595-3300	www.fishers.in.us
Greenwood Police	(317) 882-919	www.greenwood.in.gov
Lawrence Police	(317) 549-6404	www.cityoflawrence.org
Noblesville Police	(317) 773-1300	www.cityofnoblesville.org
Speedway Police	(317) 246-4300	www.townofspeedway.org
Zionsville Police	(317) 873-5967	www.zionsville-in.gov
Indianapolis Fire Dept	(317) 276-3982	www.indy.gov/ifd
Mayor's Action Center	(317) 327-4622	www.indy.gov/MAC
Animal Control		
Indianapolis	(317) 327-1397	www.indy.gov/accd
Lawrence	(317) 549-4814	
Hamilton County	(317) 773-4974	

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Emergency, police, fire, paramedics 911

Indianapolis Police	(317) 327-3811	www.indygov.org/ipd
Mayor's Action Center	(317) 327-4MAC	www.indygov.org
Marion County Health Dept. (birth, death records)	(317) 221-2000	
State Department of Health	(317) 233-1325	
Clarian Health Methodist Hospital IU Hospital Riley Children's Hospital	(317) 962-2000 (317) 274-5000 (317) 944-2060	www.clarian.org www.clarian.org www.rileychildrenshospital.com
Community Health Network Community Hospital East Community Hospital North Community Hospital South	(317) 355-1411 (317) 621-6262 (317) 887-7000	www.ecommunity.com/east www.ecommunity.com/north www.ecommunity.com/south
St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis Beech Grove	(317) 865-5000 (317) 787-3311	www.stfrancishospitals.org
St. Vincent Hospital	(317) 338-2345	www.stvincent.org
Wishard Health Services	(317) 639-6671	www.wishard.edu

School Districts (CSC = Community School Corporation)

Indianapolis Public Schools	(317) 226-4000	www.ips.k12.in.us
Beech Grove City Schools	(317) 778-4481	www.bgcs.k12.in.us
MSD of Decatur Township	(317) 856-5265	www.msddecatur.k12.in.us
Franklin Township CSC	(317) 862-2411	www.ftcsc.k12.in.us
MSD of Lawrence Township	(317) 423-8200	www.ltschools.org
MSD of Perry Township	(317) 789-3700	www.msdpk12.in.us
MSD of Pike Township	(317) 293-0393	www.pike.k12.in.us
School Town of Speedway	(317) 244-0236	www.speedway.k12.in.us
MSD of Warren Township	(317) 869-4300	www.warren.k12.in.us
MSD Washington Township	(317) 845-9400	www.msdtk12.in.us
MSD of Wayne Township	(317) 243-8251	www.wayne.k12.in.us