

100+ BEST THINGS

TO See AND Do IN
BLOOMINGTON

Whether you're visiting Bloomington, have recently moved here, or have lived here all your life, this list will help you discover (or rediscover) many of the wonderful things there are to see and do in our incredible town. And to learn what's taking place on any given day, visit our **Events Calendar** at magbloom.com, where you will find information on hundreds of happenings.

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FESTIVALS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Almost every week, there is something special going on in Bloomington's streets and public spaces. Many events are free or inexpensive. Here, in order, are current and upcoming special events.

113 DAYS OF ART, officially known as IU Summer Festival of the Arts, presents art, music, theater, cinema, and dance events all summer long at various venues. Until August 26. artsfest.indiana.edu.

THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION'S SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS SERIES presents some of Bloomington's finest musical acts and classic family movies in parks around town—all free of charge. Just bring something to sit on, a picnic basket, and enjoy. From June through September. bloomington.in.gov/concerts.

DROOL IN THE POOL is a wacky, annual event when a Bloomington public pool literally goes to the dogs. Pooches frolic with abandon in the water, compete in contests, and more. August 14-15, 5-8 pm, Mills Pool, 1100 W. 14th St. bloomington.in.gov/drool-in-the-pool.

COMMUNITY ART FAIR AND GARLIC FEST is an arresting combination of local art, music, and garlicky fare. Labor Day weekend. Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park, 331 S. Washington St. bloomingtongarlicfestival.com.

FOURTH STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS on Labor Day weekend transforms the blocks around East 4th Street into a teeming art bazaar. Browse more than 100 booths of artisans from around the country—and enjoy live music and food to boot. This year, it's August 31 and September 1. sites.google.com/site/4thstreetfestival.

KIWANIS HOT AIR BALLOON FEST will host 20 colorful, enormous hot air balloons to benefit the local Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington and other charities. Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 W. Airport Rd., September 6-8. indianaballoon-fest.com.

A FAIR OF THE ARTS, a juried arts-and-crafts fair with demonstrations, happens on the second Saturday of the month at Bloomington Community Farmers' Market, Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton St., September 14 and October 12. (See Farmers' Market)



THE LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASE
Photo by Lynae Sowinski

LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL, in its 20th year, is the granddaddy of Bloomington festivals. Every fall, the world brings its music to Bloomington—there is dancing in the streets and at many downtown venues. Not to be missed, worth coming back for. Various locations. September 25-29. See schedule at lotusfest.org.

GALLERY WALKS on the first Friday in February, April, June, August, October, and December are great opportunities to check out new exhibits at local art galleries and, yes, appreciate some complimentary wine, cheese, and other snacks in the process. gallerywalkbloomington.com.

28TH ANNUAL FIBER ARTS SHOW AND SALE, presented by the Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild, is a two-day event at which guild members sell their fine handcrafted wares. Dates to be announced. bloomspinweave.org.

THE CANOPY OF LIGHTS holiday-lighting ceremony, Friday after Thanksgiving, is one of Bloomington's most beloved traditions, eliciting thousands of oohs and aahs. "The first time I went, I felt like an extra in a Disney movie," reports Malcolm Abrams, former cynical New Yorker, now sentimental *Bloom* editor and publisher. November 29, downtown Square.

KRISTA DETOR'S HOLIDAY SHOW is guaranteed to jingle your bells. Don't miss Krista, a wondrous singer/songwriter, and a stage full of her talented friends. Held at Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center, December 12, 7 pm, it's also a benefit for Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County. kristadetor.com.

PRIDE LGBTQ FILM FESTIVAL every January is four days of cinematic exploration of issues important to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer

community. Films include documentaries, short films, animation, and international full-length features. Oh, and there is a big party at the end. January 23-26. Most events at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 E. Kirkwood. pridefilmfestival.org.

SOUP BOWL BENEFIT is one of Bloomington's most popular fundraisers and the largest annual contributor to Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Visitors pick a handmade bowl, then fill it with delicious soups and breads from local restaurants. Check soupbowl.org for date and location.

THE LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASE happens on one day in February when more than 70 artists exhibit all in one place. For art lovers, this is a day not to be missed. Presented by *Bloom Magazine* and Ivy Tech Community College. Bloomington Convention Center, February 22. magbloom.com.

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW celebrates its 23rd year in March. If you're a quilter or just love fabric arts, mark your calendar for three full days of workshops and more than 200 quilts on display. Bloomington Convention Center. March 6-8. ihqs.org.



THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR
Photo by Steve Raymer



B-TOWN'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
Photo by Steve Raymer



THE INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM
Photo by Lynae Sowinski

BLOOMINGTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL brings together state-of-the-art suds from Indiana brewers and a select group of out-of-state breweries with music and food at the historic Woolery Mill in April. brewersofindiana-guild.com.

LIMESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL debuted this past June and had 'em rolling in the aisles at multiple venues downtown. Among the featured performers this year were Tig Notaro, Graham Elwood, Maria Bamford, and Comedy Central's Jackie Kashian. Sure to be an annual favorite. limestonefest.com.

