



Anderson Madison County Indiana Destination Guide





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Welcome to Madison County!

**Welcome to Madison County, Indiana—a hidden gem
brimming with charm and distinctive attractions.**

Nature lovers can explore the scenic trails of Mounds State Park, enjoy rounds of golf, cycle along miles of bike paths, or relax on the banks of the beautiful White River. The county's picturesque landscapes invite endless outdoor adventures.

With its inviting small-town atmosphere, friendly locals, and diverse range of activities, Madison County is the perfect destination for a weekend getaway or a day trip. Immerse yourself in the vibrant arts scene, featuring galleries, theaters, and lively community events that make the area a cultural hub. From striking public art displays to dynamic performing arts venues, there's always something to inspire.

Madison County is also home to delightful dining experiences and charming local shops, perfect for a leisurely afternoon of exploration. Whether you're delving into the county's rich history, savoring local cuisine, or seeking outdoor thrills, Madison County offers memorable experiences that capture the essence of Indiana.

Discover our storied past at the Madison County Historical Society, and don't forget to spend time in our historic downtown districts, rich with heritage and character.

We hope this guide enhances your experience. For more information, visit our website, follow us on social media, or reach out with any questions. We're here to make your visit exceptional!



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Festivals & Events



MAY

- Anderson Sertoma Mayor's Cup Grand Prix
- MayFest – Chesterfield
- Little 500 – Anderson Speedway

JUNE

- Pendleton Lions Club June Jamboree
- Anderson Soap Box Derby
- Juneteenth Celebration – Anderson Impact Center
- Anderson on Tap
- Orestes "Oak Street" Fair

JULY

- Taste of Madison County
- Lapel Village Fair
- Red Bud 400 – Anderson Speedway
- Madison County 4-H Fair
- Anderson Black Expo Summer Celebration

AUGUST

- Jeeps on Meridian – Anderson
- White River Food Truck Festival – Anderson
- Dan Patch Stakes – Harrah's Hoosier Park
- Elwood Glass Festival
- Way Out Beer Fest – Lapel
- Anderson Gaslight Festival

SEPTEMBER

- ParkFest – Pendleton
- Pendleton Fall Creek Heritage Fair
- Downtown Pendleton Fall Festival
- Andersontown Powwow – Alexandria
- Frankton Heritage Days
- Ingalls Fall Festival

OCTOBER

- Red Gold Run to Crush Hunger – Elwood
- Halloween Spooktacular – Elwood

NOVEMBER

- Christmas in Pendleton
- Festival of Trees – Paramount Theatre

DECEMBER

- Nights of Lights – Mounds State Park
- Illuminate: Christmas in the Valley – Anderson
- Light Up the Magic – Elwood

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Attractions

Madison County, Indiana, offers a diverse array of attractions that appeal to all types of visitors. **Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino** is a premier destination for gaming and live entertainment. Open 24/7, the casino features a variety of table games, the latest slots, and live harness racing from March through November. Families can enjoy concerts and events, while the casino floor is reserved for those 21 and older, offering an exciting, adult-friendly experience.

For the motorsport enthusiasts, **Anderson Speedway** provides high adrenaline action with its thrilling weekly races on a high-banked quarter-mile track. The speedway's most famous event, the **Little 500**, takes place annually on Memorial Day weekend and draws fans from all over the world. This race is a must-see, featuring some of the best racing in the country. On certain weekends, fans can even enjoy school bus races for a fun, unique twist.

Fall brings the excitement of **Indy Scream Park**, where visitors can experience haunted houses and spooky outdoor attractions. This

seasonal hotspot offers multiple haunted experiences, perfect for those seeking frights.

If you're looking for a more peaceful adventure, **Soar Indy** in Alexandria is the largest soaring operation in Indiana. Breathtaking scenic glider flights and introductory flying lessons are available from April through October, giving visitors the chance to enjoy Madison County from a new, sky-high perspective.

For paintball enthusiasts, **White River Paintball** offers an adrenaline-filled adventure with its expansive, wooded, and themed battlefields. As one of Indiana's largest paintball facilities, it caters to players of all skill levels, making it a fantastic destination for group fun.

With its variety of attractions, from racing to haunted thrills, paintball, and scenic flights, Madison County guarantees excitement and adventure for all visitors.

