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Board a train, kayak up the White River, or drive up the scenic pastoral roads to the Nickel Plate Arts Trail (NPAT), a 30-mile stretch of culture and history through six historic towns in Hamilton County. The NPAT is home to this year's Nickel Plate Arts Weekend from June 3-5. The weekend will be centered around the 3rd Annual Gathering of Plein Painters, and will also feature a number of fun-filled activities for the whole family.

After you get a chance to meet the all the artists, who will be painting the scenic landscapes of Hamilton County, stop by the Noblesville's First Friday "Art is in the Air" Celebration from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Noblesville's Square. During the celebration, you'll find outdoor painting, live music, the Lion's Club's pork chop dinner, and caboose rides sponsored by the Indiana Transportation Museum.

On Saturday morning, join the Lion's Club at the Noblesville Square for their pancake breakfast from 7-11a.m. After breakfast, head to the Garden Thyme at the Old Schoolhouse for their 3rd Annual Chocolate Fest from noon to 4 p.m. If you're anything like me, you need a chance to burn off the all too many treats you had at Chocolate Fest. What better way then cycling around historic Noblesville's Square? Carmel Cyclery is having bike rentals from noon to 4 p.m.

Arcadia will be alive and happening this Nickel Plate Arts Weekend. Just head to downtown Arcadia to find street dancers, artists around town, jewelry displays, and a violin woodworking project.

The fun is not over! After the Plein Air Paint Out festivities, an awards ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. After the awards ceremony, you will have the opportunity to purchase your favorite piece of artwork from the competition!

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