

Vzpomínka (48) Wabash County, Indiana, USA

Vabašský okres - Indiana

Okres ve střední části severní Indiany.

Sídlo okresu město Wabash.

Na tomto území žila řada národností - původně indianští obyvatelé, poté francouzští obchodníci, dále Američané.

Koupě území se uskutečnila v roce 1818, od dva roky v později se vytvořilo celistvé území.

Název Wabash měl tuto genezi: indianský název Wabashike (čistě bílý), poté francouzská odvozenina Ouabache (též název řeky) a anglický ekvivalent Wabash.

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Wabash County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Wabash County Indiana

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Visitors Guide



History



Recreation



Scenic Beauty



Events/Festivals



Entertainment



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Travel Distances:

Wabash County is:

- 1 hour southwest of Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 1-1/2 hours north of Indianapolis
- 3-1/2 hours southeast of Chicago



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Welcome to Wabash County!

Wabash County was organized in 1835 and is located along Indiana's beautiful new Hoosier Heartland Corridor Highway. We are just a few driving hours from Chicago, Cincinnati, or Detroit, and less than one hour from Fort Wayne International Airport. If you are flying your private or company plane in, call the Wabash Municipal Airport.

Wabash County is a unique and wonderful place to spend some time. The cycle of the four seasons means an ever-changing palette of color, flora, and temperature, which offers exciting and often breathtaking scenery and attractions.



As you browse through this brochure, notice we have organized it into the convenient categories of **History, Recreation, Scenic and Natural Beauty, Events and Festivals, Entertainment, and Hospitality**. Also find a location map to help guide you on your adventures.

Call the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau toll-free if you have questions or would like additional information or visit our website at wabashcountycvb.com to view pictures and a short video presentation on some of our attractions. You may also e-mail tourism@wabashcountycvb.com. A tape or CD-ROM video tour of Wabash County is available. Call the Convention & Visitors Bureau for more information.

Thank you for your interest. The people of Wabash County invite you to visit soon and experience Hoosier Hospitality at its finest!

Historic Wabash County

The name Wabash is derived from the Native Miami waapaahsiki siipiiwi which means "it is a bright white river." The City of Wabash and Wabash County were named after the river.



The source of the Wabash River is near Fort Recovery, Ohio and the river flows north, then west before it turns south to the Ohio River. The Native Miamis lent more than a name to the area. Wabash County is rich in their culture. Share in Miami lore by visiting the Wabash County Historical Museum and the Wabash Carnegie Library. You may want to read the story of Frances Slocum, who, as a young white girl, was kidnapped by Native Americans in Pennsylvania and found here by her family more than 50 years later. Along with other family members, she is buried in southwest Wabash County in the Cemetery that bears her name. You may want to visit the grounds of the Treaty of Paradise Spring in downtown Wabash and trek along the river on the Paradise Spring Riverwalk.



Wabash/Erie Canal Kerr Lock at Lago

No historical perspective of Wabash County would be complete without a discussion of the Wabash/Erie Canal. In the 1780s travel conditions were harsh due to the



tremendous old growth forests of the Midwest. Early settlers speculated on a better way of traveling between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. It would be another 70 years before the Canal was a reality but by the early 1840s, traffic was moving.

The Canal was built largely by Irish immigrants and their influence can be seen at the town of Lago in Wabash County. Visit St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one of the Midwest's earliest churches. While in Lago, stop at Kerr Lock, one of the last surviving locks of the Wabash/Erie Canal.

Wabash County owes much of its early success to the Canal. Trading in leathers, cheeses, grains, pork, and whiskey helped build a thriving community for settlement.

The City of Wabash was the first electrically lighted city in the world. See one of the original lights in the lobby of the historic Wabash County Courthouse.

North Manchester, in northern Wabash County, is the birthplace of Vice President Thomas Marshall and home to Manchester College, founded in the 19th century. Visit the historic covered bridge while in North Manchester or the covered bridge of Roann, just a few minutes away.

A walk in one of Wabash County's forests will take you back to a time when old growth forest covered the area. Pristine examples of this forest are still growing here and may be viewed year round.



28th U.S. Vice President, Thomas R. Marshall

Recreation

Whether you prefer indoor or outdoor recreational activities, Wabash County offers an outstanding variety of opportunities. Enjoy time at one of the



County's two reservoirs, Mississinewa or Salamonie. Each offers swimming, canoeing, picnicking, hunting, bicycling, hiking, camping, boating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and horseback trail riding.

The fishing is great for largemouth and smallmouth bass, silver bass, walleye, bluegill, catfish, and crappie. Various fishing tournaments are held in the county each year. The State Forests that surround the reservoirs provide wildlife observation areas and wetland preserves. Bring your camera as you observe deer, waterfowl, and other natural delights.

Enjoy a great day on the links at one of four area golf courses. Swim and picnic at Lukens Lake or Long Lake. The Honeywell Pool in Wabash is open to the public during summer months and the North Manchester Pool is open year round. Sports complexes in both Wabash and North Manchester are home to softball, soccer, baseball, and other summer sports. The

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Wabash County bicycle trail is a cyclist's delight.



Inside, visit the Honeywell Memorial Community Center and YMCA. Attend one of many plays, musicals, and shows in the 1500-seat Ford Theater. Have a taste for

nostalgia? Catch a movie at the historic Eagles Theater in Wabash, an original vaudeville facility.

Enjoy a day at one of many parks in North Manchester, Wabash, or Roann. Love architecture? Walk the historic districts of Wabash and North Manchester. If you are a history buff, spend time at Wabash County's historical museum. Like to fly model airplanes? Wabash County has a great facility near Somerset.