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Unique Attractions



World's Largest Ball of Paint

Alexandria's world record-holding roadside attraction is the perfect place to gain bragging rights. The **World's Largest Ball of Paint** started in 1977 when Michael Carmichael and his son painted a baseball with a layer of baby blue paint. Over 29,000 layers later, it now weighs over 8,200 pounds and is in the Guinness Book of World Records. Visitors from around the globe can add their own layer and receive a certificate. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Schedule a visit with the Carmichael family by phone or email.



Uranus Fudge Factory

With a name that grabs attention, **Uranus Fudge Factory – Anderson, Indiana**, offers an unforgettable experience. Visitors can indulge in a variety of delicious fudge and truffles, explore quirky merchandise, and enjoy vibrant art covering the building's walls. The fun doesn't stop there—don't forget to play a round of mini golf at Putt Pirates! Whether you're there for the sweet treats and ice cream or the eccentric vibe, Uranus Fudge Factory promises a memorable visit.



Camp Chesterfield

Madison County's **Camp Chesterfield** is the largest Spiritualist community in the U.S. and the third largest globally. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it offers a peaceful retreat with features like the Garden of Prayer, Labyrinth, Trail of World Religions, and a historic chapel. Visitors can explore the book and gift store, stay at the on-site hotel, and immerse themselves in spiritual teachings. This serene location draws people from around the world seeking spiritual connection and insight into diverse religious traditions!



Tether Car Racing

Did you know Anderson, Indiana, is home to one of only three operating **tether car tracks** in the United States? These miniature model cars, powered by tiny engines and tethered to a central post, can reach speeds over 200 miles per hour! Jackson Park hosts this unique sport, offering a rare glimpse of high-speed racing that isn't seen every day. Tether car racing remains a beloved niche hobby, drawing enthusiasts to witness these incredible feats of engineering.

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Warner Sallman Gallery

At Anderson University, the arts are celebrated through the **Warner Sallman collection at the Scheierman Gallery**. Sallman, a renowned 20th-century commercial artist, is best known for his iconic painting, *The Head of Christ*, which has been reproduced over 500 million times! The collection features over 150 of his works from the 1930s to the 1960s, showcasing his influence on Christian art. Visitors can explore 40 pieces from this extensive collection and experience the legacy of one of the most recognized illustrators of the century.



Circle City Curling Club

Circle City Curling Club in Anderson offers a welcoming environment for both seasoned curlers and beginners. Curling is a team sport played on ice, where players slide stones toward a target area. Teams take turns delivering stones while teammates use brooms to influence their path. The club hosts regular events, leagues and learn-to-curl sessions. Curling emphasizes inclusivity, making it a great place for individuals and families to connect through the sport. Whether you're looking to compete or just have fun, this is the perfect destination for curling enthusiasts.

Higher Education

Madison County is home to three notable higher education institutions that offer diverse learning opportunities for students.

Anderson University, a private Christian liberal arts college, provides a traditional campus experience with strong academics and vibrant athletics. The university's sports teams have games open to the public throughout the school year, including football and basketball, with fans proudly cheering, "Soar, Ravens, Soar!"



Purdue Polytechnic Anderson is a branch of Purdue University, focusing on hands-on, technology-driven degrees. Specializing in fields like engineering, advanced manufacturing, and IT, Purdue Polytech prepares students with practical, industry-relevant skills. Its programs are designed to meet the needs of an evolving technological workforce, offering innovative educational experiences that are both rigorous and career-focused.

Ivy Tech Community College in Anderson offers flexible, affordable programs geared toward workforce training and academic advancement. Students can pursue associate degrees, technical certifications, or enroll in workforce-ready programs, with many transferring to four-year universities upon completion. Ivy Tech is known for its commitment to accessible education and providing pathways to both further studies and immediate employment opportunities.

Together, these institutions make Madison County a dynamic center for higher education and personal, academic, and professional growth!





Performing Arts

Come visit Madison County, where there is a vibrant performing arts scene with a rich history. The arts thrive through local organizations that offer high-quality performances and foster strong artistic growth.

Anderson University's School of Music & Theatre produces exceptional pre-professional musicians and actors, bringing stories to life through their powerful performances. The **Anderson Young Ballet Theatre** also provides young dancers with the opportunity to develop their craft and perform in front of large audiences.

The **Anderson Symphony Orchestra** is a cornerstone of the community's musical offerings, performing a variety of classical and contemporary pieces that engage both young and seasoned audiences alike. These performances highlight the region's dedication to musical excellence, attracting listeners from around the county.

