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EXPLORE

Welcome to HENDRICKS C O U N T Y

You've come to the right place if you are seeking a destination with amenities and activities for empty nesters, groups and young couples or families. Yes, Hendricks County truly has something for everyone.

Turn the pages for a breakdown by community of some of the top attractions and what you shouldn't miss to make the most of your visit. ■

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MEET PLAINFIELD

This beautiful and historic town in the southeastern portion of the county is accessible by both I-70 and the National Road—also known as U.S. 40. It's right next door to the **Indianapolis International Airport** and boasts the county's largest cluster of hotels.

Visitors to Plainfield can enjoy the large outdoor shopping mall called **The Shops at Perry Crossing**, the historic **Oasis Diner**, the popular **Chateau Thomas Winery** and many other locally owned shops and establishments.

Plainfield is also renowned for its parks system that includes the popular **Splash Island Family Waterpark** and a fantastic trail system that winds throughout the town. Additionally, Hendricks County Parks & Recreation operates the gorgeous **Sodalis Nature Park** in Plainfield.

Insider tip: If you have kids and want a fun place to expend some of their energy, **Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park** in Plainfield is a great option.

MEET BROWNSBURG

Located in the northeast corner of the county, I-74 runs through Brownsburg, as does U.S. 136, and the town has the county's second-largest cluster of hotels.

Most known as a motorsports haven, **Lucas Oil Raceway** resides in Brownsburg. Its drag strip and paved oval track host a slew of racing events including the **Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals**, the most prestigious drag racing event in the world, every Labor Day weekend.

But there is more to Brownsburg than simply auto racing. It is home to **Natural Valley Ranch**, a working horse farm that offers horseback riding excursions and other activities, as well as a variety of shopping options and great restaurants.

Insider tip: Race fans will enjoy the food and atmosphere of **Pit Stop BBQ & Grill** in Brownsburg.

MEET AVON

The fastest-growing community in Hendricks County, Avon has more than doubled its population over the past 15 years.

U.S. 36 runs through the center of town, connecting it to Indianapolis. Visitors will find just about every nationally recognized store and restaurant that can be imagined, as well as locally owned gems such as **Old Bob's**, **Avon Gardens** and the incredibly popular **Opa! Greek restaurant**.

Insider tip: One of our favorite places in Avon is the **Washington Township Park**, where you'll find a huge playground, a dog park, a splash pad, a wonderful Pavilion Center that can be used for meetings and weddings, hiking and biking trails and more.

MEET DANVILLE

Danville, located in the center of the county, serves as the Hendricks County seat. U.S. 36 runs right through the town's vibrant square, anchored by the popular **Mayberry Cafe**.

People who love art, music and community events will love Danville. It is home to the **Gallery on the Square**. Just west of town, **Beasley's Orchard** is a fall staple. The historic **Royal Theater** hosts first-run and classic family movies, live music, stand-up comedy and community events. Danville is also home to the only bed & breakfast in the county, the quaint **Marmalade Sky**.

Danville events include the annual **Hendricks County 4-H Fair**, **Mayberry in the Midwest** festival, **First Friday Cruise-Ins**, **Winterland Light Show** and much more. Visitors will have no problem finding something to do in Danville.

Insider tip: Sink your teeth into a hand pie at **The Beehive** or dessert at **The Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery** while you're in Danville. Delicious!

MEET NORTHWEST HENDRICKS

The northwest corner of Hendricks County is home to the towns of Pittsboro, Lizton and North Salem, and while these towns are small, there are many reasons to explore this portion of the county.

Pittsboro is the second-fastest growing town in Hendricks County and is famous for being the childhood home of NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon and U.S. Olympic gymnast Bridget Sloan. Pittsboro is home to the **One Room Schoolhouse** that was built in 1883 and hosts group tours where every day is set in 1892.

The **Lizton Dairy Bar** is a must-visit during the summer months, and North Salem is home to two of our absolute favorite spots: **Perillo's Pizzeria** and **McCloud Nature Park**.



MAYBERRY CAFE

Insider tip: Make plans to attend the annual **Old Fashion Days** in North Salem over Labor Day weekend. It features parades, shopping, old cars, live music and all kinds of activities the entire family will enjoy.

MEET MILL CREEK

The southwest corner of Hendricks County includes the rural towns of Amo, Clayton, Coatesville and Stilesville.

The **Vandalia Trail** begins (or ends, depending on your perspective) in Amo and also runs through Coatesville. It is a gorgeous 12.3-mile trail for hikers, bikers and horseback riders. The town is also home to **Amo Pizza Shop**, which is a favorite among locals. ■

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CREATE

FEED YOUR CREATIVE SIDE WITH ART, FOOD, HISTORY AND GARDENS.

Discover the Artist in YOU

You have just stumbled on some of the best under-the-radar talent in the Midwest. Hendricks County boasts some amazing Indiana artisans and great cultural opportunities that provide authentic experiences for visitors.

Whether it's clay, paint, glass, confections, gardens, wine, food or anything else you can think of, we likely have an expert here who excels in it. If you are more into Indiana's culture and history, we have that, too.

RURAL ROUTES TO MAIN STREET CULTURAL TRAIL

The absolute easiest way to find many of these attractions and the people behind them is to explore the Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail. We have neatly bundled more than 30 stops into a self-guided driving tour leading you deep into the heart of three Central Indiana counties.

The cultural trail currently showcases art galleries, studios, handcrafted gift shops, restaurants, confectioneries and other attractions in Hendricks, Morgan and Putnam counties. Visitors can request a copy of the 46-page Guidebook, pick up a copy at any of the participating cultural trail locations or find more information online at RuralRoutestoMainStreet.com.

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Gallery on the Square in Danville continues to provide an amazing showcase for local artists as a co-op art gallery. Jewelry, pottery, fabrics, canvas, photography and much more make this a must-see attraction.

A slightly smaller, yet just as impressive gallery experience can be found in Brownsburg at **Artistic Designs Gallery**. This art gallery and studio features original works of art by some of the top local, national and even international artists. Oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, mixed media, fabric, sculpture and glass are just some of the mediums featured.

Hot Blown Glass, Ltd., a backyard studio in Clayton, is another attraction we highly recommend. Visitors can watch Indiana Artisan Lisa Pelo shape molten glass into works of art, but make sure you plan ahead as the studio is only open to the public one day a month. One of five Rural Routes to Main Street Second Saturday sites and one of 10 total on the trail, these locations open to the public only on the second Saturday of each month.

CONFECTIONS & SPIRITS

A couple of doors down from Gallery on the Square in Danville, a tiny, yet adorable storefront showcases some of the best chocolate art around. How would you like to sink your teeth into a size 7 women's high heel shoe made entirely of chocolate? You never truly know what you will find at **Confection Delights**, but it is always worth a visit.

Another popular visitor destination can be found in Plainfield near the I-70 interchange. **Chateau Thomas Winery** offers tours by appointment and VIP tastings of its award-winning fine wines that have offered richness, dimension, elegance and texture since the 1980s.

HISTORY, GARDENS & MORE

Hendricks County also has plenty of activities for those who wish to relive history. **The Hendricks County Historical Museum**, which is open year-round every Saturday, offers tours of the menacing old jail and historic sheriff's residence—both built in the 1860s—as well as its rotating exhibits and other collections.

You also shouldn't miss the beauty, shopping opportunities and expertise you will find at **Avon Gardens** and **Frazee Gardens**.

