

# OUTDOORS & RECREATION

The rolling hills, dense tree canopy, and limestone outcroppings are fundamental parts of the culture of this community. Dreams blossom among the towering tulip trees and spirits are rejuvenated on the waters of Monroe Lake. But life is about balance: it's not all meditations in nature, it's also action. Bike the trails, take a few swings on the golf course, or cheer for the Hoosiers during a home game (a participatory activity, to be sure).

## LAKES

### GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

109-acre lake and over 10 miles of natural trail. No swimming. Non-motorized boats or electric trolling motors only. 3300 N. Headley Rd.; 812-349-3732; [bloomington.in.gov/griffylake](http://bloomington.in.gov/griffylake)

### LAKE LEMON

1,650-acre lake with marina, boat ramp, and swimming beach. 10 miles east of Bloomington on State Rd. 45 North, 7599 N. Tunnel Rd.; 812-334-0233; [lakelemon.org](http://lakelemon.org)

### MONROE LAKE

10,750-acre lake with boating, swimming, hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing, plus programs and special events. Monroe Lake Office: 4850 S. State Rd. 446; 812-837-9546; Paynetown Activity Center & Naturalist's Office: 812-837-9967; [in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm](http://in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm) [facebook.com/monroelake](https://facebook.com/monroelake)

## MARINAS & BOAT RENTALS

### GRIFFY LAKE BOATHOUSE

Rent canoes, kayaks, and rowboats. Ramp available for privately owned non-motorized boats. No swimming. 3300 N. Headley Rd.; 812-349-3732; [bloomington.in.gov/griffylake](http://bloomington.in.gov/griffylake)

### PARADISE BOAT RENTAL

The boat you need to complete your family "staycation." At Fourwinds Lakeside Inn & Marina; 800-824-BOAT(2628); [fourwindslakeside.com](http://fourwindslakeside.com)

### LAKE MONROE BOAT RENTAL

Pontoons/slides, ski boats, jet skis, fishing boats, canoes, kayaks, and SUPs. Paynetown State Recreation Area; 812-837-9909; [lakemonroeboatrental.com](http://lakemonroeboatrental.com)

## FORESTS & WILDERNESS AREAS

### BEANBLOSSOM BOTTOMS

A bottomland hardwood forest with unusual species; great for bird watching. Accessible from Bottom Rd. & Woodall Rd.; 812-336-5382; [nature.org/indiana](http://nature.org/indiana)

### CEDAR BLUFF NATURE PRESERVE

Challenging terrain and scenic views make it a Hoosier favorite. Just off Ketcham Rd.; 317-951-8818; [nature.org/indiana](http://nature.org/indiana)

### CHARLES C. DEAM WILDERNESS AREA

13,000-acre protected wilderness area for camping and hiking in solitude. Accessible from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; [www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier)

### HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST

202,000 acres with miles of trails for hiking, biking, camping, and more. Access from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; [www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier](http://www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier)



MONROE LAKE

### LEONARD SPRINGS NATURE PARK

95.5-acre park with caves (no admission), springs, wetland, and one-mile loop trail. 4685 S. Leonard Springs Rd.; 812-349-3700

### MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST

24,000-acre forest with camping, hunting, and three lakes for fishing. 6220 Forest Rd.; 765-342-4026; [in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)

### YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST

Features a 133-acre lake, fishing, hiking, camping, and hunting. 772 Yellowwood Lake Rd.; 812-988-7945; [in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)



WAPEHANI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

## BIRDING

### MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The restle unit is a 78-acre refuge with great bird watching. Accessible from Bottom Rd. & Woodall Rd.; 812-522-4352; [fws.gov/refuge/muscatatuck](http://fws.gov/refuge/muscatatuck)

### STILLWATER-NORTH FORK WATERFOWL RESTING AREA

Great bird watching in Monroe Lake area. Just east of Bloomington off State Rd. 46; 812-349-2800; [in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr)

## HUNTING & FISHING

For specific information on areas that are available to the public for hunting and fishing in the Bloomington area, please contact the Bloomington Visitors Center at 800-800-0037.

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### **HARDIN RIDGE STATE RECREATION AREA**

Boat ramp, RV and primitive camping, hiking, beach, and shower facilities. 6464 Hardin Ridge Rd.; 812-837-9453; [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov)

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Primitive camping throughout the forest, plus limited RV camping. Accessible from State Rd. 446; 812-275-5987; [www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier](http://www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier)

### **LAKE MONROE VILLAGE**

RV hookups, cabins, and resort amenities for the whole family. 8107 S. Fairfax Rd.; 812-824-CAMP(2267); [lakemonroevillage.com](http://lakemonroevillage.com)

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Boat ramp, RV and primitive camping, hiking, beach, marina, and shower facilities. 4850 State Rd. 446; 812-837-9490 or 812-837-9546; [indiana.reserveworld.com](http://indiana.reserveworld.com)

## TOURS & OUTFITTERS

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### **BLUESPRING CAVERNS PARK**

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### **IU OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

IUOA is Indiana's comprehensive outdoor equipment outfitter and trip provider. 1900 E. Tenth St., Eigenmann Hall, Room 020; 812-855-2231; [imu.indiana.edu/iuoa](http://imu.indiana.edu/iuoa)

### **NATURAL BLOOMINGTON**

Sharing Southern Indiana's natural beauty through image, prose, and ecotourism. 812-929-2430; [naturalbloomington.com](http://naturalbloomington.com)

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

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### **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