THE INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM in June lets seasoned and novice sculptors try their hand at carving our famed indigenous rock. Workshops offered by master carvers from around the country. Takes place near Bybee Stone Mill in Ellettsville, five miles northwest of Bloomington. limestonesymposium.org.

ARTS FAIR ON THE SQUARE/ TASTE OF BLOOMINGTON is one glorious day for the senses. From morning to late afternoon,

feast your eyes on the work of more than 60 artists displayed around the courthouse, then treat your taste buds to offerings from popular Bloomington restaurants while you groove to live music at Showers Plaza. Late June. artsfair.newplays.org/artsfair.html, visitbloomington.com/taste.

B-TOWN'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE is quintessential Americana: sidewalks full of smiling townsfolk and cute kids in patriotic T-shirts waving at floats, bands, and local dignitaries in convertibles snaking their way through downtown. Route sometimes changes, so check the city of Bloomington website, bloomington.in.gov.

MONROE COUNTY FAIR is bona fide Hoosier hospitality, complete with prize-winning livestock and baked goods, dog agility contests, carnival rides, a rodeo, demolition derby, and much more. Late July-early August. Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 W. Airport Rd. monroecountyfairgrounds.net.



Where but around Bloomington can you meditate with Buddhist monks, see rescued lions and tigers, and view Alfred Kinsey's erotica collection all on the same day?

ROSE HILL CEMETERY at 1100 W. 4th St. was established in 1892 and is the final resting place of such notables as Hoagy Carmichael, Alfred Kinsey, and author Ross Lockridge Jr. (*Raintree County*). Download the walking tour brochure at bloomington.in.gov/walkingtours.



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THE EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER
Photo by Steve Raymer

THE TIBETAN MONGOLIAN BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTER
Photo by Nicholas Demille



TIBETAN MONGOLIAN BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTER, founded by Thubten Jigme Norbu, brother of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, hosts classes, programs, and retreats for visitors of all faiths in a peaceful, wooded setting. The center's Happy Yak gift shop sells traditional Tibetan clothing and ceremonial objects. 3655 S. Snoddy Rd. tmbcc.net, 336-6807.

B-LINE TRAIL extends 3.1 paved miles from North Adams Street through downtown to West Country Club Drive. Lighted from dusk to dawn, the trail is wheelchair accessible and a favorite with joggers, skaters, stroller-pushing parents, and downtown workers on their lunch hour. bloomington.in.gov, 349-3700.

THE KINSEY INSTITUTE has been on the cutting edge of sexual research for more than 60 years and has an extensive collection of erotica. Tours by appointment. Morrison Hall 313, 1165 E. 3rd St. kinseyinstitute.org, 855-7686.

KIRKWOOD OBSERVATORY, dedicated in 1901, is free and open to the public most Wednesday nights from March to November, subject to weather conditions. East of Indiana Avenue and East 4th Street in Dunn's Woods. astro.indiana.edu, 855-7736.

EXOTIC FELINE RESCUE CENTER has nearly 200 big cats from 8 species and is one of the nation's largest rescue centers. About an hour's drive northwest of Bloomington. 2221 E. Ashboro Rd., Center Point. exoticfeline rescuecenter.org, 812-835-1130.

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MUSEUMS

Most of our museums are free or charge just a few dollars for admission. All accept donations. Find out more at magbloom.com/event-categories/exhibits.

THE FARMER HOUSE MUSEUM, located in an 1869 residence, is a living museum that interprets Monroe County heritage and family life. 529 N. College. thefarmerhousemuseum.wix.com/homepage, 336-5597.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM, designed by renowned architect I. M. Pei and with a permanent collection of more than 40,000 objects, is one of the foremost university art museums in the country. Angles, the gift shop and café on the second floor, stocks original jewelry and exhibit-themed objects and is a great place to grab an espresso or gourmet cookie. 1133 E. 7th St. iub.edu/~iuam, 855-5445.

THE LILLY LIBRARY, Indiana University's library for rare books, manuscripts, and special collections, has 400,000 books, 100,000 pieces of sheet music, 7.5 million manuscripts, and the world's largest collection of mechanical puzzles. 1200 E. 7th St. indiana.edu/~liblilly, 855-2452.

MATHERS MUSEUM OF WORLD CULTURES is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with an exhibition featuring treasures from its collection. The museum store stocks handcrafted goods from around the globe. 416 N. Indiana Ave. mathers.indiana.edu, 855-6873.

MONROE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER lets you step back in time and visit an 1880s schoolhouse and a life-size log cabin. Check the website for special exhibits. 202 E. 6th St. monroehistory.org, 332-2517.

THE LILLY LIBRARY IS MORE THAN JUST A RESEARCH LIBRARY

Courtesy of The Lilly Library

THE FRIENDS OF T.C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE in Brown County is the rustic home and studio of noted Hoosier impressionist painter Theodore Clement Steele (1847-1926). Lovely year-round, the site includes gardens of native plants, hiking trails, and a gift shop. 4220 T.C. Steele Rd., Nashville, Indiana. tcsteele.org, 812-988-2785.

WONDERLAB MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY, ranked one of the top 25 science museums by *Parents Magazine*, has interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and a gift shop with educational toys and books. 308 W. 4th St. wonderlab.org, 337-1337.