Yes, there truly is so much to see and do that you will need at least a weekend and potentially longer to see it all. ■

**HANDS-ON
UNIQUE
HANDCRAFTED**

GALLERIES AND STUDIOS

Artistic Designs Gallery • BROWNSBURG

1038 E. Main St. • 317-852-0252 • ArtisticDesignsGallery.net

A fine art gallery featuring Indiana artists and custom framing shop. Home to the annual Miniature Art Show.

Board and Brush • BROWNSBURG

442 Main St. • 317-518-1894 • BoardAndBrush.com/Brownsburg

This DIY, hands-on workshop adventure allows visitors of all abilities to build their own wood signs through guided instruction in a relaxed environment.

Gallery on the Square • DANVILLE

51 S. Washington St. • 317-386-3111 • IndianaArtGallery.com

Hendricks County's first collective art gallery featuring original art: watercolors, oils, pottery, jewelry, wood creations and more.

Hot Blown Glass • CLAYTON

3717 S. CR 200 E. • 317-987-6862 • HotBlownGlass.com

Glass artist Lisa Pelo, an Indiana Artisan, creates beautiful works of art using glass that's heated to 2,250 degrees, with creations to view and/or purchase.

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library Art Gallery • PLAINFIELD

1120 Stafford Rd. • 317-839-6602 • PlainfieldLibrary.net

An art gallery with continually rotating exhibits from oil to pastels to ceramics to photography.

Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail • COUNTY-WIDE

317-718-8750 • RuralRoutesToMainStreet.com

A self-paced, self-directed driving tour of the artisan communities in Hendricks, Morgan and Putnam counties.

Sally Ann's Ceramics • PITTSBORO

226 N. Maple St. • 317-892-4091

A fired-art studio offering multi-level classes in clay and glass. Artist Sally Suiter will help you "get muddy" in clay or create your own custom glass or wire jewelry.

uPaint Pottery Studio • PLAINFIELD

1820 E. Main St. • 317-406-3072 • uPaintPotteryStudio.com

A paint-your-own pottery and glass-fusing art studio.

GARDENS AND LANDSCAPING

Avon Gardens • AVON

6259 E. County Road 91 N. • 317-272-6264
AvonGardens.com

Five acres of beautiful display gardens with a destination garden center and retail outlet. Featured in 2013 April/May issue of *Midwest Living* magazine.

Country Harmony • BROWNSBURG

721 N. Green St. • 317-852-8661

This garden center features a variety of items to help beautify the inside and outside of any home including gardening and landscaping accessories and supplies, plants, home decor and much more.

Frazer Gardens • BROWNSBURG

3480 N. State Road 267 • 317-858-8440 • FrazerGardens.net

Unique, year-round garden center and gift shop, including local art and jewelry.

ORCHARDS AND MARKETS

Beasley's Orchard • DANVILLE

2304 E. Main St. • 317-745-4876 • Beasleys-Orchard.com

Local orchard and farmers market, open July through February. Hayrides, pumpkin patch and corn maze open September and October. Recently voted "Best Apple Cider" by Indiana Horticultural Society.

Belleville Farm Market • CLAYTON

1812 E. U.S. Hwy 40 • 317-539-5001

In business since 1952, this seasonal market offers fresh flowers, produce, seed plants, candies and more! A true treasure in Hendricks County.

CONFECTIONS AND SPIRITS

Arcane Coffee Company • DANVILLE

138 W. Marion St. • 317-919-8199

This local coffee shop roasts and sells various varieties of whole coffee beans by the bag, brewed coffee by the cup and even coffee accessories and equipment.

Chateau Thomas Winery • PLAINFIELD

6291 Cambridge Way • 317-837-9463 • ChateauThomas.com

Chateau Thomas Winery offers award-winning wines and wine tasting seven days a week. Try wine straight from the barrel and learn all about how wine is made.

Confection Delights • DANVILLE

57 S. Washington St. • 317-718-7060 • ConfectionDelightsIndy.com

Custom gourmet chocolate shop with handmade chocolates sold individually, boxed and in bulk. Also serving handmade fudge and Savor the Flavor of Hendricks County gift baskets.

MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES

Hendricks County Historical Museum • DANVILLE

170 S. Washington St. • 317-718-6158
HendricksCountyHistoricalMuseum.org

Once the sheriff's home and Hendricks County Jail, the museum features rotating exhibits with rooms decorated in different time periods. Open every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Longstreet Playhouse • DANVILLE

4998 N. County Road 100 E. • 317-252-9626 • HendricksCivic.com

Home of the Hendricks Civic Theater, with theatrical and musical performances year-round.

The Royal Theater • DANVILLE

59 S. Washington St. • 317-745-1499 • RoyalTheaterDanville.info

Built in 1927, the theater hosts movies and live performances. Food and drinks are available.


WHO North America • CAMBY

8901 S. SR 67 • 317-481-8189 • WHOOna.com

The only North American retailer solely dedicated to the hit British television show, *Doctor Who*. Includes nearly 5,000 square feet of retail and museum space and thousands of retail items.

Something to Please All Five Senses

When you buy a piece of art, often it's because it somehow spoke to you. And when you buy it directly from the artisan, the item has even more meaning. That's exactly what you can do along the Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail. Hendricks County is one of three counties that have come together to welcome you along this self-directed trail. You'll find restaurants, bakeries, galleries, studios, wineries and shops along the way. Some of the stops even include the opportunity for you to try your hand at a craft.

Look for the  symbol in these listings for stops along the Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail. They'll have a guidebook available with all the locations so you can customize the trail to your tastes.



Get updated information and more details at
VISITHENDRICKSCOUNTY.COM/CULTURALTRAIL

VISIT

If you're fed up with merchandise that the big box retailers offer, a visit to Hendricks County can solve that. We have so many diverse shopping opportunities with one-of-a-kind finds.

— 1 — BOUTIQUES

Hendricks County has become a hotbed for quaint boutique stores in recent years with nearly one in every community. Our locals love the customer service, designer quality and affordable prices at places like **Ella Mae's** and **Younique Culture**, so we think you will, too.

— 2 — A GARDEN CENTER?

A year-round plant and garden store wouldn't typically be on anyone's list as a shopping destination, but **Frazee Gardens** should be. Sure, you can purchase traditional garden supplies and plants at this Brownsburg store, but it also boasts a great gift shop that is both expansive and whimsical. It features a variety of specialty items including works from local artisans and a popular discount area that you just won't find anywhere else.

— 3 — HUNTIN' FOR HOGS

Indy West Harley-Davidson is perhaps another surprise shop you didn't expect to see, but if you love everything Harley, this is a must. And here's another insider secret that will make a visit here even more appealing. If you happen to stay in a Plainfield hotel and show your room key, you can get 10 percent off your purchase.

— 4 — BLAST FROM THE PAST

If you love searching for vintage pieces, we have just the place, and it is even located on the historic National Road! **Gilley's Antique Mall** is an antique lover's dream with aisles and aisles—more than 35,000 square feet under one roof—of rusty gold.

— 5 — BACK TO THE PRESENT

If you prefer a more traditional mall, we have that, too, in Plainfield at **The Shops at Perry Crossing**. This beautiful outdoor lifestyle mall serves as a gathering place for locals and visitors alike with all the national chain stores you would expect and some locally owned gems mixed in. Restaurants, a splash pad, Santa during the holidays and a large movie complex make it a family destination.

