

# TOP 10 REASONS

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VISIT

*Bloomington*  
INDIANA

## 1. AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGE CAMPUS

The wooded campus of Indiana University is consistently ranked among the most beautiful in the country. Rolling over hills studded with buildings made of local limestone, a stroll through campus will brighten anyone's day (and inspire the little ones to dream big!).

## 2. FESTIVALS ALL YEAR

From the Grant Street Jazz Festival in May to the PRIDE Film Festival in January, from the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival in September to IU Summer Festival of the Arts, Bloomington is full of festivals for all ages and interests.

## 3. FOODIE CENTRAL

For a population of only 80,000 people, Bloomington knows how to cook. You'll find James Beard-nominated chefs alongside comfort food and vegan delights, plus international restaurants from at least 18 countries across the globe.

## 4. LARGEST LAKE IN THE STATE

That's right, picturesque Lake Monroe is Indiana's largest lake, and sits amid the lush Hoosier National Forest. With beaches for swimming and boating, plus a resort and marina overlooking the water, Lake Monroe is a year-round destination.

## 5. DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AND SIGHT-SEEING

Walk through the Sample Gates uniting IU with downtown and find yourself among one-of-a-kind shops, nationally celebrated restaurants, and public art throughout Bloomington's most popular district.

## 6. BIG 10 SPORTS

Cheer on the Hoosiers in football, basketball, and more than 20 other sports in IU's remarkable athletic facilities. Many sports are free to attend, and all of them inspire the Hoosier in each of us!

## 7. WELCOMING HOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES

Whether you want to stay in a trendy downtown hotel, a cozy bed and breakfast, or a cabin tucked in the woods, you and your family can find something at the right price to make your vacation complete.

## 8. PERFORMING ARTS FOR EVERYONE

Influenced by the world-renowned Jacobs School of Music, the arts in Bloomington are alive and vibrant with remarkable talent and creativity. See a play at Cardinal Stage Company, catch a dance performance by the IU African American Arts Institute at the historic Buskirk-Chumley Theater, or enjoy a symphony in Auer Hall.

## 9. EXPLORE SCIENCE AND ART AT WONDERLAB

Bloomington's museum of science and technology is located close to downtown amid a beautiful garden full of ideas waiting to be discovered. Come inside and climb the two-story grapevine ladder, explore the diverse rotating exhibits, and marvel over the reptiles and insects.

## 10. TAKE A HIKE

The popular B-Line and Clear Creek Trails connect people across the city to downtown, and trails from easy to rugged that traverse the forests surrounding the city connect us with nature.

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