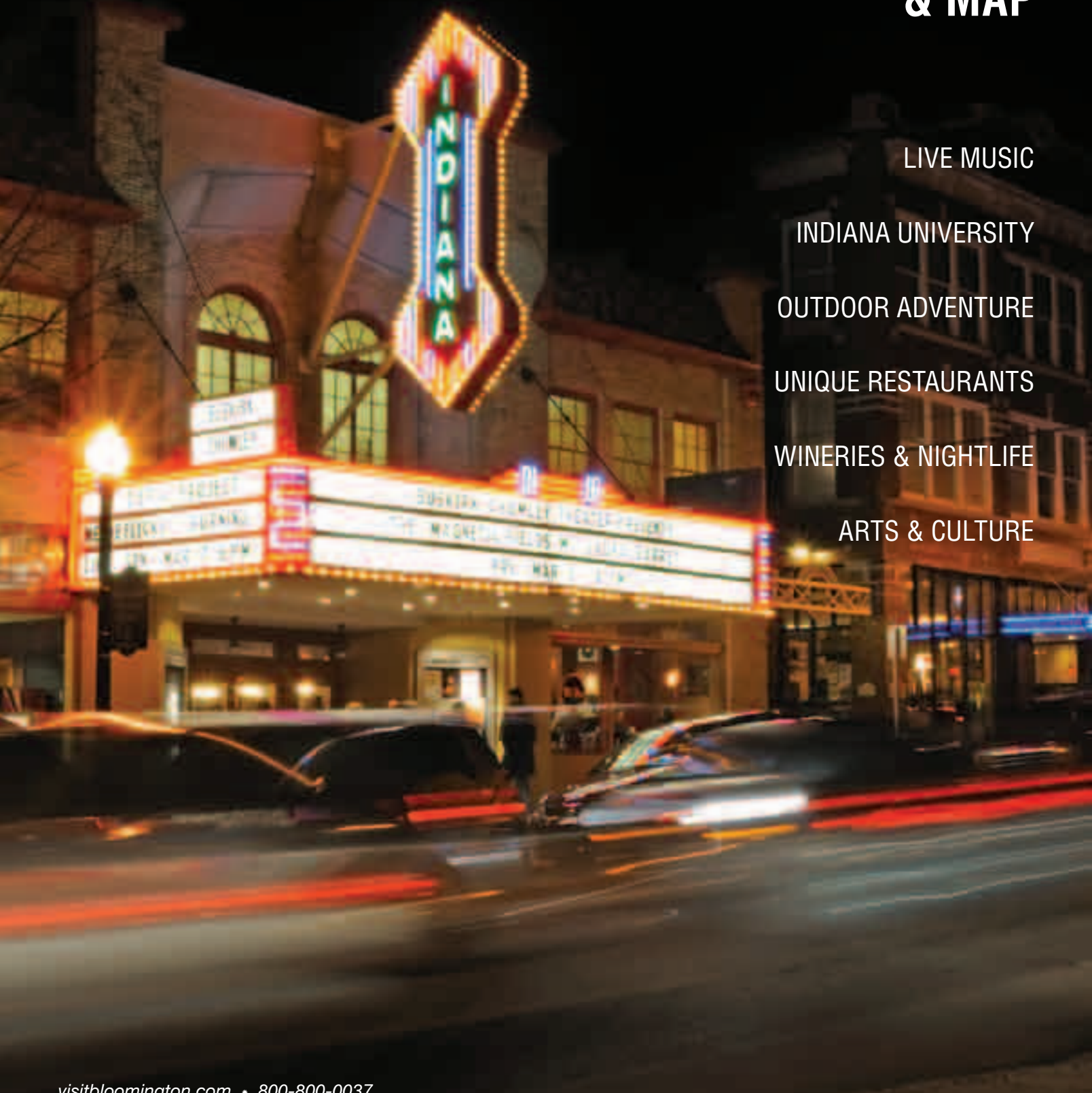


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One of the best examples of Bloomington's diversity is in the local live music. The thriving music scene has produced a number of outstanding venues, musicians and events. From the intimate music venues to the grand auditoriums, from small rock bands to large orchestras, from folk music to opera, you can experience music in just about any form and any setting imaginable right here in Bloomington. This guide highlights some of these unique musical attractions to offer you a glimpse of what's happening every night of the week in this musical oasis.