— 6 — FRESH APPROACH

From May through September, **farmers markets** take over the Hendricks County shopping landscape, drawing visitors from all over. You literally can find a farmers market every day but Sunday and Monday throughout five Hendricks County communities. And these aren't your dad's farmers markets either; they have evolved into shopping destinations. Sure, they have the local produce one would expect, but you might also find honey, baked goods, toys, handmade items and even live entertainment. Another market that is similar to a farmers market but is open more often in the summer and fall can be found inside the barn at **Beasley's Orchard** in Danville.

— 7 — HEALTHY OPTIONS

If you're looking for shopping options that will support a healthier lifestyle, we have several hidden gems that you should consider. Some of our favorites include **Gear Up Cyclery**, where you can test ride their custom bicycles on the nearby trail system, the **Real Food Shoppe**, a specialty store for the health conscious and the **Runner's Forum**, where you can find everything you need to explore the county's trails or participate at one of our run/walk events.

— 8 — BEST OF THE REST

The best seasonal shopping experience occurs on the first Saturday of December every year at Plainfield High School. The **Tri Kappa Gingerbread Christmas** event is one of the largest juried craft shows in Indiana, providing hours of shopping as master artisans showcase their handcrafted items. We also highly recommend the **Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail**, a self-guided driving tour spanning three counties. We invite you to pick up a Guidebook and find the locations you wish to visit as we have done the heavy lifting for you.

ENJOY OUR EIGHT INSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAKING THE MOST OF A SHOPPING TRIP TO HENDRICKS COUNTY.



SEIZE THE NIGHT DESIGNS

EXPLORE

8 INSIDER SHOPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

THE SHOPS AT PERRY CROSSING



THE OLIVE LEAF



FARMERS MARKET

ANTIQUES, CONSIGNMENTS & VINTAGE

Avon Antiques • AVON

192 N. State Road 267 • 317-272-4842 • AvonAntiques.info

Established in 1992, this store showcases true antiques, many found in basements, attics, barns and garages. All items have a personal history that the staff would love to share with you. The shop offers buy, sell and trade.

BB Consign and Design • BROWNSBURG

26 S. Green St. • 317-286-3025 • BBConsignandDesign.com

A home consignment shop specializing in furniture, home furnishings and decor as well as outdoor living accessories. The store's inventory changes often and includes great quality and name-brand products at reduced prices.

Garden Gate Gift & Flower Shop • NORTH SALEM

107 W. Pearl St. • 765-676-5039 • GardenGateFlowersIn.com

Offering distinctive gifts and collectibles, including floral design.

Gilley's Antique Mall • PLAINFIELD

5789 E. U.S. Hwy 40 • 317-839-8779

Antique and craft mall with over 200 dealer spaces in a 35,000-square-foot facility. Find antiques, local crafts, home decor and more.

Gizmo's Galleria • BROWNSBURG

1012 E. Main St. • 317-350-2399

Upscale craft mall offering everything from antiques to handmade items.

Kids Go Round • PLAINFIELD

2481 E. Main St. • 317-837-7070

This large children's resale shop features everything a family might want or need at reduced prices including clothing, strollers, toys and a myriad of other children's accessories.

Suzy's Consign & Resale • AVON

10834 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Ste. J • 317-271-9500 • SuzysConsign.com

Whether it's clothing, shoes, jewelry, handbags or other accessories, Suzy's has all the latest designs and trends at a fraction of the cost of a typical retail store. Another store, Tiffany's Boutique, is also located in the back half of the building.

The Watermelon Patch • DANVILLE

71 S. Washington St. • 317-518-2980

Children's and maternity boutique offering new and gently used clothing and accessories including some handmade and vintage items.

**FROM LOCAL SHOPS TO
FAVORITE NATIONAL BRANDS,
YOU'LL SHOP TO WELL
BEYOND DROPPING.**

SPECIALTY SHOPS

Big Tuck's Feed & More • PITTSBORO

1 E. Main St. • 317-892-5252

A small-town feed shop that has gone beyond providing services for animals and begun selling popular retail items including a variety of Cherry Republic products and Jasper Gift Basket & Popcorn Company goodies.

Carole's Boutique • PITTSBORO

2 E. Main St. • 765-482-1075 • CarolesBoutique.com

This small-town gift shop and boutique has a little of everything from clothing to jewelry to home decor and much more at affordable prices and with the kind of service you would expect from a locally owned, small-town boutique.

Elegance Boutique • PITTSBORO

4 E. Main St. • 317-617-1833 • EleganceBoutique.net

This locally owned, full-service bridal shop features Alfred Angelo's line of bridal gowns and bridesmaids' dresses that can be purchased off the rack or special ordered. This boutique also provides one-on-one service with the owner, who has a long history in the bridal industry.

Ella Mae's Boutique • BROWNSBURG

33 S. Green St. • 317-500-1233 • EllaMaes.com

This trendy boutique sells clothing and accessories that are in style, affordable and flattering on everyone from high school students to the mothers of high school students.

Evans Whispering Pines • DANVILLE1538 N. County Road 400 W. • 317-745-3146
EvansWhisperingPines.com

Seasonal Christmas tree farm with handmade wreaths and a Christmas gift shop.

Fleurs de Beausoleil • COATESVILLE

8024 Main St. • 765-246-2532

Family-owned, full-service florist and gift shop, specializing in custom fresh florals and silks.

Gear Up Cyclery • PLAINFIELD

124 W. Main St. • 317-203-5045 • GearUpCyclery.com

Independently owned bicycle sales, service and accessory store named one of America's Best Bike Shops in 2014 by the National Bicycle Dealers Association.

Great Fermentations • AVON

7900 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-268-6776 • GreatFermentations.com

Beer- and wine-making supply store offering classes for brewers or vintners of any level.

Michele's Boutique and Gifts • BROWNSBURG

600 W. Northfield Dr, Ste. 2060 • 317-852-0046

This specialty shop features a wide array of fashionable apparel, fine jewelry, accessories and more.

Old Bob's • AVON

10895 E. U.S. 36 • 317-271-2266 • OldBobs.com

Old Bob's has an eclectic mix of products and services from custom framing to storage buildings.

The Olive Leaf • PLAINFIELD2499 Marketplace Mile, Ste. 110 • 317-742-7117
oliveleafbloomington.com

This store inside The Shops at Perry Crossing has the perfect treat for everyone from foodies to the person who has everything including a large variety of balsamic vinegars and infused olive oils to both sample and purchase along with many other unique treats including an entire line of Peacetree Mountain truffles.

The Real Food Shoppe • PLAINFIELD

208 E Main St. • 317-203-4097 • TheRealFoodShoppe.org

This specialty store and market for the health conscious has a wide array of foods, vitamins, supplements and many other items.

Runners Forum • AVON

8100 E. U.S. 36 • 317-272-7463 • RunnersForum.com

A run, walk and triathlon specialty store.

Seize the Night Designs • DANVILLE

51 W. Marion St. • 317-563-3190 • SeizeTheNight.etsy.com

This Etsy shop turned brick-and-mortar storefront specializes in hand-stamped items and recycled vintage pieces.

The Shops at Perry Crossing • PLAINFIELD

2499 Perry Crossing Way • 317-203-4555 • Perry-Crossing.com

This outdoor lifestyle center features more than 35 stores, a handful of restaurants and a state-of-the-art movie theater.

Sweet M's Boutique • PLAINFIELD

111 S. Vine St. • 317-203-5093 • SweetMsBoutique.com

All the latest in women's fashion can be found at this small boutique that has something for every budget and personality.