Theatre lovers can also find their place here. **The ALLEY Theatre** in Anderson offers an intimate setting for local performances, while **The Commons Theatre** in Alexandria showcases community-driven plays and musicals. **The Duck Creek Center for the Arts** in Elwood also contributes to the county's theatrical offerings, hosting a variety of performances that bring local talent to the forefront. Additionally, Anderson's **Main-stage Theatre** continues to be a cultural hub, staging everything from comedies to dramatic productions.

From dance and symphonies to local theatre, Madison County's performing arts scene is a treasure trove for art lovers. Whether it's the grace of ballet or the thrill of live theatre, the county offers a rich cultural experience year-round.

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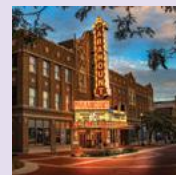
The Anderson Paramount Theatre Centre and Ballroom

Experience music, theatre and more, while you enjoy a night both inside and under the stars.

The Paramount Theatre Centre and Ballroom, located in downtown Anderson, is an iconic piece of local history and culture. Built in 1929, it was designed by the famous architect John Eberson as an atmospheric theatre,

styled to resemble a Spanish courtyard with twinkling stars overhead and drifting clouds on the ceiling. Over the decades, the Paramount has been a key part of Madison County's arts scene, hosting an array of performances ranging from concerts and ballets to comedy shows and community events. It is also home to the Anderson Symphony Orchestra, offering audiences an opportunity to experience classical music in a stunning historical setting.

The theatre underwent extensive restoration efforts to preserve its original charm and now features modern amenities while maintaining its vintage appeal. Its grand ballroom, often used for weddings, galas, and other large events, adds to the venue's versatility. Whether you're attending a performance, taking a tour, or hosting an event, the Paramount Theatre remains a cultural centerpiece in Anderson and a must-see for visitors.





Public Art



Anderson features several public art installations that reflect its rich cultural heritage and community spirit. **“Graces,”** by artist Kenneth Ryden, is a captivating piece that celebrates beauty and harmony. With its elegant forms and intricate details, it symbolizes grace in movement. **“Helios,”** created by Arlon Baylis, is a striking representation of the sun capturing energy, movement and light. **The Crystal Arch Sculpture** is a public art piece that symbolizes hope and unity. Made from glass and metal, it features intricate designs reflecting light beautifully. Designed to promote pedestrian culture and connectivity, **The Walking Man Project** is a series of unique sculptures depicting a walking figure. You’ll find these art installations located throughout the city, and each sculpture reflects local history and culture.



The Quincy Alley murals in downtown Elwood are a vibrant testament to the town’s artistic spirit. Fifteen colorful murals adorn the walls of the alley, showcasing local history, culture and community pride. Artists have transformed the space into an open-air gallery, depicting everything from whimsical scenes to historical narratives. **The Red Gold mural** pays tribute to the nationally recognized tomato processing company, celebrating the community’s agricultural roots. Bright colors and bold designs depict tomatoes and farm scenes, reflecting the importance of the town’s identity. In the town of Alexandria, artistic creations are enhancing their downtown Harrison Square area with murals that reflect local history and community spirit. Each mural tells a unique story, fostering connections among residents and visitors.

Museums

Discover a world of creativity and history at our museums and galleries, where timeless art and fascinating exhibits ignite the imagination, offering a journey through culture, innovation, and human expression.



Anderson Artist Alley is a thriving cultural space that celebrates local talent. Featuring a variety of artists, visitors can explore diverse creations and connect with artists during events and exhibitions. Anderson is home to a dynamic collection of murals that bring the city's history and culture to life. Scattered throughout the downtown area, artistic murals celebrate everything from local sports legends to significant historical events. These large-scale murals adorn building facades and alleyways, transforming the urban landscape into an open-air gallery. Pendleton showcases stunning murals that highlight the town's history and artistic spirit. Each mural reflects local stories, from notable events to community values.

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Anderson Museum of Art features a diverse array of exhibits showcasing contemporary and historical art, sculptures and photography. The museum hosts rotating exhibits, educational programs, and community events, located in the historic Carnegie Library building, making it a key destination for art enthusiasts in the region.

The Madison County Historical Society collects and preserves artifacts, documents and photographs pertaining to the history of Madison County. All are welcome to explore the three floors of exhibits and displays preserving the region's history. The museum makes it a vital resource for the community and appreciation for its past among residents and visitors alike.