WYLIE HOUSE MUSEUM is the meticulously restored 19th-century house and gardens of IU's first president, Andrew Wylie. Gift shop sells heirloom seeds. Open for guided tours March-November. 307 E. 2nd St. indiana.edu/~libwylie, 855-6224.

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CARDINAL STAGE COMPANY

Courtesy photo

THEATER

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Cities many times Bloomington's size would envy the diversity and quality of our theater scene. For details, visit magbloom.com/event-categories/theater.

BLOOMINGTON PLAY-WRIGHTS PROJECT (BPP) has been producing brand new plays for more than 30 years. It is, in the words of Artistic Director Chad Rabinovitz, "Where theater is born." BPP's 2013-2014 season begins October 4 with *Sequence* by Arun Lakra, winner of the 2013-2014 Woodward/Newman [Joanne and Paul] Drama Award. 107 W. 9th St. newplays.org, 334-1188.

CARDINAL STAGE is a professional company that produces diverse, first-rate theater—from well-loved musicals to biting political satire and everything in between. Its children's shows are nothing short of magical. The 2013-2014 season kicks off with an adaptation of William Golding's classic novel *Lord of the Flies*, September 11-15, and concludes with *Les Misérables*, June 19-29. For schedule and venues, visit cardinalstage.org, 336-9300.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DRAMA presents a richly varied season of drama, comedy,

and musicals. In August, you can catch *Island Song*, a premiere musical that closes the summer's Indiana Festival Theatre. The 2013-2014 season starts in September and runs through April. All shows are at Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center, 275 N. Jordan Ave. indiana.edu/~thtr, 855-1103.

IVY TECH STUDENT PRODUCTIONS is in its second season. The fall offering is *No Exit* by Jean-Paul Sartre, October 25-26, 31, and November 1-2. All performances take place at Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center, 122 S. Walnut. ivytech.edu/bloomington/waldron/performance, 330-4400.

JEWISH THEATRE OF BLOOMINGTON, now in its seventh season, produces works arising from the Jewish experience but also about universal issues. The fall season opens in November with the drama, *The Value of Names*, by Jeffrey Sweet. jewishtheatrebloomington.org, 336-3198.

MONROE COUNTY CIVIC THEATER (MCCT) is Bloomington's longest-running, completely amateur community theater organization. MCCT presents free Shakespeare in the Park in the summer and a variety of classic and original works throughout the year at various venues. mcct.org, 269-8788.

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MOVIES

Cinema aficionados have many reasons to love Bloomington. In addition to two multiplex theaters featuring the latest Hollywood releases, it has two established film series, a classic drive-in, and several film festivals. (See Festivals)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CINEMA is a state-of-the-art film venue located in the heart of the IU campus. Each semester, it screens more than 150 films, including new art-house releases, foreign-language films, children's films, and film classics. Special screenings are hosted by visiting filmmakers and scholars. Admission is often free, but sometimes there is a nominal charge. Tickets should be obtained in advance from the IU Auditorium Box Office. cinema.indiana.edu, 855-7632.

For 25 years, **RYDER FILM SERIES** has presented foreign-language, independent, and classic American films at various venues around town. Admission is \$5. theryder.com/filmseries.

STARLITE DRIVE-IN started decades ago in the backyard of its original owners. Today, it is an authentic old-school drive-in movie theater that delivers a whole night of affordable fun for everyone you can pack in your car. The facility also has a full-service concession stand. Season ends mid-September. 7630 S. Old State Road 37. starlitebloomington.com.



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MUSIC

JAZZ AT BEAR'S PLACE
Photo by Steve Raymer



OPERA AT THE IU JACOBS
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Photo by Steve Raymer

IU AUDITORIUM

The centerpiece of the Fine Arts Plaza, IU Auditorium is one of the premier performance centers in the Midwest. For more than 60 years, Broadway touring shows, classical musicians and rock 'n' roll legends, renowned speakers and entertainers, and more have performed in the elegant 3,200-seat theater. The auditorium is home to the Dailey Family Memorial Collection of Hoosier Art, the magnificent 1889 IU Auditorium Organ, and several Thomas Hart Benton murals.

THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE

Music is the lifeblood of Bloomington's cultural scene. Our burg has myriad venues where you can see talented local and touring artists. Most cover charges, if they exist, are less than \$10. When checking to see who's playing where, look for these talented entertainers: Craig Brenner, Jenn Cristy, Krista Detor, Tim Grimm, Monika Herzig, Curtis Cantwell Jackson, Janiece Jaffe, Carrie Newcomer, Tom Roznowski, and Jason Wilber.

BEAR'S PLACE (jazz, rock), 1316 E. 3rd St. bearsplacebar.com.

THE BISHOP (rock 'n' roll and alternative), 123 S. Walnut. thebishopbar.com.

THE BLUEBIRD NIGHTCLUB (rock 'n' roll, blues, folk, country, contemporary), 216 N. Walnut. thebluebird.ws.

BUSKIRK-CHUMLEY THEATER (national acts and local favorites), 114 E. Kirkwood. bctboxoffice.com.

CAFÉ DJANGO (jazz), 116 N. Grant St. cafedjango.org.