Younique Culture • PLAINFIELD2481 E. Main St, Suite 170 • 317-675-0062
YouniqueCulture.com

Nominated as one of the Best Overall Boutiques in Indiana by Boutiques Daily, this locally owned shop carries both men's and women's clothing and a variety of accessories featuring the latest fashions and trends, all at affordable prices.

FABRICS AND YARNS

Nomad Yarns • PLAINFIELD

218 E. Main St. • 317-742-7456 • NomadYarnShop.com

Expansive range of yarns and fibers as well as knitting, crochet, spinning and felting accessories.

Rader's Fabrics • DANVILLE

56 N. Washington St. • 317-745-6023

Domestic fabric and upholstery supplies store with endless amounts of drapery, upholstery and home decor fabrics.

INDULGE

Taste Why Local is Best

You have come to the right place if you love food. Hendricks County has something for every taste, including a destination restaurant straight out of Hollywood, a small-town gem that takes you to the largest island in Italy and a 1960s diner that leaves you reminiscing about those simpler times.

Hendricks County also boasts a number of eateries on various Indiana Foodways Culinary Trails, and many of these restaurants can also be found on the Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail.

What follows is a sampling of what we have to offer that you won't find anywhere else. Consider our local recommendations if you are looking for a great place to dine out during your stay.

FRESH TASTE AND
FRIENDLY SERVICE ARE
ALWAYS ON THE MENU.

DAWSON'S TOO
STICKS & STONES

SAVOR

FOOD & DRINKS

IN HENDRICKS COUNTY

COMFORT FOOD CLASSICS

While in Hendricks County, our No. 1 dining recommendation especially if you are familiar with *The Andy Griffith Show* is the **Mayberry Cafe** on the historic Courthouse Square in Danville. A member of Indiana Foodways' Winner Winner Chicken Dinner Trail, this iconic restaurant showcases everything fans love about the show. The old squad car sits out front for photos; every seat provides a view of a television running non-stop episodes of the show; menu items are named after characters; and the food is so good, you will swear Aunt Bee made it herself.

If you are staying in Plainfield, we highly recommend visiting the **Oasis Diner** along the historic National Road. This recently renovated, authentic 1954 diner boasts traditional favorites mixed in with some new classics and is dripping with the nostalgia you would expect from a roadside eatery.

In Brownsburg, we suggest an evening out at **Dawson's Too Sticks & Stones**. Its contemporary yet rustic feel and amazing food are its biggest draws. The menu has something for everyone including steaks, seafood, salads, sandwiches, pastas and more. This local hangout also has a family dining area, separate group dining room and beautiful bar area with multiple televisions for adults looking for a place to unwind.

Finally, our list of comfort favorites wouldn't be complete without mentioning the **Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery** in Danville. Part of Indiana Foodways Soup, Salad & Sandwich Trail, Rise N Shine Trail and Hoosier Pie Trail, Bread Basket makes you feel like you are back home. Open only for breakfast and lunch, this cozy restaurant is perfect for hanging out or simply drop by to sample one or more of their amazing desserts.

TOUR THE WORLD

This Hendricks County tour of the world begins up in the little town of North Salem at the last place you would expect to find a taste of the Mediterranean. Housed in a former doctor's office in the downtown area, **Perillo's Pizzeria** is a true hidden gem in which the owner serves up his family's recipes that he brought all the way from the island of Sicily. Make sure to bring cash as this eatery doesn't accept credit.

A little closer to the county's hotels, **Sal's Famous Pizzeria** boasts many of their own secret family recipes at two locations in Brownsburg and Plainfield. We highly recommend bypassing those chains for this hometown Italian favorite, as owner Salvatore Russo brings his mother's recipes to life. And with a name like that, you know it has to be authentic.

If you stay at an Avon hotel, do not leave without savoring the flavors of the **Mediterranean Grill**. This long-standing, local favorite serves authentic dishes such as gyros, souvlakui, hoosa and more. If you specifically prefer authentic Greek cuisine, then we highly recommend **Opa!**, also in Avon.

LITTLE BIT OF NIGHTLIFE

Finally, if you are simply looking for a great place to unwind and grab a nice dinner with maybe some craft beer or wine, we suggest visiting **Black Swan Brewpub** in Plainfield, which is part of Indiana Foodways Burgers, Brews and Dogs Trail. This restaurant brews its beers on-site and showcases 16 brews on tap. Black Swan also serves great food and likes to have fun with their dishes with favorites like sweet potato tots, signature Black Swan fries with homemade aioli and beer cheese crock.

But the nightlife doesn't stop there. If you are staying in Brownsburg, we have two recommendations: **Green Street Pub & Eatery** or **Scotty's Brewhouse**. Both restaurants have a variety of food options and brews to satisfy any and every taste. ■

For a complete list of all the locally owned Hendricks County eateries, check out the pages that follow or for more information go online to VisitHendricksCounty.com

AVON

Big Apple Bagels • CAFE

8115 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-272-6944
BigAppleBagels.com/Avon

Charbonos • AMERICAN

128 N. SR 267, Suite 102 • 317-272-1900 • Charbonos.com

Emmy's Pancake House & Grill • CAFE

7508 Beechwood Center, Ste. 300 • 317-272-7200
EmmysPancakeHouse.com

Kimigasuki Japanese Steak House • ETHNIC

7840 U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-272-0889

Hirosaki Japanese Steakhouse • ETHNIC

9086 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-273-8866 • IndyHirosaki.com

Hotcakes Emporium Pancake House & Restaurant • CAFE

5201 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-745-6262

Mediterranean Grill • ETHNIC

10230 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-273-8570
TheMedGrillAvon.com

Opa! Authentic Greek-American Cuisine & Bar • ETHNIC

7900 E. US Hwy 36 • 317-707-7513 • OpaOfIndy.com

Papa Joe's Junior • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

8100 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Suite 8 • 317-272-6501 • PapaJoesIndy.com

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9655 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Suite C • 317-273-1830
Pho.com/Avon-In/Pho-36

Thai Lanna • ETHNIC

9655 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Suite I • 317-426-3420 • ThaiLannaAvon.com

Yats Cajun Creole Restaurant • ETHNIC

9259 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-964-0565 • YatsCajunCreole.com

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B Squared • PUB

1430 N. Green St., Suite I • 317-858-1569 • BSquaredBar.com

Boulder Creek Dining Company • AMERICAN

1551 N. Green St., Ste. D • 317-858-8100 • BoulderCreekDining.com

Dawson's Too Sticks & Stones • AMERICAN

773 E. Main St. • 317-858-8400 • DawsonsToo.com

Green Street Pub and Eatery • PUB

911 N. Green St. • 317-852-6644
GreenStreetPubAndEatery.com

Pit Stop Barbeque & Grill • AMERICAN

932 E. Main St. • 317-858-8370 • PitStopBBQAndGrill.com

Rock Star Pizza • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

922 E. Main St. • 317-858-1188 • RockStarPizza.net

Sal's Famous Pizzeria • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

1028 E. Main St. • 317-858-8700 • SalsPizzaBrownsburg.com

Scotty's Brewhouse • PUB

251 W. Northfield Dr. • 317-852-5151 • ScottysBrewhouse.com

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515 E. Main St. • 317-858-4777 • Soltalian.com

Tegry Bistro • ETHNIC

1521 N. Green St., Suite A • 317-858-9505 • TegryBistro.com

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The Beehive • CAFE

55 E. Main St. • 317-718-8470 • BeehiveMarket.com

Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery • CAFE

46 S. Tennessee St. • 317-718-4800 • BreadBasketCafe.com

Court House Grounds • CAFE

65 S. Washington St. • 317-989-1600
CourtHouseGrounds.com

Dave's All American Pizza and Eatery • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