The Alexandria Monroe Historical Museum displays artifacts from the late 1800's gas boom and agricultural roots. One legacy from that era is Aladdin Lamps, producing iconic kerosene lamps that illuminated homes across America. The museum highlights notable figures, such as renowned gospel music artists, Bill and Gloria Gaither. Their impactful music and inspirational lyrics have touched countless lives.

Pendleton Historical Museum is home to a stunning quilt exhibit that highlights the artistry and craftsmanship of local quilters. This collection celebrates the community's textile heritage while intertwining the town's history, stories of tradition, family, and creativity that define Pendleton, making it a unique destination for history enthusiasts.





Outdoor Recreation

Mounds State Park features scenic trails, picnic areas, and a riverfront view of the White River. This makes it ideal for hiking and wildlife observation. The historical significance of the ancient earthworks created by Native American cultures, known as the “Mounds,” makes it a natural retreat.

Shadyside Memorial Park features landscape gardens and a variety of recreational facilities, including playgrounds, pickleball courts and sports fields. The lake is ideal for fishing, paddleboats, kayaking and picnicking. Walking trails wind around the area, providing opportunities for leisurely strolls and wildlife observation.

At **Falls Park in Pendleton**, you'll find a serene natural oasis, with the genuine beauty of two ponds and creeks. Discover a playground featuring modern play structures, miles of trails, a dog park, an 18-basket disc golf course, open air shelters, and other fun amenities to enjoy.

In addition to spaces for kayaking and fishing enthusiasts, Madison County also boasts a network of scenic bike trails offering routes for cyclists of all levels. Riders can enjoy the challenging trails of **Rangeline Nature Preserve**, a 180-acre area along the White River of mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels.

Pickleball courts are popular, including those at **Community Sports & Wellness** in Pendleton and others throughout the county.

Families can enjoy local splash pads **Lapel Splash Pad at Woodward Park** and **Anderson Splash Pad at May Park**, which are perfect for cooling off on warm days.

Golfers will appreciate the well-maintained courses that provide a relaxing day on the greens. Check out **Fall Creek Golf Club** in Pendleton, **Elwood Golf Links** in Elwood, and **Edgewood Golf Course** in Anderson.





Craft Beverages



Cultured Urban Winery, located in downtown Anderson, is a vibrant destination for wine enthusiasts. Nestled in a modern space, it offers a blend of urban charm and local flavors. The winery specializes in small-batch wines, crafted from high-quality grapes sourced from local Indiana vineyards and renowned international regions. Each bottle reflects a unique blend of flavors and artistry. From bold reds to crisp whites, their wines invite you to savor the essence of urban winemaking. The winery often hosts live music and special events, making it a perfect spot for gatherings.



Pax Verum Brewing Co. in the town of Lapel is a beloved destination for craft beer enthusiasts. Pax Verum's lineup features hoppy IPAs, smooth rich stouts, refreshing lagers, and seasonal and experimental brews. Their taproom features a modern industrial look, and they have a fully customized outdoor area, encouraging you to relax, taste and explore new flavors. All should feel free to carry-in food from local restaurants in town. Whether you're a local or just visiting, Pax Verum Brewing invites everyone to explore and enjoy their handcrafted creations.



Oakley Brothers' Distillery is a family-owned craft distillery focused on producing small-batch spirits with a local touch, including artisanal whiskey, gin, rum and Indiana moonshine. Each spirit reflects the distillery's dedication to craftsmanship, utilizing locally sourced ingredients and traditional techniques. Visitors can enjoy tastings that highlight the distinct flavors and character of each product. Their dining menu features a variety of appetizers, flatbreads and sandwiches. With its inviting atmosphere and focus on quality, Oakley Brothers' Distillery has become a beloved destination for spirit enthusiasts in the region.



Creatures of Habit Brewing Company offers a range of specialty beers that showcase creativity and quality. Their rotating selection includes draft and bottle brews like fruit-infused IPAs, rich stouts, refreshing sours, appealing to craft beer enthusiasts. Try Creatures of Habit's own brews, such as the Paramount-Porter, a combination of English, German and American ingredients that provide a rich malt backbone. The brewery pairs its exceptional beers with a carefully curated food menu featuring appetizers, burgers, and wraps. With a focus on flavor and community, Creatures of Habit Brewing creates a perfect experience for food and beer lovers alike.

