

## Wandering Indiana

This past month I had the opportunity to travel [US40/National Road/Washington Street/Main Street/Cumberland Road/Vandalia Trail](#). Do any of these names sound familiar? I am sure as you travel the National Road there are several other common local names for US40 as you drive through the little bergs that are found along the way.

I have lived along US40 my entire life (except for the four years while attending the University of Evansville). It is one of my favorite roads to travel and wander. Do you ever detour from the “high speed/high stress” interstate called I-70 and take the road that is lesser traveled?

You don’t know what you are missing. If history is your thing, if nostalgia and reliving your youth as well as bringing back memories is what you want to experience, then you should take a ride on this historic roadway.

So over the last month I have been on most of the route from Terre Haute to Columbus, Ohio. I have seen the four lane divided rural highway with posted speed limits from 60 mph and hardly no vehicles to be found, to the two lane rural areas through farmland, to the 30 mph areas of rural and tiny communities that you wonder why they still have stop signs, to the hustle and bustle of downtown Columbus or Indianapolis. This route has it all - the modern, the historic, the quiet and the busy, the rural and the urban. Take it in and see what you find along the way.

Check out the sites below. I wanted to give you a few places to check out in Indiana. It is by no means an extensive list because there is so much to see along the way. Also check out the [Indiana National Road website](#) for the interpretive signs that can be found along the way.

Google some of the places below and see what you find. Check out also Cumberland, Maryland to Vandalia, and Illinois more interesting sites along this great highway. Have fun wandering!

### [Madonna of the Trail – Glen Miller Park in Richmond](#)

Rose Garden – Richmond

Earlham College – Richmond

Webb’s Antique Mall – Centerville

No. 9 Grill – Cambridge City

Whitewater Canal – Cambridge City

[Huddleston House – Cambridge City](#)

Hoosier Gym – Knightstown

[James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home – Greenfield](#)

Sugar Grove Meeting House – Plainfield

Oasis Diner – Plainfield

Rising Hall – Coatesville

Old Highway Section – Reelsville

Historic downtown Brazil & clay County Court House

Rose Hulman – Terre Haute

Hawthorn Park – Terre Haute

Wabashiki State Fish & Wildlife Area – West Terre Haute