1247 W. Main St. • 317-745-6942

Diesel's Sports Grille • PUB

20 W. Main St. • 317-386-3024 • DieselsSportsGrille.com

Frank's Place • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

33 S. Washington St. • 317-718-1146 • FranksPlacelTalian.com

Mayberry Cafe • AMERICAN

78 W. Main St. • 317-745-4067 • MayberryCafe.com

Pizza Paradise • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

55 E. Main St. • 317-745-6434 • LovePizzaParadise.com

The Porch • CAFE

2411 E. Main St. • 317-745-5792 • ThePorchInDanville.com

NORTH SALEM

Perillo's Pizzeria • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

5 S. Broadway St. • 765-676-4171

PITTSBORO

Mason Inn • PUB

1 W. Main St. • 317-892-8200 • MasonInnPittsboro.com

PLAINFIELD

Akira Japanese Steakhouse • ETHNIC

160 Plainfield Village Dr., Ste. 121 & 125 • 317-838-7970
Akira-Steakhouse.net

Black Swan Brewpub • PUB

2067 E. Hadley Rd. • 317-838-7444 • BlackSwanBrewpub.com

Bru Burger Bar • AMERICAN

2499 Perry Crossing Way • 317-378-7274
BruBurgerBar.com/Plainfield

Claddagh Irish Pub • PUB

2539 Futura Parkway, Ste. 150 • 317-838-9917
CladdaghIrishPubs.com/Indianapolis-Plainfield

The Coachman Restaurant & Lounge • AMERICAN

6112 Cambridge Way • 317-839-4545
TheCoachmanRestaurant.com

India Bistro • ETHNIC

130 N. Perry Rd. • 317-742-7300 • IndiaBistro.net

Narita Japanese Restaurant • ETHNIC

6108 Cambridge Way • 317-838-0007 • IndyNarita.com

Oasis Diner • AMERICAN

405 W. Main St. • 317-837-7777 • OasisDiner.com

Sal's Famous Pizzeria • ITALIAN/PIZZERIA

350 E. Main St. • 317-837-8800 • SalsPizzaPlainfield.com

Stone Creek Dining Company • AMERICAN

2498 Perry Crossing Way, Suite 105 • 317-837-9100
StoneCreekDining.com/Plainfield

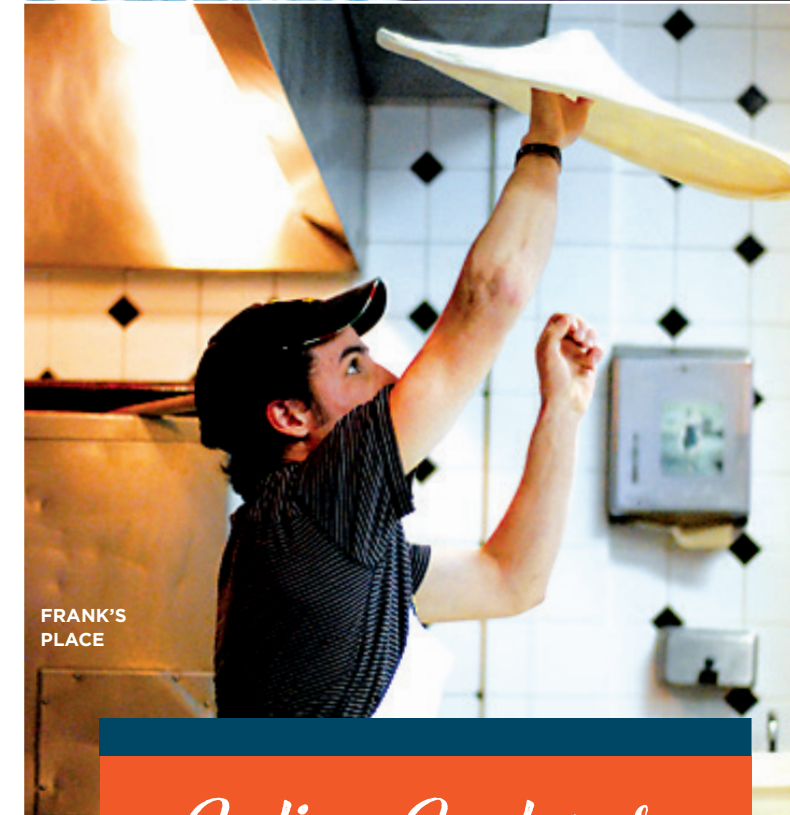
Thai Orchid • ETHNIC

2683 E. Main St., #106 • 317-838-9688 • ThaiOrchidIndy.com


STILESVILLE

Cornerstone Roadhouse • PUB

6067 W. U.S. Hwy 40 • 317-539-5189

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Indiana Foodways

Many of the restaurants you'll find in this visitor guide have the Indiana Foodways icon  beside them. When you see the little knife and fork, you'll know it's an establishment participating in a statewide nonprofit organization that celebrates, promotes and preserves Indiana's authentic food culture. Each is part of a particular trail, with themes ranging from Burgers, Brews and Dogs to Wine, Wine Anytime.



PLAY

10 Reasons to Get Out #inHendricks

Whether you are here for business or pleasure, we have a host of recreational activities year-round to make the most of your visit. How does horseback riding on scenic wooded trails sound? Perhaps you want to get away from it all by exploring parks and trails, hitting the links or splashing in a 4-acre outdoor water park.

1 TO COOL OFF

One of Hendricks County's most popular destinations for family fun can be found each summer in Plainfield at an outdoor water playland called **Splash Island Family Waterpark**. The 4 1/2-acre Caribbean-themed outdoor waterpark, which is open May through September, features three waterslides, a 900-foot leisure river, an interactive children's play area and much more. They even have an indoor option on those bad weather days that is open year-round. Smaller and with fewer amenities than its outdoor companion, **Splash Island Indoor Waterpark** still offers plenty of fun with a waterslide, children's play area and more.

2 TO COOL OFF ON A BUDGET

A lower-cost alternative to Splash Island with fewer crowds can be found in Danville's Ellis Park. The **Gill Family Aquatic Center** has many of the same amenities including waterslides in a smaller area. If you are looking for a free alternative, we recommend one of the county's three splash pads at **Williams Park** in Brownsburg, **Washington Township Park** in Avon or **Hummel Park** in Plainfield.

3 TO HORSE AROUND

If your family loves horses and other farm animals, we highly recommend **Natural Valley Ranch**. This family-owned ranch set in a scenic wooded area in Brownsburg allows visitors to experience 30-, 60-, and 90-minute horseback rides through their sprawling 75-acre property nestled alongside **White Lick Creek**. The ranch is open year-round, and there truly is no bad time of the year to experience it.

4 TO BE AMAZED

A good place to start an autumn adventure is **Beasley's Apple Orchard** and its annual Heartland Apple Festival held the first two weekends in October. Featured in *Indianapolis Monthly* magazine as one of "50 Things Every Hoosier Must Do!" visitors can tour the orchard, wind through a humongous corn maze, take a hayride to the pumpkin patch and much more. **Hogan Farms Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze** in Brownsburg provides a similar fall, family fun experience with pumpkins, corn maze and farm animals but with fewer crowds.