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Agritourism



Tarnished Hollow Brewing Co. supplies a diverse selection of craft beers that celebrate local flavors. The brewhouse located in Elwood, is known for their innovative brews, featuring options like the smooth and hoppy “Elwood IPA,” the rich malty “Dark Hollow Stout,” and seasonal offerings that highlight Indiana’s agricultural bounty. Their welcoming taproom invites patrons to enjoy their brews in a relaxed atmosphere, often featuring local events and live music. Tarnished Hollow Brewing Co. not only serves great beer but also fosters a sense of camaraderie among all Elwood residents and visitors.

Madison County extends unique agritourism experiences, including everything from farm tours, pick-your-own produce, local farmers markets, and engaging events.

Located in Anderson, **Slyfork Valley Nursery Company** is a charming destination for gardening enthusiasts. They specialize in a wide variety of colorful annuals and perennials, hanging pouches, baskets, unique planters and garden art. With their knowledgeable staff on hand, visitors can receive expert advice on plant care and landscaping. The serene atmosphere and beautifully arranged displays make it an inviting place to find the perfect addition for any garden.



Fields of Joy in Anderson invites visitors to experience the joy of u-pick flowers on their 5-acre farm. Beginning the last weekend of June through the end of August, join the staff in the flower field, picking and creating your own beautiful bouquet from the carefully selected variety. In addition to flowers, in season you can also pick asparagus and purchase a variety of other vegetables from their farmstand.



During the fall season, **Smith Family Farms** outside Pendleton transforms into a festive destination filled with autumn charm. Visitors can enjoy hayrides, explore a sprawling corn maze, and pick pumpkins right from the patch. The farm also hosts seasonal events, making it a perfect spot for creating lasting memories.

Hodge Family Farm in Alexandria offers a delightful array of seasonal produce and flower baskets. In summer, enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables, strawberries, sweet corn and more. In the fall choose from a selection of pumpkins and gourds. The farm features seasonal events and family-friendly activities.

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Classic Drive-Ins



Gene's Root Beer and Hot Dogs

offers a nostalgic experience with trays served right at your car window. Famous for its frosty mugs of root beer, hot dogs, and special coney sauce, this charming retro vibe drive-in and friendly service make it a perfect spot for food and fun lovers!



The Lemon Drop

is a local favorite known for their delicious onion burger, a juicy hamburger patty with grilled onions. Try their pork tenderloin sandwich paired with crispy



golden French fries, homemade ranch and a thick, rich shake. It's an ideal spot for indulging in classic comfort food.

Frazier's Dairy Maid is a cherished spot renowned for its creamy soft serve and delicious ice cream treats. Offering a variety of flavors, including classic sundaes and cones, this nostalgic drive-in provides a friendly atmosphere perfect for families.

Jimmie's Dairy Bar is famous for its mouth-watering sloppy joes. This hearty sandwich features seasoned ground beef, tangy sauce all nestled in a soft bun. Try their tangerine ice cream, a refreshing treat perfect for warm days.



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DINING INFO



Dining

Dining in Madison County offers a delightful array of culinary experiences that cater to every palate. Savor diverse cuisines, seasonal ingredients, unique flavors, and warm hospitality in your journey to discover the best options.

Bonge's Tavern in Perkinsville is a must-visit, renowned for its farm-to-table approach and inviting atmosphere. Guests can savor expertly prepared dishes using locally sourced ingredients while enjoying the rustic charm of this beloved spot.

For casual dining, **1925 PubHouse**, located at Grandview Golf Course in Anderson, serves up an extensive menu, showcasing their classic American fare with a twist, everything from hearty pub fare to unique daily specials.

In Elwood, have lunch or dinner at **The Tin Plate-Fine Food & Spirits**, where patrons enjoy the delicious pork tenderloin sandwich, praised for its flavor, tenderness, and the amazing overall size. This local favorite highlights the restaurant's commitment to comfort food, making it a must-try for visitors.

Catello's Italian Art Cuisine in Pendleton brings authentic Italian flavors to the table, featuring Catello's pasta made from scratch with the freshest ingredients. Dine in a cozy setting, perfect for romantic dinners or family gatherings. Catello's exquisite desserts blend classic Italian flavors with modern twists.

For a sweet treat, head over to **Yummerful - Ice Cream & Treats** where they offer a wide range of handcrafted, delicious ice cream flavors and freshly made waffle cones. If you're looking for a perfectly crafted latte or iced coffee, **Falls Perk Coffee Shop** is the spot to relax.

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Shopping



The City of Anderson offers 41 square miles of diverse shopping experiences.

