



Area Attractions



NAME Museum & Office: Visit the NAME Headquarters and Museum and see the offices and where the staff works and enjoy the wonderful miniature displays, centerpieces, and souvenirs in the NAME Museum. The office is located in the Carmel Arts and Design District with several art galleries, shops, and great places to eat. Since we will be at the convention hotel the office will be limited on when it can be open so please refer to the enclosed form for information regarding the open house. www.miniatures.org

Museum of Miniature Houses: Visit our museum and allow yourself to be transported into delightful magical miniature worlds. The museum's collection contains over 600 miniatures including room boxes, houses, and exquisite individual items that have been created with painstaking attention to detail. Museum exhibits change each quarter. <http://museumofminiatures.org/>

Children's Museum of Indianapolis: This is one of the largest children's museums in the world, with interactive exhibits covering everything from archaeology to world cultures to biotechnology, plus extensive toy and dollhouse displays, a working antique carousel (\$1 per ride), and a planetarium. Recent additions include Dinosphere, a multisensory exhibit that combines serious science with kid-friendly interactive exhibits, and Fireworks of Glass, a 43-foot-tall tower of blown glass. You won't want to miss the Thorne Rooms. <http://www.childrensmuseum.org/>

Newfields, A Place for Nature and the Arts. This beautifully landscaped campus is the home of the **Indianapolis Museum of Art.** This fascinating museum treats visitors to a variety of African, Asian and European works and artifacts. Among its holdings are Native American and South Pacific art, decorative items that date to the 14th century, textiles and rugs, contemporary art, and prints, drawings and photography. The 152-acre campus complex is also home to the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park and Oldfields-Lilly House & Gardens. Restaurants and a gift shop are available. <https://discovernewfields.org/>

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art: The exhibits displayed in this museum illustrate various aspects of life in America's Wild West. A number of the works bear the names of such renowned artists as Georgia O'Keeffe and Frederick Remington. Some of the displays highlight artifacts chronicling the trials and tribulations of the lives of Native Americans. The souvenir shop includes a number of items that would make a perfect gift for someone special or a great keepsake for yourself. <http://www.eiteljorg.org/>

Indiana State Museum: Located in White River State Park, this museum brings the past to life with its exhibits on Indiana history, from pre-historic times to present. It also includes displays that explore nature, the arts, science and culture. The facility boasts approximately 300,000 artifacts filling over 40,000 square feet of exhibit space. Two restaurants and a museum shop are also located on the premises. <http://www.state.in.us/ism>

NCAA Hall of Champions: This renowned attraction honors the joys and pains of the student-athlete. Four theaters help visitors contrive their own definitions of a champion by illustrating the grueling daily lives of various student-athletes. The NCAA Hall of Honor highlights the esteemed character many of the athletes possess and how their strength of character helped them become important leaders. Other attractions include the Wall of Champions and The Turn of the Century Gymnasium. http://www.ncaa.org/hall_of_champions

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum: Inside the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, guests find 30,000 square feet filled with race scoring equipment, replica garages, trophies, including the Borg-Warner Trophy, and 75 preserved racecars. Exhibited in chronological order, these winning Indy 500 cars demonstrate how racing has changed through innovation in the past century. After touring this national historic landmark, patrons can also request a tour of the famous oval track.

<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/about/35204-Museum/>

Conner Prairie Interactive History Park: Located 30 miles northeast of downtown, this restored 19th-century village faithfully reproduces pioneer life between 1820 and 1840. In summer, you can pack a picnic and listen to a concert under the stars as part of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's "Symphony on the Prairie" series. <http://www.connerprairie.org/>

Lucas Oil Stadium: Completed in 2008, this 63,000-seat stadium has a retractable roof so that fans can enjoy a game no matter what the weather is like. The facility also offers tours, allowing visitors to view the complex even in the off-season. Tours are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and usually last an hour.

<http://www.lucasoilstadium.com>

Indianapolis Zoo: Lions, zebras, dolphins, and even polar bears call this place home. With the excellent care they are given and the recreated, though seemingly real, habitats, you will feel as if you are on an adventurous trip to a lush green forest, a stark-dry desert, or in the depths of the ocean. Also, be sure to see the entertaining dolphin show and the zoo's special World of Waters building. <http://www.indyzoo.com/>

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument: At 284-feet tall, it is hard to miss this stately monument, which stands in memory of thousands of Indianapolis residents who lost their lives in the Civil War. Visitors to this monument are invited to check it out, literally, from top (where the glass-enclosed observatory is housed) to bottom (in the basement that displays paraphernalia and photos relating to the war). <http://www.in.gov/iwm/2285.htm>

White River State Park: Located downtown, this popular park bordering the White River was one of the first state parks in Indiana. The grounds are home to the Indianapolis Zoo, three museums, a memorial, amphitheater and an IMAX Theater. The city's minor league baseball team also plays here at the park's Baseball America venue. Open green spaces and waterfront property combined with outstanding views of the city skyline make this an ideal retreat. <http://www.10best.com/destinations/indiana/indianapolis/downtown/attractions/white-river-state-park/>

James Whitcomb Riley Home: Located in the quaint neighborhood of Lockerbie Square, this popular home was the estate of Indianapolis's own esteemed poet, James Whitcomb Riley. The house was built in the late 19th century and is furnished with antiques indicative of the era. Sightseers and historians are delighted to see the place Riley called home for 23 years. His room still features the writer's clothes and hats as well as an antique pen that he used. http://www.rileykids.org/about/riley_museum/

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site: America's 23rd president, Benjamin Harrison, came from a long line of important political figures, and this attractive, three-story home affords a glimpse into his life and that of his family. Many of the Victorian-era furnishings adorning the residence actually belonged to Harrison, along with numerous artifacts and personal effects. Today, the sizeable lawn, Centennial Room, and kitchen may be rented for special events. Guided house tours begin on the hour and half-hour at the front door of the museum. The first tour begins at 10am; the last tour at 3:30pm. All tours are guided. <http://presidentbenjaminharrison.org/>