Offering a wide variety of parks, recreation facilities, trails, and programs. Call for a complete schedule. Offices: 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250; 812-349-3700; [bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://bloomington.in.gov/parks)

### **MONROE COUNTY**

Providing several parks, trails, and unique recreation facilities. Offices: 501 N. Morton St., Suite 100; 812-349-2800; [mcparksandrec.org](http://mcparksandrec.org)



ASSEMBLY HALL

## BIKING & WALKING TRAILS

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### **B-LINE TRAIL**

3.1-mile paved trail through downtown Bloomington; no motorized vehicles. *Downtown Bloomington*; 812-349-3700; [bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://bloomington.in.gov/parks)

### **BLOOMINGTON RAIL TRAIL**

2-mile gravel trail with multiple trailheads; no motorized vehicles. *Trailheads at W. Country Club Rd. and Church Ln.*; 812-349-3700; [bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://bloomington.in.gov/parks)

### **CLEAR CREEK TRAIL**

2.4-mile paved trail with multiple trailheads; no motorized vehicles. *Trailhead at W. Country Club Rd.*; 812-349-3700; [bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://bloomington.in.gov/parks)

### **WAPEHANI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK**

Nearly 10 miles of trails. Sign the waiver before riding. *2800 W. Wapehani Rd.*; 812-349-3736; [bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://bloomington.in.gov/parks)

## SPORTS & RECREATION

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*IU Sports Facilities:*

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*Community Recreation Facilities:*

**FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA**

Open October through March with public skating daily. Admission charged. 2100 S. Henderson St.; 812-349-3741; bloomington.in.gov/parks

**TWIN LAKES RECREATION CENTER**

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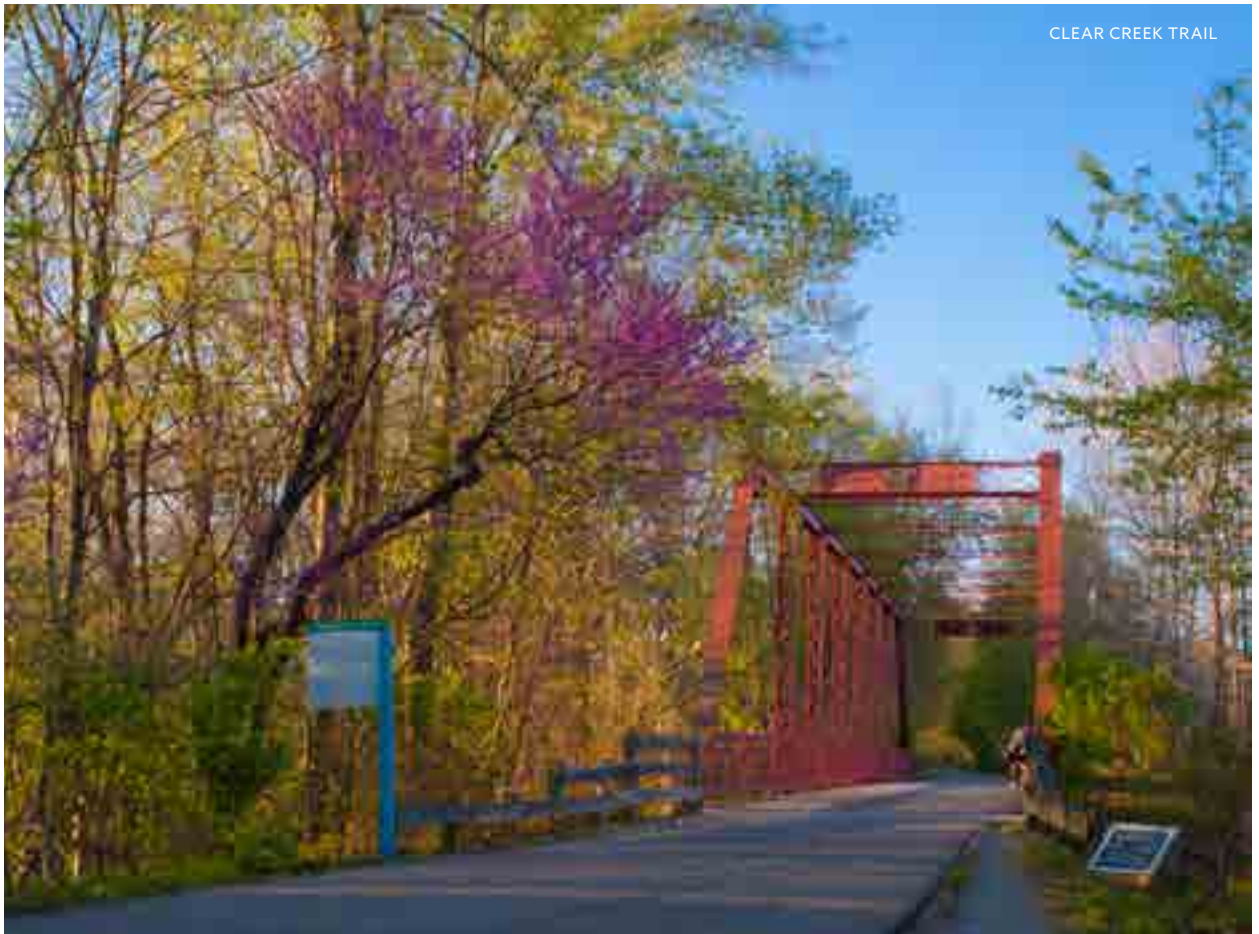
**GOLF**

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1100 W. 14th St.; 812-349-3741;  
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**SWIMMING BEACHES**

See lake listings for directions  
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA, Fairfax SRA  
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