Cowpokes Work and Western serves their customers and fans around the world with a variety of exceptional products. The store has a complete line of cowboy boots, work and western apparel, cowboy hats, jewelry and more.

Thyme Stamp Boutique has a charming selection of handmade goods, unique gifts, and personalized items.

At **Dee & Nicki's Boutique**, it's the go-to spot for fashion enthusiasts featuring trendy clothing, accessories and gifts. For home décor and handcrafted items, **The Gift Box** offers a curated selection of floral arrangements, accessories, and gifts, perfect for adding personality to any space. **Twisted Twigs House of Earthen Goods** displays crystals and stones, perfect for collectors and enthusiasts alike. Discover pieces that promote healing, balance, and energy.

Historic downtown Pendleton provides a charming shopping experience that blends quaint storefronts with rich local history. Shops

Experience the charm of Madison County's unique boutiques, artisan shops, vintage treasures, and much more!

along State Street include **Apple Butter Barn Country Store** featuring an array of handmade crafts, intricate pottery and beautifully crafted wooden items. **B'Dazzled Boutique** offers a selection of trendy women's apparel and accessories for any occasion. A fun shopping experience for children of all ages, **Magication Station** has a diverse selection of toys that spark creativity and imagination. If you're looking for a sweet treat, **The Original Good's Candies** has decadent rich truffles, smooth caramels, and assorted chocolate-covered delights. Antique lovers and vintage collectors will enjoy browsing **Burmeister's Old Town Antiques**, a treasure trove of unique memorabilia, home décor and furniture. You'll find more shops, cozy cafes and restaurants perfect for a break.

In Lapel, **Willow by Greg Adams** explores the craftsmanship of rustic furniture, and the creation of unique items, reflecting

themes of tradition, sustainability, and the warmth that handmade furniture brings to homes. In Elwood, **Carol's Legacy Crystal** specializes in exquisite glass products that blend artistry with craftsmanship. Each piece reflects a dedication to quality and creativity, offering unique items for home décor and gifting.

In Northern Madison County, **Bittersweet Antiques** has a collection of vintage treasures and collectibles that must be admired. **Simple Goodness Soaps** puts emphasis on homegrown ingredients and uses their own farm fresh goat's milk to create their natural soaps, candles and moisturizers. Down the road in Alexandria, you'll find **The McCurry'Osity Shop**, a boutique showcasing a great selection of gifts, clothing and handmade jewelry. Nearby, **Soap and Sunshine Apothecary** has an enticing selection of handcrafted soaps, natural skincare products and wellness items.



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Friday

Night

Begin your weekend with a delicious meal at **Smoky's Concession Stand** before walking one block over to **Pax Verum Brewing**, where you can enjoy local craft beer in a **heated igloo** (reservation required).

Saturday

Morning

Start your Saturday at one of our cozy local coffee shops, like **Jackrabbit Coffee** or **The Exchange Coffee Co.** in Anderson with a freshly brewed cup or specialty drink. Then, explore the quiet, snow-covered trails at **Mounds State Park**, taking in the serene winter landscape and ancient Native American earthworks.

Midday

Enjoy a casual and delicious lunch at **Oakley Brothers' Distillery** in Anderson, where all ages are welcome. Warm up with pub-style comfort food and locally crafted spirits. Spend your afternoon at the **outdoor ice-skating rink** at **Dickmann Town Center** in Anderson. It's the perfect winter activity for the family!

Night

After working up an appetite, indulge in a meal at **Ron Lahody's Steakhouse** in Anderson. Then, either spend your Saturday evening at the **Paramount Theatre**, watching a live performance by the **Anderson Symphony Orchestra**, or take in the talent of actors at one of Madison County's local theatres, like **Anderson's Mainstage Theatre**.

Sunday

Midday

Before you head out, head over to the **Anderson Museum of Art**, where you can explore rotating exhibitions from local and national artists.

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SPRING INFO



Friday

Night

Kick off your weekend with a savory Mexican dinner at **Burro Loco** in Anderson, and then head to **Cultured Urban Winery** or **Creatures of Habit Brewing Co.** for a delicious pre-show drink. Afterward, walk over to the **Paramount Theatre**, where you can experience performances ranging from concerts to symphony shows.

Saturday

Morning

Start your day with breakfast at **Ohanalulu** or **Sophie's Bagels** in Pendleton, enjoying fresh bagels, pastries, and coffee. Afterward, visit the **Pendleton Farmers Market** or the **Anderson Farmers Market** in mid-late spring to browse locally grown produce, artisan crafts, and handmade goods.

