

Wandering Indiana ~



Memphis, Bethlehem, Lexington, Vienna, Paris, Austin, Madison – sounds like cities from around the world but they can all be found in southern Indiana. It is pretty amazing what getting off the beaten path will allow you to discover. Take a world tour while in Indiana. There are many other destinations to visit all over the state.

The [Knobstone Trail](#) is the longest hiking trail in Indiana. This is one of those trails that I hope to partially hike this fall. While wandering this past month, I decided to track down several of the crossings of this trail at different county roads. The Leota trail head was not that impressive, but I found a small, covered bridge that I did not expect. Elk Creek State Fishing Area was a beautiful site to see as was Spurgeon Hollow.

White River Woods near Prairie Creek Reservoir in Delaware County is a short easy hike. It is beautiful woods with an ephemeral wetland in the center. Hiking in dryer weather was enjoyable. Based on boardwalks being present in a couple of places, I would guess that at certain times during the year the wetland is, wet.

[Comet Neowise](#) – did you see it? With binoculars it was pretty easy to see. Not hugely impressive but it is always cool to see objects in the sky. The Perseid Meteor Shower and [Delta Aquariides Meteor Showers](#) are occurring in August. Find a dark place out in the middle of nowhere and away from city lights. You will enjoy what you see. Also be sure to look for satellites. There are quite a few to be found.

Pass along those places to visit. Always looking for a new exciting and interesting place to see and experience.



~ Jeff Banning