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The Buskirk-Chumley Theater was originally built in 1922 as a silent movie house. Beautifully restored and outfitted with state-of-the-art technical equipment, the theater has become the primary venue for the Lotus World Music Festival, Indiana University's African American Arts Institute, Cardinal Stage Company, and Jazz from Bloomington. National acts such as Andrew Bird, Regina Spektor, Arlo Guthrie, Sufjan Stevens, Umphrey's McGee, Joanna Newsom and John Mellencamp have graced the stage. (photo by LAFLEURPHOTO)



Students converge near the IU campus before heading out for a night on the town.

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Visitor Information

Bloomington Visitors Center

The Visitors Center is your official travel information source for everything from personalized restaurant recommendations to day trip suggestions. Their friendly, expert staff is on hand to provide driving directions, maps and lots of information on all the interesting things to see, do and experience in and around the Bloomington area. Don't forget to browse through the B-town Store for unique Bloomington souvenirs and locally made items. **2855 North Walnut Street**
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Downtown Visitors Center & Sunrise Box Office

The Downtown Visitors Center provides information on current events and activities, particularly those in the downtown area and the Bloomington Entertainment & Arts District. The Sunrise Box Office offers ticketing for many local events. Conveniently located just off the courthouse square, this is your one-stop shop for information in the downtown area. **114 East Kirkwood Avenue, inside the Buskirk-Chumley Theater • 812-323-3020**

IU Visitor Information Center

This is the official front door of Indiana University, located just outside the Sample Gates. Here, you can pick up a campus map, arrange a tour and get all your IU related questions answered. **530 East Kirkwood Avenue, Suite 104**
812-856-GOIU (4648) • www.indiana.edu/~iuvis


Key Sites & Districts

Bloomington City Hall

Formerly the home of the Showers Brothers Furniture factory, this historic building now serves as Bloomington's City Hall. The lobby often showcases local artwork. The covered parking area, known as Showers Common, doubles as the home of numerous local festivals and events. **401 North Morton Street**
812-349-3400 • www.bloomington.in.gov

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Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center

Located in the heart of downtown, the Convention Center is housed in a former automobile factory designed by Henry Ford and constructed in 1923. Though completely renovated and modernized, the Convention Center retains the warmth and charm of a historic landmark. **302 South College Avenue**
812-336-3681 • www.bloomingtonconvention.com

Downtown Bloomington, Inc.

Downtown Bloomington, Inc. is dedicated to the promotion and support of Bloomington's vibrant downtown area, where shopping, restaurants and history are the key ingredients. Take a self-guided walking tour to learn more about the architecture and history of the square and Courthouse. DBI is a certified Main Street Committee, which is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. **812-336-3681**
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Monroe County Courthouse

Located in the center of the downtown square, this majestic 1907 limestone building is typical of early Monroe County architecture. This beautiful facility is the home of Monroe County Government. Self-guided tours are available at the entrance. **100 West 5th Street • www.co.monroe.in.us**

Self-Guided Walking Tours

More than a dozen self-guided tours are available to help you explore the area. Discover the secrets of the county courthouse, explore Hoagy Carmichael's favorite hangouts or stroll through the Vinegar Hill Limestone Historic District among homes that once belonged to limestone carvers and IU faculty. Available at the Monroe County History Center and the Bloomington Visitors Center.

General Information

Parking

Several lots and garages are located throughout the city and spaces are available for a nominal fee. Two-hour free parking is permitted in posted areas throughout the city, including the downtown area. Visitor parking is also available on the IU campus and daily IU parking passes can be purchased at the Bloomington Visitors Center. Look for signs to direct you or see the transportation page at www.visitbloomington.com for details.