Midday

After the markets, head north to the quirky **World's Largest Ball of Paint** in Alexandria, where you can add a layer to this colorful roadside attraction. Then, grab a (big) bite to eat and try the famous pork tenderloin sandwich at **The Tin Plate - Fine Food & Spirits** in Elwood. Next, head to **White River Paintball** in Anderson for some adrenaline-pumping outdoor paintball action, perfect for groups and outdoor enthusiasts.

Night

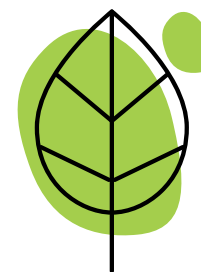
Wrap up your Saturday with a flavorful and authentic Italian dinner at **Catello's Italian Art Cuisine** in Pendleton, which will leave you dreaming of a return trip.

Sunday

Midday

Before you leave, be sure to visit **Camp Chesterfield**, a spiritualist camp with peaceful gardens and historic landmarks. Explore the grounds and absorb the tranquil setting.

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Spring ITINERARY





Summer ITINERARY



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SUMMER INFO



Friday

Night

There's no better way to start your trip than with a visit to **Harrah's Hoosier Park** in Anderson. Start with dinner at the Homestretch Clubhouse or Steakhouse, then enjoy an exciting night of live harness racing. After the races, visit **the casino** for a variety of gaming options or enjoy a live show on the entertainment stage.

Saturday

Morning

Start your day with breakfast and tasty coffee at **Falls Perk Coffee House** or **Invited to the Table** in Pendleton, and then make your way north to **Uranus Fudge Factory - Anderson, Indiana** to grab some souvenirs, ice cream, and play a **round of miniature golf**.

Midday

For lunch, sit by the water and eat as the locals do at **Bobber's Café** at Shadyside. After, take a spin on the City of Anderson's **kayaks and paddle boats**, which are free to rent.

Night

Before enjoying a thrilling evening at the **Anderson Speedway** and catching a high-energy race, grab a classic carside meal at **Gene's Root Beer & Hot Dogs**, where you can indulge in burgers, hot dogs, and their famous frosted mugs of root beer.

Sunday

Morning

Immerse yourself in the outdoors even more with a peaceful summer hike at the beautiful **Mounds State Park**. See the greenery, listen to the flow of the river, and relish in the history.

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FALL INFO



Friday

Night

Start your weekend with a leisurely stroll through the beautiful fall foliage and admire the falls at **Falls Park** in Pendleton. After, head to historic downtown Pendleton to browse the charming shops, then pop into **Edicta39** for a yummy Venezuelan fusion meal. If you're up for dessert, end the night with a sweet treat at **Yummerful**, where you can enjoy ice cream in a freshly made waffle cone.

Saturday

Morning

On the northern side of the county, try a delicious breakfast at **Alexandria Bakery** or **SunShine & Cinnamon Café** in Alexandria. Continue down the road and visit **Soap & Sunshine Apothecary** in Alexandria or **Simple Goodness Soaps** in Elwood to shop for handmade, fall-scented soaps and lotions.

Midday

For lunch, head to Anderson and **The Lemon Drop** to enjoy a classic Indiana meal featuring their breaded pork tenderloin or indulge in a famous onion burger. Then, pop over to **Anderson University** to catch an exciting football game and soak in the lively campus atmosphere. After the game, head to **Smith Family Farms** in Pendleton or **Slyfork Valley Nursery** in Anderson for some fall agritourism fun. Enjoy picking pumpkins or picking up fresh produce and homemade goods.

Night

End your Saturday with dinner at the unique **Bonge's Tavern** for an upscale meal (reservations required). Believe us, you don't want to miss this.

Sunday

Morning

Wrap up your weekend with a visit to see more fall foliage at **Shadyside Memorial Park** in Anderson. Walk the paved paths and watch the leaves fall into the water, creating the perfect ending to your trip.

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History

Discover Madison County's rich heritage, where history lives in timeless architecture, century-old trees, and storied landmarks. Step into the past and explore its enduring legacy.



Frederick Bronnenberg Jr. House

The Frederick Bronnenberg Sr. family arrived in Madison County, Indiana around 1820. The third child, Frederick Jr., built the brick, two-story **Bronnenberg home** around 1850. He and his wife Hulda raised six children in the house. The Federal-style home was originally "ell" shaped and consisted of five rooms. Over the years, changes and additions have been made. Around 1870, Frederick Jr.'s son Ransom added a second floor to the ell, enclosed the back porch, and added a second floor to it. The house is located within Mounds State Park.



