

PARKS AND BEACHES

- ❖ Indiana Dunes State Park: 1600 N. 25 E, Chesterton (219) 926-1952
www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/indianadunes.html
- ❖ Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter (219) 926-7561 ext. 225
www.nps.gov/indu/home.htm

Beaches:

Central Beach, Kemil Beach, Lake View, Mt. Baldy, Porter Beach, West Beach
Each beach has individual seasons and hours of operation. Please check the website for more detailed information.

Attractions:

Chellberg Farm: Represents a typical 1890 through 1910 Swedish and Northwestern Indiana farmstead. Farm barn open daily with typical 1900 farm animals.
Cowles Bog: 3-mile trail encircling a marsh that is part of the Dunes National Lakeshore.
Inland Marsh: Parking and access to overlook and trails.
Tremont Picnic Area: Picnic facilities.
Bailly/Chellberg Visitor Center: Staffed information desk, book store, museum, access to Little Calumet River trail, Bailly Homestead, and Chellberg Farm.
Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center: Display about different lakeshore features, touch screen children's activities and informative video. Staffed information desk, bookstore, access to Ly-co-ki-we and Calumet Dune trails.
Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education: Education in the disciplines of ecology and environmental science. Available for scheduled group programs. Reservations required.

- ❖ Whihala Beach: 1561 Park Road, Whiting (219) 659-4015
Fishing pier, picnic tables, and swimming.
- ❖ Deep River County Park: 9410 Old Lincoln Hwy., Hobart (219) 844-3188
Historic Grist Mill and Visitor Center, Fishing
- ❖ Lake County Fairground: 889 S. Court St., Crown Point (219) 769-1161
Year-round events and festivals including the Lake County Fair every August.
- ❖ Lake Etta County Park: 4801 W. 29th Ave., Gary (219) 769- PARK
Picnic rentals, swimming, fishing, water slides, playground, paddles boats, exercise trail and more.
- ❖ Lemon Lake Park: 6322 W. 133rd Ave., Crown Point (219) 945-0543
Arboretum, picnic and barbecue facilities, many sports facilities, trails, paddleboats and other recreational vehicle rental, and fishing.
- ❖ Marquette Park: 1 N. Grand Blvd., Gary (219) 938-7362
Beach, playground, aquatorium, lagoon pavilion and picnic area.
- ❖ Taltree Arboretum and Gardens: 71 N. 500 West, Valparaiso (219) 462-0025
Taltree is a 360-acre reserve of woodlands, savanna, wetlands and prairie, woody plant collections and gardens. Offers visitors the chance to walk on their own through the many trails or participate in one of the interpretive guided tours.
- ❖ Wolf Lake Park: 121st St. and Calumet Ave., Hammond (219) 853-6378
Beach, hiking trail, fishing, miniature golf, picnic area, playground, batting cages and public boat access.
- ❖ Hidden Lake Park: 6355 Broadway, Merrillville (219) 769-2111
Picnic rentals, swimming, paddle boats and children's play area.
- ❖ Lost Marsh Environmental/Recreation Area: 901 E. 129th St., Hammond (219) 932-4653
330 acres of golf courses, fishing areas, driving range, biking and hiking paths.
- ❖ County Line Orchard & The Barn: 200 County Line Rd., Hobart (219) 947-4477
Season: Late August to October 31
Orchard tours and you-pick apples, Kid's Farm and petting zoo, hay maze, and picnic area.
- ❖ For more information on Lake County Parks: www.lakecountyparks.com
- ❖ Charter Fishing: Just 4 Fun Lake Michigan Fishing Charters Pastrick Marina, East Chicago (219) 924-2593
Sport fishing March-October in Indiana and Illinois waters. Top quality fishing equipment provided.
Fishing licenses for sale on board. www.just4funcharters.com

LOCAL GOLF COURSES

- ❖ White Hawk Country Club: 1001 White Hawk Dr., Crown Point (219) 661-1300
www.whitehawkcc.com
- ❖ The Course at Aberdeen: 245 Tower Rd., Valparaiso (219) 462-5050
www.golfataberdeen.com
- ❖ The Brassie Golf Club: 1110 Pearson Rd., Chesterton (219) 921-1192
www.thebrassie.com
- ❖ SummerTree Golf Course: 2323 E. 101st St., Crown Point (219) 633-0800
www.summertreegc.com
- ❖ Turkey Creek Golf Club: 6400 Harrison Street, Merrillville (219) 980-5170
www.lakecountyparks.net/turkeycreek.html