Liquor Laws

The minimum drinking age in Indiana is 21. Alcohol may be sold in licensed establishments from 9 am to 3 am, Monday through Saturday, and from 11 am to 12 am on Sunday. Indiana law prohibits the sale of packaged liquor on Sundays unless purchased directly from a local winery or brewery. Open containers are not allowed in vehicles at any time.

Smoking Ordinance

The city's smoking ordinance took effect in 2003 and applies to all public spaces, including restaurants, bars and outdoor seating areas. The ordinance is designed to protect the public health and welfare of the community and its visitors from the hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke. For more information, visit www.smokefreebloomington.org.

The Little 500 is not only the largest collegiate bike race in the United States, it's also a uniquely Bloomington experience. >

Population/Demographics (estimated)

Monroe County is home to approximately 130,000 people. Nearly 69,000 of them reside within the City of Bloomington year round, with an additional 42,000 IU students during the school year. Nearby Ellettsville boasts just over 6,100 residents. The median age of the county's residents is 25.7 years and the population is highly educated with almost 56% having a bachelor's degree or higher.

Transportation

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A Van About Town provides affordable sight-seeing tours and contractual services such as parking shuttles, hotel shuttles, event shuttles, traveling parties (designated driver), transportation to/from doctor appointments, the Indianapolis Airport, and other transportation needs in and around Bloomington. These services are by reservation only.
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IU Campus Bus

Indiana University's Campus Bus Service provides transportation around the IU campus. This service is free.
812-855-5984 • www.iubus.indiana.edu

Bloomington Transit

Bloomington's public transportation system provides several convenient bus routes to take you throughout the City of Bloomington. Cash fares are one dollar per person. The main bus terminal is located at the corner of Washington and Fourth Streets. **812-336-7433 • www.bloomingtontransit.com**

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Neighboring towns in Monroe County

Contact the Bloomington Visitors Center at 812-334-8900 for driving directions or more information on these and other nearby communities.

Town of Ellettsville

Just seven miles west of Bloomington, Ellettsville is known for a hometown atmosphere and as a center of the local limestone industry. It is also home to the Indiana Limestone Symposium, each June and the Monroe County Fall Festival in September. *Chamber of Commerce - 812-876-6611*
www.ellettsvillechamber.com

Town of Stinesville

Incorporated in 1855, this quaint little town is 11 miles northwest of Bloomington. It was once at the center of a thriving Indiana limestone industry, evidence of which can still be seen as you drive along the curvy country roads around town. *812-876-8303 • www.stinesville150.com*

Moving to Bloomington?

Bloomington Newcomers Club

Founded to give newcomers to the community an opportunity to meet others who are also new to town, the Newcomers Club encourages members to learn more about the area through meetings and a variety of interest groups.
www.bloomingtonnewcomers.org

Choosing a Home

Each local neighborhood has its own distinct personality, friendly faces and local flavor. Check out the local Board of Realtors website at www.homefinder.org if you're looking to purchase a home in the area.

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PRECIP.	light snow	cool rains, windy	short rain, storms	humid, sunny	cool rains, windy	cool rains, light snow
CLOTHING	coats, hats, winter gear	light jacket, long sleeves & pants	short sleeves, light jackets	light clothing	light to mid-weight layers	long sleeves, coats

Q & A with Dan Coleman

Q. What makes Bloomington so special?

A. Bloomington is special because we are a weird oasis of talent and artistic license. Unlike Brooklyn or Chicago or Nashville, there is no definitive Indiana or Bloomington sound which gives free reign for artists to create music from hip-hop to old-time to indie to jazz to electronic and everything in between.

Q. Describe the music scene in Bloomington.

A. In a word - eclectic. We have a thriving indie rock scene that draws artists and fans from across the country yet still have a a monthly packed square dance. On any given night you can find a dub soundclash, indie rock showcase, blues jam, folk revival all happening at the same time. There isn't a definitive Indiana or Bloomington sound so people are open to try anything. Can't get booked? Let's open a venue or have a house show. Can't get an album distributed? Let's start our own label, press our own records, book our own tours. The DIY attitude allows for a wealth of creativity that you rarely find in cities these days.

