

Wandering Indiana

Indiana is a wonderful place to wander! There are so many great places to see in the State of Indiana. Where do I start? I have been blessed to take in quite a few sites this past month.

Spending a weekend in the Brown County/Monroe County area with my family was the highlight of the month. Have you ever just shut things down for a weekend, rented a house or cabin and spent time with the family? How about going camping and enjoying nature? I strongly suggest spending time with the family, enjoying each other's company, playing games, and talking face to face. Try it sometime.

On our recent "get away" we had the opportunity to wander through the [Hoosier National Forest](#) in Monroe, Jackson and Brown Counties. Ever drive on a muddy gravel road in the pouring rain? You never know what you will encounter while wandering; wildlife, the "greening" of a landscape or a bike adventure ride, even in pouring rain conditions. Well that is what we experienced. If I only would have known, I might have been out doing the biking.

With the rain, it can slightly temper your outdoor experience but shouldn't stop it. A drive across the causeway of Monroe Reservoir and guessing which house is John Mellenkamp's, checking out a fire tower in the middle of nowhere, driving through [Houston](#) (in the hills of southern Indiana it is pronounced "Houseton"), checking out Mt. Nebo Trail after visiting the ghost inhabited [Story Inn](#) or driving through the intersection with the [Stone Head](#), checking out Elkinsville and the history of a town that is no more. And for the really, really wandering enthusiasts, go find Browning Mountain and check out the Indiana Stonehenge.



Have you ever just taken a state road in Indiana and followed it just because? Try it and take in the sights along the way. SR44 was one such trip I took recently. Martinsville, [Cikana State Fish Hatchery](#), Bud/Anita, Franklin, Shelbyville, Homer, Glenwood, Rushville, Connersville, Springerville/Lyonsville, and Liberty are several of the places along the way. There are several opportunities to take side trips off the beaten path as well. See what you can discover. 

SR135 is one of my favorite roads to follow. Start in Corydon (or further south in [Mauckport](#)). Harrison County has many natural features including several caves and of course Historic Downtown and the old state capitol. Head north through Salem, Brownstown, Nashville, Morgantown, Trafalgar, and on into Indy. Of course, SR135 turns into Meridian Street and there is so much history along that route.



Southern Indiana is enjoyable in early spring. With no leaves on the trees, you see a whole different sort of nature. The dogwoods, magnolias and forsythia are in beautiful bloom as I type this. Having that "bare and stark" background really makes the flowers "pop" and gives you such a glorious perspective of God's nature. Wait a little while and go check out the red buds when the "pop". That will likely be my next trip.

Traveling along the Ohio River during this time of year is awesome as well. Grab a bite to eat at the [Overlook Inn](#) in Leavenworth, follow river road and check out Buzzard Roost or German Ridge while in Hoosier National Forest. Go visit Rome or Tobinsport. Drive through Historic Cannelton or get a bite to eat in Tell City at Frostop.

Let us know some of your wanderings. We are always looking for places to visit and see and wander to.