RECREATION AND LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

TOURS, MUSEUMS, ART AND HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

- ❖ Star Plaza Theatre 8001 Delaware Pl., Merrillville (219) 769-6600
Adjacent to the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, this 3,400 seat theatre has a variety of shows including top name musicians and comedians. Check out the website for a list of upcoming shows:
www.starplazatheatre.com And don't forget...you **Always** get the **Best Seats in the House** with Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza Overnight and Dinner Packages!
- ❖ Downtown Crown Point: Historic walking tour – (219) 663-1800 – Two tours of neighborhoods, downtown and some of the oldest homes in Lake County. Lake County Courthouse and Historical Museum – A variety of memorabilia from the origination and development of Lake County. Old Sheriff's House and Jail – 226 S. Main St., Saturday Mornings, June-September, 9 am to 11:30 am
- ❖ For other tours of historic cities in Indiana, check out www.preserveindiana.com.
- ❖ Art Galleries: **Northern Indiana Arts Association:** www.niaa.org
 - William J. Bachman and Atrium Galleries: 1040 Ridge Rd., Munster (219) 836-1839
 - Substation No. 9: 435 Fayette St., Hammond (219) 933-0200
 - Crown Point Community Art Center: 138 S. Main Street, Crown Point (219) 663-0200
 - Lake Street Gallery: 613 S. Lake St., Gary (219) 938-4566
 - The Steeple Gallery: 11107 Thiel St., St. John (219) 365-1014
- ❖ Theatre at the Center: 1040 Ridge Rd., Munster Box Office (219) 836-3255 Group Sales 836-3258
For a list of upcoming productions: www.theatreatthecenter.com
- ❖ Carmelite Shrines: Ridge Rd. and White Oak Ave., Munster (219) 838-7111
12 shrines made of crystals and colorful rocks from all over the world built in 1952.
- ❖ Hoosier Bat Company Factory Tour: 4511 Evans Ave., Valparaiso (219) 531-1006
Tour the factory where major league bats are made. Tours are free of charge.
- ❖ Indiana Welcome Center: 7770 Corrine Dr., Hammond (800) ALL-LAKE
Includes local info, W.F. Wellman Exhibit Hall and the John Dillinger Museum.
- ❖ Dairy Farm Tour: 856 North 600 East, Fair Oaks (219) 394-2025
Learning tour of a local, working dairy farm. Tour starts at the Center with fun facts and activities, tours the entire farm and ends in the gift shop where you can sample and purchase the farm's very own cheeses and ice cream. Tours are free of charge. www.fairoaksdairyadventure.com
- ❖ Community Veterans Memorial: Calumet & Superior Avenues, Munster (219) 836-4582
Encompassing 9 acres, it's one of the only memorials that commemorates every conflict of the 20th century. Actual wartime artifacts include sections of aircraft, a Vietnam-era helicopter and weapons. The landscape resembles geography of each war with a stream that encircles the park.
- ❖ Challenger Learning Center: Purdue University Calumet, 2300 173rd St., Hammond (219) 989-3250
One hour tour of the facility include simulators, planetarium and constellation shows, space memorabilia and a gift shop. www.clnwi.com

FAMILY FUN

- ❖ Deep River Water Park: 9001 E. US 30, Merrillville (800) 928-7275
Large water park with lots of water slides, lazy river, wave pool, children's play area, concessions, picnic area and sand volleyball. Memorial Day to Labor Day. www.deepriverwaterpark.com
- ❖ Merrillville Community Planetarium: 199 E. 70th Ave., Merrillville (219) 650-5486
A unique theater presenting programs about astronomy and the space sciences. www.mcpstars.org
- ❖ Pines Peak Family Ski Area: 674 N. Meridian, Valparaiso (219) 477-5993 www.valpomall.com/pines/notindex.htm
Tubing, snowboarding and skiing. Open during the winter season.
- ❖ Southlake Stables: 1012 E. 109th Ave., Crown Point (219) 663-3322
Open Early September to late October 7 days a week, Weekends only for rest of the year. Pumpkin hayrides, picnic areas, campfires, a concession stand and Tiny Tot Toy Area. Farm animal petting zoo through the month of October.
- ❖ Schererville Golf and Fun Center: 101 W. US 41, Schererville (219) 322-3490 www.golfandfuncenter.com
Entertainment park with go-karts, batting cages, miniature golf, heated tees and arcade.

WINERIES AND BREWERIES

- ❖ Anderson's Orchard & Winery: 430 E. Hwy 6, Valparaiso (219) 464-4936
Open All Year, Pick your own apples during the season, variety of tours including the vineyards, as well as a bakery, gift shop and free wine tasting.
- ❖ Three Floyd's Brewery: 3805 W. Ridge Rd., Highland (219) 838-2442
Brewery tours and gift shop.
- ❖ Lake Michigan Winery: 816 119th St., Whiting (219) 659-WINE
Specializes in personalized labels for gift bottles and baskets.