5 TO BE STUCK INSIDE

Sound like a bad thing? Not in Hendricks County. You can literally bounce off the walls at **Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park** in Plainfield. Participants can dunk basketballs, play ultimate dodgeball or simply have fun jumping into a foam pit at this 3-D play experience in a sea of trampolines. Families may also want to consider 18 holes of glow-in-the-dark miniature golf fun at **Monster Mini Golf** in Avon.

6 TO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Some of the county's most popular parks include **Washington Township Park** in Avon, **Ellis Park** in Danville, **Williams Park** in Brownsburg, **McCloud Nature Park** in North Salem and **Sodalis Nature Park** and **Hummel Park** in Plainfield. Each park has its own identity and amenities including unique play structures and other interactive areas.

7 TO LEARN ABOUT NATURE

McCloud and Sodalis parks host free Saturday programs year-round and have park naturalists roaming their properties to help visitors learn more about each park's inhabitants. Sodalis is even named after a little creature that calls it home — the federally endangered *Myotis sodalis*, also known as the Indiana bat.

8 TO HIKE, RUN OR BIKE

Hendricks County boasts miles of trails including two rail trails — the **B&O and Vandalia** — and a world-class paved trail system in Plainfield. If you're looking for more rugged trails with natural terrain, we would suggest visiting McCloud or Sodalis.

9 TO HIT THE LINKS

Hendricks County golf courses ramp up in the spring with a number of 9- and 18-hole facilities at varying difficulty levels. Some of our favorites include **Deer Creek Golf Course** if you're staying in a Plainfield hotel, **Twin Bridges Golf Course** if you're staying in an Avon hotel and **West Chase Golf Course** if you're staying in a Brownsburg lodging facility. All three are pristine 18-hole courses. If you don't have a lot of time and would prefer a more affordable and perhaps easier 9-hole course, check out **Friendswood Golf Course** if you're staying in Plainfield or **Tomahawk Hills Golf Course** if you're staying in Brownsburg.

10 TO FIND ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

Avon Town Hall Park alone provides some amenities you don't always find at every community park. How does outdoor ping pong sound? How about Disc golf? The park has an off-road RC track, too? Yup!





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PARKS AND TRAILS

Anderson Skate Park • PLAINFIELD

1050 S. Center St. • 317-839-7665 • TownOfPlainfield.com

Part of Anderson Park, this skate park opens from April through the end of October and offers a variety of ramps, rails and boxes for skateboards, rollerblades and bikes.

Arbuckle Acres Park • BROWNSBURG

200 N. Green St. • 317-858-4172 • Brownsburg.org/Parks

This expansive community park includes a children's playground, numerous shelters for rent, a wooded area with a creek and nature trails, and sports amenities. It plays host to a number of events.

Avon Town Hall Park • AVON

6570 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-272-0948 • AvonGov.org

The town's park features walking trails, a 9-acre lake that allows fishing, an 18-hole disc golf course, playground and more.

B&O Trail • BROWNSBURG

BOTrail.org

This former railroad corridor turned rail trail provides an easy hiking or biking experience with wide paved sections that play host to a few special events annually.

Ellis Park and Gill Family Aquatic Center • DANVILLE

600 E. Main St. • 317-745-3015 • DanvilleIndiana.org/Parks

Home to the only public clay tennis courts in Indiana, hiking trails, amphitheater and outdoor family aquatic center with lazy river, waterslides and splash pad.

Friendship Gardens Park • PLAINFIELD

575 S. Center St. • 317-839-7665 • TownOfPlainfield.com

This 13-acre garden park features a stone waterfall, beautiful landscaping, a Veterans' Memorial and the three-room Gazebo Pavilion, which is the centerpiece of the park and is often used for weddings or other gatherings.

Guilford Township Hummel Park • PLAINFIELD

1500 S. Center St. • 317-839-9121 • HummelPark.net

204 acres with trails, geocaching, a wooden pedestrian bridge, special events and more including an outdoor Performing Arts Center.

McCloud Nature Park • NORTH SALEM

8518 N. Hughes Rd. • 765-676-5437 • HendricksCountyParks.org

232-acre nature park with hiking, year-round nature center programs, bird-viewing room, art gallery and a historic iron bridge.

Natural Valley Ranch • BROWNSBURG

6310 E. County Road 350 N. • 317-852-6615
NaturalValleyRanch.com

A full-service equine and public trail riding facility on 50 acres of trails along White Lick Creek. Hour-long and 90-minute rides available. Reservations required.

Sodalis Nature Park • PLAINFIELD

7700 S. County Road 975 E. • 317-718-6188
HendricksCountyParks.org

Features a fishing pier on a 5.5-acre lake, a picnic pavilion, hiking trails and wildlife viewing platforms. This 210-acre park is within protected land for the endangered Indiana bat.

Swinford Park • PLAINFIELD

1007 Longfellow Dr. • 317-839-7665 • TownOfPlainfield.org

This 25-acre park boasts a massive playground, lighted ball diamonds and a shelter house.

Vandalia Trail • AMO, COATESVILLE & PLAINFIELD

nrht.org/vandalia/

Two unconnected sections of this rail trail can be found in Hendricks County. The first paved section runs through Plainfield. The second extends from Amo to Coatesville and has a separate section for horseback riding.

Washington Township Park • AVON

115 S. County Road 575 E. • 317-745-0785
WashingtonTwpParks.org

Features hiking trails, an iron truss bridge, mountain biking, paw park and splash pad. Located in the center of the county.

Williams Park • BROWNSBURG

940 S. Locust Ln. • 317-858-4172 • Brownsburg.org/Parks

This park features a splash pad, expansive all-wood children's play area called Blast-Off playground, beautiful gazebos, shelters and much more.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Al and Jan Barker Sports Complex • PLAINFIELD

451 S. Vestal Rd. • 317-839-7665
TownofPlainfield.com/Barker-Sports-Complex

The 53-acre facility features baseball, football and soccer fields. It also includes the "Miracle Field," a fully synthetic handicapped accessible turf field.

Avon Sports Park • AVON

104 S. County Road 625 E. • 317-272-0190
AvonSportsPark.com

Three regulation diamonds, concession stand, leagues, tournaments and special events.

Capitol Sports Center • PLAINFIELD

1915 Gladden Rd. • 317-839-5222 • CapitolSportsCenter.com

Home to seven volleyball courts, basketball and raquetball facilities, a wellness center and numerous tournaments.

Hoosier Athletic Center • BROWNSBURG

10508 E. U.S. 136 • 317-291-3300 • HoosierAthleticCenter.com

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651 Vestal Rd. • 317-839-7665 • TownofPlainfield.com

This full-service recreation center boasts a 1/8-mile indoor track, more than 80 fitness group classes, fitness center with all the latest equipment, large banquet facility, indoor basketball courts and more.

FAMILY FUN

Brownsburg Bowl • BROWNSBURG

18 Wittington Dr. • 317-858-0388 • BowlWest.net

Featuring 28 lanes, this bowling alley offers a snack bar, pool tables, arcade and The Dog House bar.

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex • DANVILLE

1900 E. Main St. • 317-718-6154 • 4HComplex.org

This 110-acre facility hosts dozens of special events, including horse shows, rodeos and, of course, the county fair.

Hot Skates Roller Skating Center • AVON

241 Casco Dr. • 317-272-0873 • SkateAmericaRink.com/Avon

State-of-the-art roller skating and family entertainment center with concessions, arcade and parent lounge.

JR Funnigans Jump-N-Play • AVON

8407 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-272-0499 • JumpNPlayAvon.com

Indoor family fun center with giant inflatables, games, concessions and a toddler town. Great for parties.