Q. What's your favorite local musician/group or music venue?

A. There are many bands that I enjoy for different reasons. Kate Long of The Hollows has the most incredible voice I have ever heard. If someone told me she was a siren I would not doubt them. The Broderick make really amazing UK-style rock in the vein of Arctic Monkeys. Good Luck are a tight punk rock band who write really great songs about love and being a townie in Bloomington. Dreamers of the Ghetto are an incredible blend of U2 and The Eurythmics. There are a lot of bands out there right now.

As far as venues, it all depends on the show. Russian Recording is a full time studio that sounds incredible for a live show and is small enough that every show feels so intimate. The Buskirk-Chumley is an incredible space visually and historically and has a feel that is hard to put into words. The Bluebird has been host to some incredible shows and has the unique ability to feel comfortable with 200 people or 500+ people. The Bishop is a smaller scale Second Story and is just comforting to be in.

Q. Besides enjoying music, what's your next favorite thing to do in Bloomington?

A. Sunday morning breakfast and soccer at The Uptown Cafe.



Dan Coleman is founder of Spirit of '68 Promotions, a live music promotions agency that brings amazing musicians and shows to Bloomington, covering all genres and venues. He graduated with a masters in Journalism from IU. He's also a freelance writer and DJ.



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Richland-Bean Blossom Community Schools
 600 South Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville • 812-867-7020
www.rbbcs.k12.in.us/

Indiana University Admissions Office
 300 North Jordan Avenue • 812-855-0661 or 812-855-4848
www.iub.edu

Ivy Tech State College
 200 Daniels Way • 866-447-0700 • www.bloomington.ivytech.edu

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Indiana State Police – 812-332-4411

IU Campus Police – 812-855-4111

Bloomington Hospital

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www.bloomingtonhospital.org

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 Bloomington, IN

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www.whcc105.com
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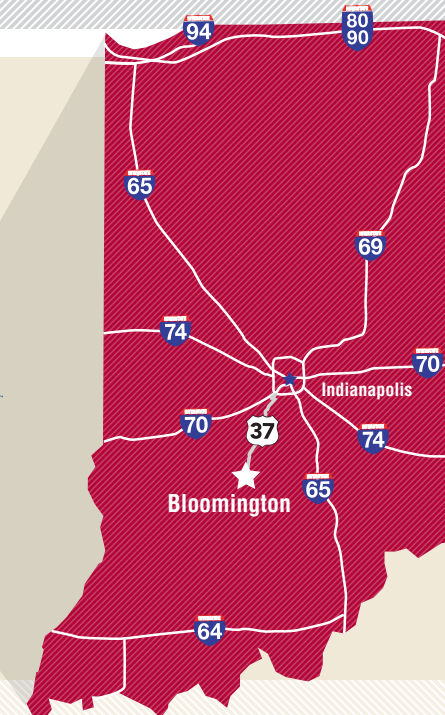
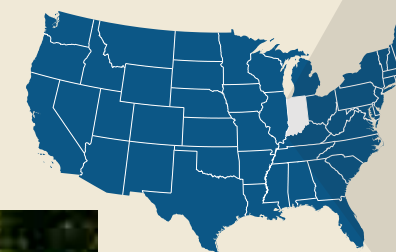


Bobbie Lancaster

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Bloomington, Indiana

Bloomington is located in the heart of the Midwest, in one of the region's most picturesque areas. Just 45 minutes south of Indianapolis, two hours from Louisville and four hours from Chicago, Bloomington is conveniently located within a day's drive of over half of the U.S. population, making it easy to get to and a great place to visit. Two major state highways provide easy access: Indiana Highway 37 runs north-south providing a direct route to Indianapolis in the north and Interstate 64 in the south, and Indiana Highway 46 runs east-west across the entire state. No matter where you're coming from, you'll find Bloomington accessible!





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