FARM ROOT CELLAR LOUNGE (jazz, blues, DJs, karaoke, rock 'n' roll, and more), 108 E. Kirkwood. farm-bloomington.com.

MALIBU GRILL (jazz), 106 N. Walnut. malibugrill.net.

MAX'S PLACE (live mix), 108 W. 6th St. maxsplace.info.

PLAYERS PUB (jazz, blues, swing, country), 424 S. Walnut. theplayerspub.com.

RACHAEL'S CAFÉ (eclectic), 300 E. 3rd St. rachaelscfe.com.

SERENDIPITY MARTINI BAR AND RESTAURANT (jazz, salsa, karaoke), 201 S. College. serendipitymartini.com.

IU JACOBS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

"World-class" is frequently a hyperbolic and overused adjective, but not when it modifies the talent at Indiana University's storied music school, whose faculty includes Joshua Bell, Sylvia McNair, David Baker, Menahem Pressler, and Leonard Slatkin.

The Jacobs School presents more than 1,100 concerts annually in many musical genres—jazz, classical, ballet, opera, soul—many of them free and all performed in the school's outstanding facilities on South Jordan Avenue. It is absolutely possible to experience world-class music every day of the year in Bloomington. music.indiana.edu.

GALLERIES

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Downtown galleries exhibit the latest works by Bloomington's diverse visual arts community. (See Festivals and Annual Events, "Gallery Walks")

BLUE STUDIO GALLERY (116.5 S. College, #10, Upstairs) exhibits visual arts and hosts performances by poets and musicians.

BLUELINE CREATIVE CO-OP AND STUDIO (224 N. College) showcases fine artwork of all media.

BY HAND GALLERY (101 W. Kirkwood) sells original glass, jewelry, wood objects, pottery, and fiber arts by local artists.

GALLERY406 (116 W. 6th St.) features contemporary photography by Bloomington native Kendall Reeves and works in various media by other local artists.

GALLERY GROUP (109 E. 6th St.) is a not-for-profit gallery that supports local artists and its charitable partner, Monroe County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children).

GRUNWALD GALLERY OF ART (1201 E. 7th St.), formerly IU's SoFA Gallery, presents contemporary works by both professional and student artists.

IVY TECH JOHN WALDRON ARTS CENTER (112 S. Walnut) has six galleries in a restored 1915 building that was Bloomington's first city hall.

PICTURA GALLERY (122 W. 6th St.) mounts works of contemporary fine art photography by local and international photographers.

STONE BELT ART GALLERY, located in the lobby of the Bloomington Playwrights Project (107 W. 9th St.), exhibits and sells colorful, tactile works by the clients of Stone Belt, an agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

SUB ROSA GALLERY (417 W. 4th St.) exhibits the work of regional emerging artists working in a variety of media.

THE VENUE, FINE ARTS AND GIFTS (114 S. Grant St.) presents a wide variety of decorative and functional handcrafted works of art.

PICTURA GALLERY
Photo by Steve Raymer



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COMEDY & KARAOKE

THE COMEDY ATTIC, Bloomington’s only full-time comedy club, was named by *USA Today* as one of the ten best places in the nation to see stand-up comedy. Professional shows Thursday-Saturday; Wednesday is open-mic night. 123 S. Walnut. comedyattic.com, 336-LAFF.

FOR KARAOKE: **The Back Door** (207 S. College, Sundays); **Bear’s Place** (1316 E. 3rd St., Thursdays); **The Bluebird Nightclub** (216 N. Walnut, Mondays); **Macri’s at The Depot** (301 N. Morton St., Fridays); **Office Lounge** (3900 E. 3rd St., Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays); **Root Cellar Lounge** (108 E. Kirkwood, Wednesdays); **Uncle Elizabeth’s** (1614 W. 3rd St., Thursdays).



INDIANA UNIVERSITY had a banner year in sports, with the men’s soccer team winning the national championship, the men’s basketball team making the Sweet 16 for the second straight season, and the men’s baseball team winning the Big 10 Championship and playing in the College World Series. Women’s basketball, volleyball, and soccer are on the upswing, and the men’s football team seems geared for big things in the coming season. iuhoosiers.com.

Watching Bloomington’s own **BLEEDING HEARTLAND ROLLERGIRLS** is a helluva good time. Hard-hitting athleticism peppered with a few dramatic pile-ups make for an adrenaline-spiked evening you won’t soon forget. February-June. For game and location schedule, visit bleedingheartlandrollergirls.com.



IU BASKETBALL
Courtesy of Indiana University Athletics

BLOOMINGTON SPEEDWAY revs up some high-velocity action on one of the best dirt tracks in the state. See (and hear!) sprint cars, UMP modifieds, and Indiana super stocks on most Friday nights, April-September, 5185 S. Fairfax Rd. bloomingtonspeedway.com.

INDIANA CUTTERS semipro football team is based in Bloomington. The regular season runs through mid-September. For game schedule, visit cuttersfootball.org.