Just 4 Fun Family Recreation Center • PLAINFIELD

3650 Clarks Creek Rd. • 317-838-4386
Just4Fun-Recreation.com

Enjoy mini golf, batting cages, arcade and the 1,100-foot go-kart track. Fun for the whole family. Open spring, summer and fall.

Monster Mini Golf • AVON

7591 E. U.S. Hwy 36 • 317-268-4946 • MonsterMiniGolf.com/Avon

18 holes of glow-in-the-dark mini golf with a live DJ, arcade games, special prizes and more! Party rooms available.

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park • PLAINFIELD

851 S. Columbia Rd. • 317-268-3200
SkyZone.com/Plainfield

Play on a sea of trampolines, angled so you can bounce off the walls. Also includes a 3-D Play Experience with open jump.

Splash Island Family Water Park • PLAINFIELD

651 Vestal Rd. • 317-839-7665 • SplashIslandPlainfield.com

Indoor park open year-round and outdoor park open May-September.

Sunshine Bowling Center • BROWNSBURG

10809 E. US Hwy 136 • 317-280-7670
SunshineBowlingCenter.com

Newly renovated, this bowling center boasts 16 auto-score lanes, the All Sports Pub and a party room.

Xtreme Lazer Tag • AVON

8131 Kingston St., Suite 100 • 317-272-4815 • XtremeAvon.com

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GOLF COURSES

Deer Creek Golf Club • CLAYTON

7143 S. State Road 39 • 317-539-2013
DeerCreekGolfClub.com

Friendswood Golf Course • CAMBY

7730 S. County Road 1050 E. • 317-856-5372

Oak Tree Golf Course • PLAINFIELD

4712 E. U.S. Hwy 40 • 317-839-6205 • OakTreeGolf.com

Pittsboro Golf Course • PITTSBORO

2227 E. U.S. Hwy 136 • 317-892-3335
PittsboroGolfCourse.com

Prestwick Country Club (Private) • AVON

5197 Fairway Dr. • 317-745-6448 • PrestwickCountryClub.net

Quail Creek Golf Course • PITTSBORO

7585 Quail Creek Trace • 317-892-2582 • QuailCreekGC.com

Tomahawk Hills Golf Course • JAMESTOWN

10289 N. State Road 75 • 765-676-6022

Twin Bridges Golf Club • DANVILLE

1001 Cartersburg Rd • 317-745-9098
TwinBridgesGolfClub.com

West Chase Golf Course • BROWNSBURG

4 Hollaway Blvd. • 317-892-7888 • West-ChaseGolf.com

White Lick Golf Course • BROWNSBURG

4 Whitelick Lane • 317-852-2931

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LUCAS OIL RACEWAY

Located just a few miles from one of the most iconic destinations in motorsports can have its advantages. Thankfully, just like the nearby Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Hendricks County has its own motorsports magnet, the most prestigious locale in all of drag racing — Lucas Oil Raceway in Brownsburg.

Brownsburg itself has become a motorsports haven with race teams and motorsports manufacturers lining Northfield Drive and Southpoint Circle in the heart of the town's warehouse district. But what truly makes our county a motorsports destination is what occurs on the legendary pavement at 10267 E. U.S. 136 throughout the summer months.

Boasting a racing complex with a .686-mile paved oval, a quarter-mile drag strip and 2.5-mile, 15-turn road course, this raceway has an unparalleled history with racing giants such as A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Jeff Gordon having raced here.

But what truly sets it apart from any other racing venue anywhere in the world is what happens every Labor Day weekend on its famous drag strip. Known as the Big Go, the Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals has become the signature event for the National Hot Rod Association.

Think of it as that sport's Super Bowl, and you may start to understand the work, prestige and honor that goes into not just winning during that weekend but getting to race where legends like "Big Daddy" Don Garlits and Don "The Snake" Prudhomme battled and where John Force still competes to this day.



Karyn Locke, a travel writer from Ohio, got a taste of it in 2016 sharing her first U.S. Nationals experience on her blog, Sand and Snow...and everywhere in between:

Mr. Locke and I headed to Lucas Oil Raceway in Hendricks County, Indiana, to catch the most thrilling of all styles of racing over Labor Day Weekend: The Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals! With dragsters flying across the finish line at well over three hundred miles per hour, each race is an exhilarating, heart-pounding whirlwind and we couldn't get enough, including the nitro methane effect.

Compliments of how the drag strip is laid out, there's seriously not a bad seat in the proverbial house, but as this was our first drag race we wanted those first races to be as intense as possible. Depending on how intense you like your race experience to be, I quickly realized that the intensity increases the closer you are to the start line. The sound and feel of the roaring engines hits you square in the heart and gut- and I loved it.

Here's a cool thing about the U.S. Nationals: each ticket comes with full access to the Pit area. Yep, we moseyed around the pit and checked out the funny cars and nitro (Top Fuel) cars. I was a little sketchy on what makes a Top Fuel Car so powerful, but a visit to Superstar Drag Racer Terry McMillen's trailer and a chat with his team opened my eyes. The fuel used in Top Fuel cars is 90% nitro methane- the same fuel used in 1960's rockets we were told.

As the sun set and the track cooled off, the drag racers were setting records all over the place. Turns out that when the track cools off the tires are able to grip better, therefore making the runs faster. The racers were able to go 1,000 feet in just over three seconds. Think about that for a second (or three): that's about a football field per second on average.

Now you get it, right? ■

60 Years of Racing

When 15 area businessmen purchased a 267-acre farm just west of Indianapolis in 1958, they planned to design a 15-turn, 2.5-mile road course. Almost as an afterthought, they decided to include a 1/4-mile drag strip as well. As it turned out, the drag strip was constructed first, and the inaugural event took place in 1960. Just one year later, the U.S. Nationals moved from Detroit and eventually became the NHRA's biggest annual event.

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VENUE

Lucas Oil Raceway • BROWNSBURG
10267 E. U.S. Hwy 136 • 317-969-8600
LucasOilRaceway.com
Home to the largest drag race in the world, the Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals, hosted annually over Labor Day weekend. The facility is home to the famous dragstrip as well as a .686-mile paved oval that hosts various USAC and stock car races throughout the year.

SHOPPING

Gearheads • BROWNSBURG
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GearheadsIndy.com
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119 Angelina Way • 317-271-9200 • Marriott.com/IndAv

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BROWNSBURG

The Cabin at Natural Valley Ranch

6310 E. CR 350 N. • 317-509-3577
NaturalValleyRanch.com/Cabin.html

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BrownsburgSuites.HamptonInn.com

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Quality Inn & Suites Brownsburg

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Super 8 Brownsburg

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Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center

Clarks Creek Rd. • 317-839-9990

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Hampton Inn Indianapolis Southwest/Plainfield2244 E. Perry Rd. • 317-839-9993
IndianapolisSWPlainfield.HamptonInn.com

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Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Airport6296 Cambridge Way • 317-839-9000
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LaQuinta Inn & Suites Indianapolis AP Plainfield

2251 Manchester Dr. • 317-279-2650 • LaQuintaPlainfield.com

Conveniently located at Plainfield Exit 66 on I-70, next to the Indianapolis International Airport. Free hot continental breakfast and free 24/7 airport shuttle.

Quality Inn

6105 Cambridge Way • 317-204-3769 • QualityInn.com/IN361

Conveniently located off of I-70 near the Indianapolis International Airport. Hotel features an indoor pool, free hot breakfast, and free Wi-Fi.