Sightseeing is a fabulous way to spend a day. Visit two covered bridges, Hanging Rock near Lagro, Manchester College, Stockdale Mill near Roann, the Wabash County Courthouse, County Museum, Peabody Mansion, Peabody Retirement Community and Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Whether you can stay a day or a week, there's something for everyone in beautiful Wabash County!

See pages 13 and 18 for a listing of Wabash County recreational and entertainment attractions!



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Scenic/Natural Beauty

The change of the seasons provides Wabash County with some of the most majestic scenery in the Midwest. Autumn is the most spectacular as maple, oak, elm, beech, sycamore, and other native timbers blossom into nature's palette. Flowers and brilliant greens abound in spring and summer. Winter in Wabash County is beautiful as snow frequently covers the landscape.

Of course the Wabash, Mississinewa, Salamonie, and Eel Rivers provide year-round beauty as they meander through the county. You may want to climb Hanging



Rock near Lagro, one of the last Klintar of the Silurian Age, and enjoy the Wabash River Valley and surrounding farm lands. Be sure to visit Salamonie Forest while you are there, and don't forget the wildlife observation areas at Salamonie Reservoir. Equally beautiful are the Mississinewa Reservoir and Forest.

Bring your camera as you take a leisurely drive on Wabash County's many paved back roads. Enjoy the covered bridge and Stockdale Mill at Roann. Motor to the covered bridge at North Manchester. While



The Peabody Singing Tower, N. Manchester.

you are there, visit the campus of Manchester College, Peabody Retirement Community, nearby Peabody Mansion, and the beautiful Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Some of the richest farmland in the United States can be



found on the prairies of Richvalley in western Wabash County. Woodlands dot the landscape providing excellent opportunities to see many wildlife species. It's not uncommon to see deer grazing in fields, several different species of hawks and hunting birds, and other small wildlife.

When it comes to nature's best, Wabash County is blessed.

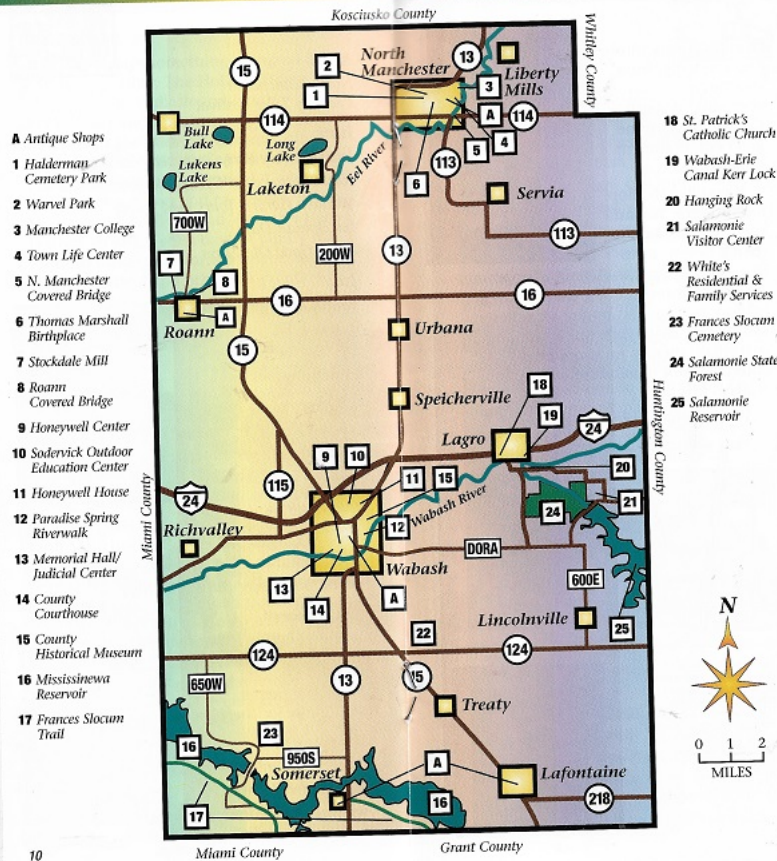
Come see us in Wabash County ... any season, and see what we mean.



Paradise Spring Park & Riverwalk



Wabash County Map



Attractions

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Campgrounds:

- Art's Country Park: (260) 982-4790
- Long Lake:
(260) 982-4897 or (260) 982-6612 (in season)
- Lukens Lake: (765) 833-7801
- Mississinewa Lake (765) 473-6528
- Salamonie Lake: (260) 468-2125

Other Important Sites and Resources:

- Asherwood Environmental Center:
(260) 563-8148
SR 124 West, Wabash
- Frances Slocum Cemetery: (800) 563-1169
Bowman Road/850 S, South of Wabash
- Laketon Bog: (800) 563-1169
Ogden Road, Laketon
- Manchester College: (260) 982-5000
College Avenue, North Manchester
- North Manchester Covered Bridge:
(260) 982-7644
Eel River, North Manchester
- Paradise Spring Park & Riverwalk:
(260) 563-4171
East end of Canal and Market Streets, Wabash
- Roann Covered Bridge: (800) 563-1169
North Side of
of Roann
- Roann Log Cabin:
(800) 563-1169
Downtown Roann
- Stockdale Mill:
(800) 563-1169
West on SR 16,
Roann



The Stockdale Mill near Roann

- Thomas R. Marshall Birthplace:
(260) 982-7644
North Market Street, North Manchester
- Victorian Village of North Manchester:
(260) 982-7644
Downtown, North Manchester
- Wabash County Courthouse: (260) 563-0661
Hill Street, Wabash
- Wabash County Historical Museum:
(260) 563-9070
East Market Street, Wabash
- Wabash Marketplace Downtown District
(260) 563-0975
Historic Downtown



The Wabash County Courthouse

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