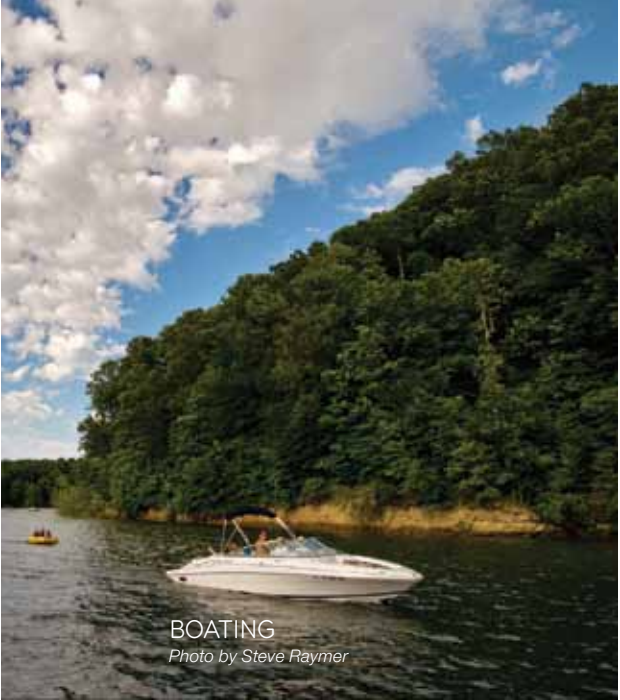
LITTLE 500, inspiration for the famous Bloomington flick *Breaking Away*, is a bicycle race modeled on the Indianapolis 500. Dubbed “The World’s Greatest College Weekend,” it takes place every April at Bill Armstrong Stadium on the IU campus. Women’s race on Friday, April 25; men’s race

on Saturday, April 26. iusf.indiana.edu/little500/fans.

ASA/USA GIRLS’ CLASS A 12-UNDER FAST PITCH NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. Since 1993, Bloomington has hosted national amateur youth softball championships. Nearly 100 teams are expected to compete in this tourney, late July 2014.

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BOATING
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ACTIVE SPORTS

Bloomington is a health-conscious town with plenty of opportunities to reach your target heart rate. (See also Sites of Interest, “B-Line Trail”)

BICYCLING: Whether you want to casually pedal around town or get gonzo on the hills of our beautiful countryside, Bloomington has myriad opportunities to create your own *Breaking Away* experience.

B-town bike shops and cycling clubs have gear, maps, rentals, and advice on where to ride. Visit or call **Bicycle Garage** (507 E. Kirkwood, bikegarage.com, 339-3457); **Bikesmiths** (112 S. College, bikesmiths.net, 339-9970); **Bloomington Bicycle Club** (bloomingtonbicycleclub.org); **Bloomington Community Bike Project** (214 N. Madison St. and 245 W. Grimes Ln., bloomingtonbikeproject.com); **Revolution Bike & Bean** (401 E. 10th St., revolutionbikeandbean.com, 336-0241); and **Salt Creek Cycles** (4001 E. 3rd St., saltcreekcycles.com, 334-2453).

Hilly Hundred Weekend is a two-day bicycle tour (October 19-20) through the rolling hills of southern Indiana that draws more than 5,000

cyclists from around the nation. Registration necessary. Check-in October 18. hillyhundred.org.

Mountain biking enthusiasts should check out **Wapehani Mountain Bike Park**, a 46-acre city park and the first mountain bike park in Indiana. 3401 W. Wapehani Rd., bloomington.in.gov. **Brown County State Park** also has renowned mountain bike trails. 1810 E. State Road 46, Nashville, Indiana. browncounty-mountainbiking.com.

BOATING: **Monroe Lake**, Indiana’s largest lake, is just minutes away, lake-monroe.com. If you want to rent a boat, visit lakemonroe-boatrental.com or **Paradise Rental Boats** at fourwindsresort.com, 812-824-2628. **Lake Lemon**, located 10 miles northeast of Bloomington, is also a destination for boaters. lakelemon.org.

BOWLING: **Classic Lanes Bowling Center** (1421 N. Willis Dr., 332-6689); **The Back Alley in Indiana Memorial Union** (imu.indiana.edu/recreation/bowling.shtml, 855-2328).

GOLF: **Cascades Golf Course**, three 9-hole courses (3550 N. Kinser Pike, 349-3764); **Eagle Pointe Golf Resort**, 18-hole course (2250 E. Pointe Rd., 824-4040); **IU Golf Course**, 9-hole par-3 course and 18-hole Championship Course (1350 N. State Road 45/46 Bypass, 855-7543); **Rolling Meadows**, 18-hole course (4120 Mount Carmel Rd., Gosport, 812-829-0717); **Stone Crest Golf Course**, three 9-hole courses (9300 S. Bennett Ln., Bedford, 812-276-4653).

HORSEBACK RIDING: **Stone Creek Ranch** caters to beginner and experienced riders and is open seven days a week. 7587 S. Rockport Rd., stonecreekranchindiana.com, 824-6645.