SHOPPING

- ❖ Westfield Shoppingtown Southlake: 2109 Southlake Mall, Merrillville (219) 738-2260
Variety of large and small chain and independently owned stores and restaurants. Also has children's play area and StepSmart walking club.
- ❖ Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets: 601 Wabash Street, Michigan City (219) 879-6506
120 outlet stores in an outdoor village setting. Stores include Coach, Burberry, Ann Taylor and many more.
- ❖ Downtown Crown Point Antique Stores and Malls:
Many stores around the square and inside the old courthouse, including the Antique Mall (103 West Joliet Street, 219-662-1219) with showcases from over 80 dealers.

SPORTS

- ❖ Gary SouthShore Railcats: U.S. Steel Yard, Gary www.railcatsbaseball.com (219) 882-BALL
Minor league baseball team. Check out the website for schedules, events and ticket information.
- ❖ Gary Steelheads: Genesis Center, Gary www.steelheadshoops.com (219) 882-4222
CBA Basketball team. Check out the website for schedules, events and ticket information
- ❖ Deep River Grinders: Deep River County Park, Grinder Field, Hobart www.geocities.com/deeprivergrinders/
Local baseball team, playing the "old-school" way with 1858 rules and attire.

CASINOS AND OFF-TRACK BETTING

- ❖ Harrah's Casino: 777 Harrah's Blvd., East Chicago (800) HARRAHS or (219) 378-3000
- ❖ Horseshoe Casino: 777 Casino Center Dr., Hammond (866) 711-SHOE or (219) 473-7000
- ❖ Majestic Star Casino: One Buffington Harbor Dr., Gary (888) 2BLUCKY or (219) 977-7777
- ❖ Trump Casino: 21 Buffington Harbor Dr., Gary (888) 21TRUMP or (219) 977-7000
- ❖ Trackside Off-Track Betting: 7610 Broadway, Merrillville (219) 755-0000

LOCAL YEARLY FESTIVALS AND SEASONAL ATTRACTIONS

- ❖ **Hometown Festival Days:** June 18th through July 4th Downtown Crown Point
Kicks off with a corn roast, beer garden, children's activities, and entertainment. Includes a two-day arts and crafts show, the Taste of Crown Point and much more.
- ❖ **Celebrate Schererville Festival:** June 23rd-27th Redar Park, Schererville
A five-day event that includes a parade, carnival, food vendors, beer garden, and plenty of live entertainment. Many of the vendors and bands are from Schererville.
- ❖ **Blues, Jazz and Arts Festival on the Ridge:** July 10th and 11th Town Hall, Munster
Blues and jazz festival, including a fine art show, children's activities, food and fun.
- ❖ **Gary Air Show:** July 17th and 18th Marquette Park, Gary
A line-up of military and civilian aircraft performers who provide a thrilling air show over the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan. Great family entertainment.
- ❖ **A Park Full of Art:** July 17th and 18th Central Park, Griffith
Stroll through a beautiful park and enjoy the work of 120 juried artists.
- ❖ **Pierogi Festival:** July 23rd-25th Whiting
Held in historic downtown Whiting with live polka bands, imported Slovak dancers, beer garden, Arts & Craft show, ethnic food vendors, Mrs. T's Polka Parade, Kid's Kourt, more pierogies than there are in Warsaw, Mr. Pierogi and his dancing Pieroguettes!
- ❖ **Lowell Oktoberfest:** September 4th -6th Lowell
Featuring a large arts and crafts show, family entertainment, food vendors, music, dancing, inside and outside tent displays and beer garden.
- ❖ **Valparaiso Popcorn Fest:** September 11th Downtown Valparaiso
Family-fun activities, over 500 food and craft booths, kid's games and rides, a 5-mile run (popcorn panic) and a 5K walk, live entertainment and the Nation's only Popcorn Parade!
- ❖ **Buckley Homestead Fall Fest:** October 9th and 10th Buckley Homestead, Lowell
Entertainment and home-cooked food. Old fashioned family fun including hands-on children's activities, historic encampments, traditional crafts, farm equipment and a corn maze.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, CHECK OUT:

WWW.ALLLAKE.ORG OR WWW.LAKENETNWL.NET

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOOKING YOUR NEXT GROUP EVENT:

RADISSON HOTEL AT STAR PLAZA

(219) 769-6311

SALES AND CATERING DEPARTMENT EXT. 5321

GUEST ACTIVITIES MANAGER: EMILY BARNETT EXT. 5105

LAKE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER: HEATHER BECERRA (800) ALL-LAKE EXT. 231