Staybridge Suites Indianapolis Airport - Plainfield6295 Cambridge Way • 317-839-2700
Staybridge.com/IndyAirport

This award-winning hotel features free airport and local shuttles. Full kitchen suites are great for families. Two bedroom/bath suites are available. Full breakfast provided.

Super 8 Plainfield/Indianapolis Airport Area

6015 Gateway Dr. • 317-837-8888 • Super8.com

Has 71 rooms, newly renovated, high-definition televisions in all rooms, hot breakfast daily, parkandfly to the airport available 24 hours.

The Airport Budget Inn

6023 Gateway Dr. • 317-839-3670

Conveniently located near I-70 and the Indianapolis Airport. Low fares, free Wi-Fi, pets allowed and free breakfast.

Whitehouse Motel Suites

2688 E. Main St. • 317-839-9358

Privately owned, newly remodeled hotel suites with kitchenettes featuring a microwave and refrigerator along U.S. 40 in the heart of the restaurant and shopping district.

Wingate by Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Plainfield

6300 Gateway Dr. • 317-279-2500 • WingateHotels.com

Wingate by Wyndham is easily accessible from I-70 West of Indianapolis. It offers complimentary Wi-Fi and airport transportation. A meeting room is available. The hotel welcomes groups and bus tours.

WoodSpring Suites Indianapolis

6295 Gateway Blvd. • 317-837-2950 • WoodSpring.com

New kind of extended-stay hotel. Comfortable, well-priced and great customer service. Free Wi-Fi. It's simple. Done better.



All accommodations offer free parking.

AVON ————— **11 miles from airport**

Comfort Inn Avon • 8229 E. U.S. 36 | 317-272-8789 | ComfortInn.com/IN271

Fairfield Inn & Suites Indianapolis Avon
119 Angelina Way | 317-271-9200 | Marriott.com/IndAv

BROWNSBURG ————— **18 miles from airport**

The Cabin at Natural Valley Ranch
6310 E. CR 350 N. | 317-509-3577 NaturalValleyRanch.com/Cabin.html

Comfort Suites • 500 W. Northfield Dr. | 317-852-2000 | ChoiceHotels.com/IN098

The Cottage at Natural Valley Ranch
6260 E. CR 350 N. | 317-509-3577 NaturalValleyRanch.com/Cottage.html

Hampton Inn & Suites Indianapolis/Brownsburg
41 Maplehurst Dr. | 317-852-5800 | BrownsburgSuites.HamptonInn.com

Quality Inn & Suites Brownsburg
31 Maplehurst Dr. | 317-852-5353 | QualityInn.com/IN441

Super 8 Brownsburg • 1100 N. Green St. | 317-852-5211 | Super8.com

DANVILLE ————— **19 miles from airport**

The Marmalade Sky Bed & Breakfast
337 N. Washington St. | 317-718-0598 | TheMarmaladeSky.com

PLAINFIELD ————— **4 miles from airport**

Baymont Inn & Suites Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield
6010 Gateway Dr. | 317-837-9000 | BaymontInns.com

Best Western Plus Airport Inn and Suites
6109 Cambridge Way | 317-837-7500 | BestWesternAtrea.com

Cambria Suites Indianapolis Airport
6014 Gateway Dr. | 317-279-2394 | ChoiceHotels.com/IN272

Comfort Inn Airport • 6107 Cambridge Way | 317-839-9600 | ComfortInn.com/IN082

Days Inn Plainfield • 2245 E. Perry Rd. | 317-839-5000 | DaysInn.com

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center - Coming 2018
Clarks Creek Rd | 317-839-9990

Hampton Inn Indianapolis Southwest/Plainfield
2244 E. Perry Rd | 317-839-9993 | IndianapolisSWPlainfield.HamptonInn.com

Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Airport
6296 Cambridge Way | 317-839-9000 | HIExpress.com/Ind-Plainfield

Homewood Suites by Hilton Indianapolis-Airport/Plainfield
2264 E. Perry Rd. | 317-839-1900 | IndianapolisPlainfield.HomewoodSuites.com

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Indianapolis AP Plainfield
2251 Manchester Dr. | 317-279-2650 | LaQuintaPlainfield.com

Quality Inn • 6105 Cambridge Way | 317-838-9300 | QualityInn.com/IN361

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	Number of Rooms	Fitness Center	Business Center	Handicapped Accessible	Pet Friendly	Complimentary Breakfast	Smoke-Free Facility	Free Wi-Fi	Pool (Indoor or Outdoor)	Airport Shuttle	Meeting Space
AVON											
Comfort Inn Avon	57		•	•		•	•	•	I		•
Fairfield Inn & Suites Indianapolis Avon	73	•	•	•		•	•	•	I		•
BROWNSBURG											
The Cabin at Natural Valley Ranch	6				•		•	•			
Comfort Suites	70	•	•	•		•	•	•	I		•
The Cottage at Natural Valley Ranch	4	•			•		•	•			•
Hampton Inn & Suites Indianapolis/Brownsburg	83	•	•	•		•	•	•	I		•
Quality Inn & Suites Brownsburg	75	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	O		•
Super 8 Brownsburg	48			•	•	•	•	•			
DANVILLE											
The Marmalade Sky Bed & Breakfast	4					•	•	•			
PLAINFIELD											
Baymont Inn & Suites Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield	81	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	I	•	•
Best Western Plus Airport Inn and Suites	67	•	•	•		•	•	•	I	•	•
Cambria Suites Indianapolis Airport	103	•	•	•			•	•	I	•	•
Comfort Inn Airport	66	•	•	•		•		•	I	•	•
Days Inn Plainfield	63	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center - Coming 2018	175	•	•	•		•	•		I	•	•
Hampton Inn Indianapolis Southwest/Plainfield	79	•	•	•		•	•	•	I	•	•
Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Airport	76	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	O	•	•
Homewood Suites by Hilton Indianapolis-Airport/Plainfield	82	•	•	•		•	•	•	I	•	•
LaQuinta Inn & Suites Indianapolis AP Plainfield	96	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	I	•	•
Quality Inn	56		•	•		•	•	•	I		•
Staybridge Suites Indianapolis Airport - Plainfield	88	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	O	•	
Super 8 Plainfield/Indianapolis Airport Area	71		•	•		•	•	•	I	•	•
The Airport Budget Inn	57			•	•	•	•	•			
Whitehouse Motel Suites	43			•			•	•			
Wingate by Wyndham Indianapolis Airport Plainfield	64	•	•	•		•	•	•	I	•	•
WoodSpring Suites Indianapolis	121			•							





MAKE YOUR VISIT A PARTY!

A getaway to Hendricks County is always fun, but visiting during one of our events adds that little something extra. Check out our online calendar of events to time your getaway just right. Love messy, delicious ribs? Come during the annual Ribfest, featuring live music and Avon Balloon Glow. Interested in the dance and culture of Native Americans? Don't miss the National Powwow. Love the thrill of motorsports? Check out the Lucas Oil Raceway schedule. And that's just a glimpse of the many events you're warmly invited to attend.

HENDRICKS COUNTY EVENTS

- ▶ Arts & Culture
- ▶ Outdoor Recreation
- ▶ Motorsports
- ▶ Family Fun
- ▶ Festivals
- ▶ Entertainment

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VISITHENDRICKSCOUNTY.COM/EVENTS



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Check out updated listings and get even more insider tips from our blog. And don't forget to share your adventures with [#inHendricks](https://twitter.com/inHendricks).