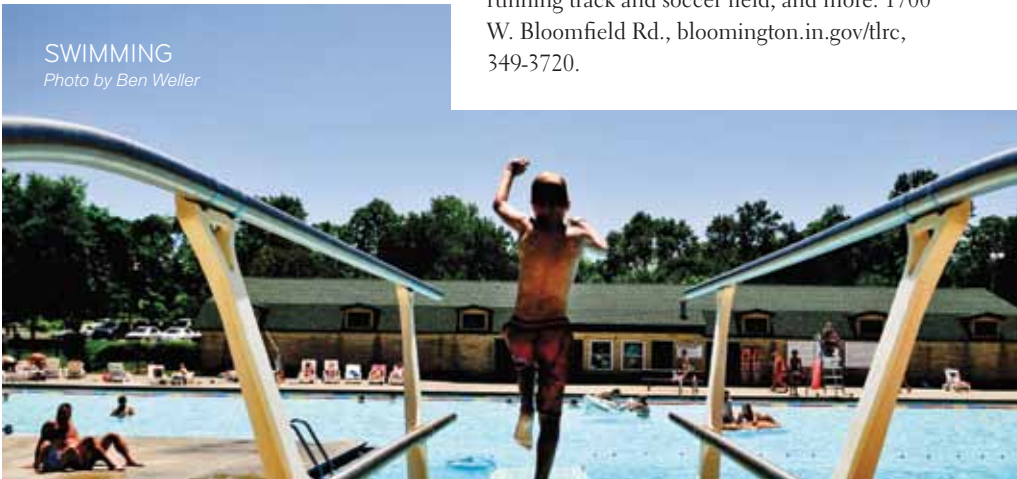
RUNNING: Even before *Runner’s World* magazine showcased places to run in “charming

Bloomington,” local runners knew the best way to experience Bloomington is on foot. A variety of groups helps anyone to train. **Bloomington Area Runner’s Association** offers exhilarating runs every day (inrunco.com/bara). **Blooming Fools Hash House Harriers** organizes 3- to 5-mile noncompetitive runs/walks every other Saturday, followed by a party (everyone over the age of 21 is welcome, bfh3.com). **Indiana Track Club** is split between youth and road-runners programs (indianatrackclub.com). **Women with Will** is a multisport training group for women (womenwithwill.org). Check magbloom.com/ events for fun runs and fundraisers like **Hoosiers Outrun Cancer**.

SWIMMING: **IU Outdoor Pool** (East 17th Street and North Fee Lane, 855-9584) is open until September 2 (but lap swim continues through September). **Bryan Park Pool** (1020 S. Woodlawn Ave., closes September 2), **Mills Pool** (1100 W. 14th St., closes August 6); call the city’s Pools Hotline at 349-3741. Beaches at **Monroe Lake** include **Hardin Ridge Recreation Area** (south of causeway on State Road 446), **Fairfax State Recreation Area** (west side of the lake), and **Paynetown State Recreation Area** (north of causeway on State Road 446); for maps, visit in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm. For swimming at **Lake Lemon**, head to Riddle Point Park (7599 N. Tunnel Rd. off East State Road 45, Unionville).

TENNIS: **IU Tennis Center**, 1833 N. Fee Ln., indiana.edu/~tntscntr, 855-5750. **Bryan Park**, 1001 S. Henderson St. **Park Ridge East Park**, 4421 E. Morningside Dr. **RCA Community Park**, 1400 W. RCA Park Dr., 349-3700. **Sherwood Oaks Park**, 1600 E. Elliston Dr. **Southeast Park**, 1600 S. Sycamore Ct. **Winslow Sports Complex**, 2301 S. Highland Ave. bloomington.in.gov/parks.

TWIN LAKES RECREATION CENTER provides one-stop fitness opportunities. Owned and operated by the city, it has cardio and weight gyms, basketball courts, an indoor running track and soccer field, and more. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd., bloomington.in.gov/tlrc, 349-3720.



SWIMMING
Photo by Ben Weller



Bloomington is smack dab in the middle of beautiful rolling hills and forests that invite hobnobbing with Mother Nature all year-round.

BLOOMINGTON RAIL TRAIL (easy hiking), parking at Country Club Drive between South Walnut and South Rogers streets, 349-3700.

BLUESPRING CAVERNS PARK (cavern boat ride, hiking), 1459 Blue Springs Cavern Rd., near Bedford. bluespringcaverns.com, 812-279-9471.

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK (camping, hiking, horseback riding), entrances east and west of Nashville on State Road 46, browncountystatepark.com.

CEDAR BLUFFS NATURE PRESERVE (hiking), just off South Ketcham Road, nature.org/indiana.

CHARLES C. DEAM WILDERNESS AREA (backpacking, camping, hiking, historic fire-lookout tower), accessible from State Road 446, fs.usda.gov/hoosier, 812-275-5987.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL (easy hiking), parking available at West Church Lane, West That Road, and West Tapp Road.

HARDIN RIDGE RECREATION AREA (camping), 6464 Hardin Ridge Rd., Heltonville. recreation.gov, 812-837-9453.

HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST (fishing, hiking, camping, horseback riding), access from State Road 446, fs.usda.gov/hoosier, 812-275-5987.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS (walking), Arboretum (near Wells Library) and Dunn's Woods (Old Crescent); brochure at indiana.edu/~spea/pubs/woodland.pdf.

LEONARD SPRINGS NATURE PARK (one-mile hiking trail), 4685 S. Leonard Springs Rd.

MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK (camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding), 250 McCormick Creek Park Rd., Spencer, 14 miles northwest of Bloomington. mccormickscreekstatepark.com, 812-829-2235.

MONROE LAKE (boating, swimming, sailing, fishing), 4850 S. State Road 446, lake-monroe.com, 837-9546. (See also Active Sports, "Boating," "Swimming")

BEST THINGS TO SEE & DO

PUBLIC ART

Indiana University-Bloomington is considered one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses, in no small part because of the impressive fountains, sculptures, and statues.

SHOWALTER FOUNTAIN, in front of the IU Auditorium, depicts large fish frolicking around the goddess Venus.

HOAGY CARMICHAEL at his piano, in the form of a life-size sculpture by local artist Michael McAuley, greets passersby on the north side of IU Cinema. Admirers frequently place a flower on the brim of Hoagy's hat.

HERMAN B WELLS, the legendary president of IU, would appreciate his amiable bronze likeness that sits on a bench in the Old Crescent in the southwest corner of campus.

PEAU ROUGE INDIANA by Alexander Calder soars from the lawn in front of the Musical Arts Center (101 N. Jordan Ave.).

Public art abounds downtown, too, sometimes in unexpected places.

BLOOMINGTON WATERS, sculpted out of limestone by Brad Goldberg, is a massive Native American-inspired water-vessel fountain in front of city hall (401 N. Morton St.).

GARAGE BAND (East 7th and North Walnut streets), **GARAGE MARKET** (West 7th and North Morton streets), and **GARAGE ART** (West 4th and South Walnut streets) are parking garages exhibiting artist



PUBLIC STATUE OF HOAGY CARMICHAEL
Photo by Lynae Sowinski

Joe LaMantia's colorful sculptures. LaMantia's **ANIMAL ISLAND** is at 223 W. 6th St., and his **ARTISTICAT** sculpture is in front of Fairview Elementary School, 500 W. 7th St.

LIBRARY BEARS, carved from Monroe County limestone by Karl Schiefer, lumber in front of the Monroe County Public Library (303 E. Kirkwood).

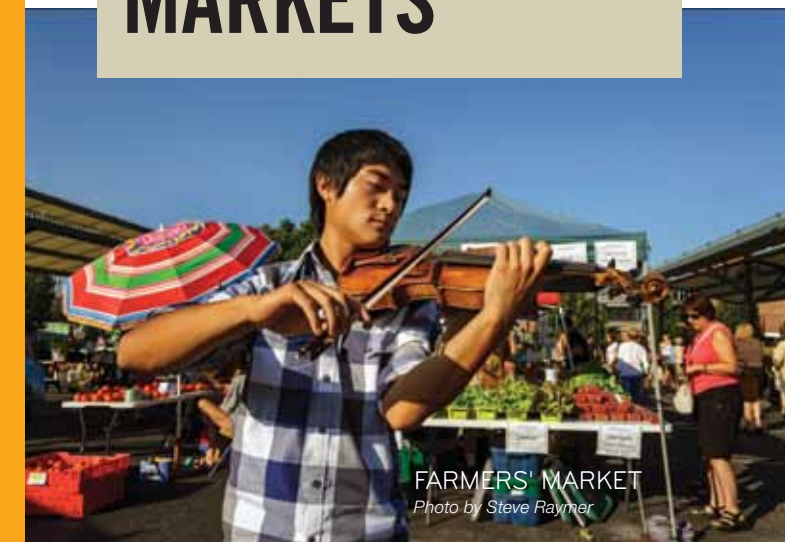
BLOOMINGTON BANQUET by Dale Enochs symbolizes the abundant good eats to be found at Showers Plaza (401 N. Morton St.), the site of the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market and the Taste of Bloomington.

AXIS, also by Enochs, at Miller-Showers Park (1500 N. College), celebrates multiculturalism and Bloomington's being named an "All-American City" in 1982 by the National Civic League.

RED, BLOND, BLACK AND OLIVE, Jean-Paul Darriau's evocative limestone sculpture at Miller-Showers Park, represents Bloomington's ethnic diversity.

BEST THINGS TO SEE & DO

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKETS



FARMERS' MARKET
Photo by Steve Raymer

On Saturday mornings, locals and visitors alike gravitate to our vibrant Farmers' Market, where local growers and producers stock their stalls with fresh-picked seasonal produce, annual and perennial plants, meats, fresh eggs, honey, spices, and a variety of prepared foods. Musicians and entertainers are always on hand to render the proceedings even more convivial. April-November, Showers Plaza. bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket.

A FAIR OF THE ARTS, a juried arts-and-crafts fair, takes place at the market on second Saturdays in Showers Plaza. Coming up September 14 and October 12.

TUESDAY MARKET, downtown, is open 4-7 pm every Tuesday, June through September. West 6th and North Madison streets, next to Bloomingfoods Near West Side.

EAST SIDE FARMERS' MARKET takes place on Wednesdays during the regular season at the Bloomingfoods East parking lot, 3220 E. 3rd St.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET is held on Saturdays, December-March (except December 28 and January 4). Harmony School, 909 E. 2nd St., localgrowers.org/wintermarket.