Elwood Opera House

The Elwood Opera House is truly a magnificent building. Today, very little remains of its original interior appearance when it opened for business in October 1891. Located on the southwest corner of South A and South Anderson streets in Elwood, the front side of the three-story building retains near the top the words "OPERA HOUSE" embossed in stone proudly proclaiming for all to see the home of the once-famous theater. During its eleven years of operation, the Elwood Opera House hosted a variety of famous personalities from the entertainment world.



Orestes Oak Tree

Orestes is home to a magnificently beautiful **White Oak Tree** that was named "Tree of the Year" by the Indiana chapter of the International Arboriculture Society in 1980. Ten years earlier, arborists from Purdue University approximated its age to date from 1670 and measured seventy-seven inches in diameter. The Madison County Historical Society secured and dedicated a bronze plaque to the great oak on May 6, 1973. It is displayed on a boulder beside the enduring hardwood which survived the tornado of 1922 and numerous lightning, wind, and ice storms.



Historic Pendleton

Pendleton is a captivating destination for history enthusiasts. Its charming downtown features well-preserved 19th-century architecture. **The Pendleton Historic District** offers a glimpse into the past, showcasing landmarks like the historical Thomas Pendleton House and the Pendleton Fire Museum. Visitors can explore the fascinating stories of the area, including its role in the Underground Railroad. The town also hosts events and festivals throughout the year, providing a vibrant community atmosphere. Discover Pendleton's unique history and enjoy a delightful small-town experience.



Lodging



Madison County offers a diverse range of lodging options to accommodate various tastes and budgets. For those seeking comfort and modern amenities, there are popular hotel chains, providing well-appointed rooms and complimentary

breakfasts, fitness centers and free Wi-Fi. For the budget-conscious traveler, there are options that deliver affordability without sacrificing comfort.

If you're looking to immerse yourself in nature, Madison County campgrounds are a perfect choice. Whether you prefer tent camping or RV sites, our campgrounds are ideal for families and adventure seekers. These campgrounds feature amenities like fire rings, picnic tables, and access to hiking and fishing spots.

If you prefer a more personalized experience, there are charming bed-and-breakfasts throughout the county. From rustic cabins to spacious homes, you can find the ideal place to relax with family or friends, perfect for a romantic getaway or a relaxing retreat.

Our location off Interstate 69 offers easy access to nearby cities, enhancing your travel experience. Whether you're in town for business, leisure, or family visits, our lodging options cater to all, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable stay.



CAMPGROUNDS & RV SITES

Mounds State Park

4306 Mounds Rd, Anderson
765-642-6627
in.gov/dnr/state-parks

Muncie RV Resort by R Journey

3230 E. 75 N, Anderson
765-259-3305
rjourney.com

Mystic Waters Campground

5435 W. State Rd 38, Pendleton
317-496-9844
mysticwaterscampground.com

Glo-Wood Campground

9834 W. 700 S, Pendleton
317-485-5239

HOTELS & MOTELS

Anderson Inn

5810 S. Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
765-642-4384
anderson-inn.business.site

Anderson Country Inn

5836 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd,
Anderson
765-643-7777

Baymont Inn & Suites

2215 E. 59th St, Anderson
765-642-2222
wyndhamhotels.com

Best Western Plus

2114 E. 59th St, Anderson
765-649-2500
bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn & Suites

2229 E. 59th St, Anderson
765-649-3000
choicehotels.com

Days Inn

5706 S. Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
765-393-8964
wyndhamhotels.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites

2400 E. 64th St, Anderson
765-374-6300
marriott.com/fairfield-inn

H & K Motel

583 Broadway, Anderson
765-643-6685

Holiday Inn Express

6720 S. Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
765-779-0111
www.ihg.com

Mar-Jon Motel

1327 E. 53rd St, Anderson
765-644-7766

Motel 6

2205 E. 59th St, Anderson
765-644-4422
motel6.com

Quality Inn & Suites

1836 E. 64th St, Anderson
765-641-9980
choicehotels.com

Red Roof Inn

6325 S. Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
765-640-1356
redroof.com

TRU by Hilton

2410 E. 64th St, Anderson
765-615-4900
hilton.com

Western Hotel/ IN Assoc of Spiritualists

50 Lincoln Drive, Chesterfield
765-378-0255
campchesterfield.com



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