NEAR LAKE MONROE
Photo by J. Bruce Baumann

SHOPPING

Bloomington is a shopper's paradise. Independent retailers sell distinctive, quality merchandise, about which you'll proudly say, "I bought it in Bloomington!" Notable specialty shops include:

ANDREW DAVIS (101 W. Kirkwood) carries the latest styles in high-end men's and women's clothing.

THE BRIAR & THE BURLEY (101 W. Kirkwood) is a source for luggage and leather goods, collectible pipes, and Ferrari clothing and accessories.

ETC FOR THE HOME (3333 S. Walnut) has ten showrooms packed with modern home furnishings, window treatments, baby gear, gourmet cookware, and more.

O'CHILD CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE (101 W. Kirkwood) specializes in quality cotton clothing, shoes, and educational toys.

RELISH (204 N. Morton St.) offers an assortment of sophisticated home furnishings and edgy women's clothing, accessories, and jewelry.

BOUTIQUES

Bloomington also has a bevy of boutiques for fashion-conscious women. For those seeking a youthful, casual vibe, check out **American Colors** (316 E. Kirkwood), **Niche Boutique** (601 N. College, Suite 6), **Piace Boutique** (120 E. Kirkwood), **Pitaya** (417 E. Kirkwood), and **Wear It** (427 E. Kirkwood). For more classic attire, visit **Tivoli Fashions** (101 W. Kirkwood), **DD Decor**, (1519 S. Piazza Dr.), **Rebecca & Me** (333 S. Lincoln St.), **The Hidden Closet** (101 W. Kirkwood), and **Willow & Rose** (107 N. College, Suite 001).



RELISH
Photo by Shannon Zahnle

ANTIQUES

Treasure hunters will enjoy prowling around the town's two antique malls and many shops.

BLOOMINGTON ANTIQUE MALL (311 W. 7th St.)

ELEGANT OPTIONS (4741 E. State Road 46)

FOUR SQUARE ANTIQUES, FURNITURE & FINE ART (350 S. Walnut)

THE GARRET ANTIQUES (403 W. Kirkwood)

SARA JANE AND DAVID'S ATTIC (752 S. Walnut)

SECOND STREET ANTIQUE MALL (222 W. 2nd St.)

STELLA'S PLACE FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES (4904 S. Rogers St.)

THE WAREHOUSE (426 S. College)

VINTAGE

Vintage virtuosos who live here and those from afar love the variety and affordable prices offered by Bloomington shops.

AMUSED CLOTHING (212 W. 4th St.)

A.Z. VINTAGE (236 N. Morton St.)

CACTUS FLOWER (322 E. Kirkwood)

HABITAT RESTORE (2450 S. Henderson St.)

MATERIAL PLANE (214 W. 4th St.)

MY SISTER'S CLOSET (404 W. 2nd St.)

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE (907 W. 11th St.)

VINTAGE WEARHOUSE (401 E. 4th St.)

VINTAGE VOGUE BY GW (422 E. Kirkwood)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

BEST THINGS TO SEE & DO

Eject that *Shrek* DVD. Bloomington has much more stimulating, educational, and creative ways to entertain kids of all ages.

BRYAN PARK has bountiful outdoor fun for the whole family, including two well-equipped playgrounds, three pools (shallow, deep, and lap lanes), basketball and tennis courts, picnic shelters, and more. 1001 S. Henderson St.

FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA is the only place in town to lace up and hit the ice. The season runs October through February. 2100 S. Henderson St., 349-3741.

HOOSIER HEIGHTS BLOOMINGTON lets you scale peaks and ledges and explore nooks and crannies indoors. 5100 S. Rogers St., hoosierheights.com, 824-6414.

KID KAZOOEY (a.k.a. Kevin MacDowell) — Bloomington's Pied Piper — is a singer/songwriter for the young and young at heart. Find out where he's playing next at kidkazooey.com.

LASER LITE is a high-tech, live-action game played in an indoor arena with special effects like fog, laser beams, and pulse-pumping music. It's also Bloomington's largest arcade. Ages 6+ for Laser Lite. 4505 E.

3rd St., lasertagandfun.com, 337-0456.

PUTTER'S PARK in nearby Ellettsville is a newly renovated miniature golf course with 18 fanciful holes, including a lighthouse and paddle wheel. 4747 W. State Road 46, 876-8447.

RHINO'S YOUTH MEDIA CENTER lets teens ages 13-18 unleash their creativity by making videos, broadcasting a radio show, or dancing to live music in a safe, drug-free environment. 331 S. Walnut, rhinosyouthcenter.org, 333-3430.

UPPER CASCADES SKATE PARK, designed by a California firm with input from local skaters, has concrete ramps, rails, and other challenging terrain. Admission free; open 5 am-11 pm daily. 2602 N. Kinser Pike.

WESTERN SKATELAND ROLLER SKATING RINK offers lessons, parties, family nights, and more, all indoors. 930 W. 17th St., westernskateland.ws, 332-7288.

WONDERLAB MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY, named one of the top 25 science museums by *Parents Magazine*, has interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and a gift shop with educational toys and books. 308 W. 4th St., wonderlab.org, 337-1337. ✨

WONDERLAB
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A.Z. VINTAGE
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