WELCOME TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY!

On behalf of the Visitor Information Center, we welcome you to the Bloomington campus! We hope that you enjoy your visit. Please don’t hesitate to stop by our office or give us a call.

The IU Visitor Information Center is unique in that it is staffed almost entirely by current undergraduate and graduate students. We pride ourselves in offering a variety of perspectives, from a diverse group of students.

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We are located next to the Biddle Hotel front desk in the Indiana Memorial Union.

Indiana University Self-Guided Tour

Visit Indiana University with a self-guided tour through the beautiful, cultural, and historical Bloomington campus.
Self-Guided Walking Tour

This map will guide you through a one-hour walking tour to some of IU’s most popular spots. For more information, please refer to map.iu.edu/iub or indiana.edu. We hope you enjoy the tour of Indiana University’s beautiful Bloomington campus!

1. IU Visitor Information Center: Whether you are making your first visit to campus or returning after a few years, make the IU Visitor Information Center your first stop for information and assistance.

2. Ernie Pyle Hall: Previously the home of the school of Journalism, this building is named in honor of Ernie Pyle, the 1944 Pulitzer-prize winning World War II correspondent and IU student journalist. Ernie Pyle Hall now houses the Office of Admissions Welcome Center and the Walter Center for Career Achievement.

3. Intramural Center and School of Public Health Complex: The IC first opened in 1928 as the home of the IU men’s basketball team. Inside you’ll find intramural and recreational sports, workout areas and School of Public Health offices and classrooms.

4. Fine Arts Plaza: The goddess Venus basks in the center of Showalter Fountain, surrounded by the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art, the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture, and Design, the IU Auditorium, the IU Cinema and the Lilly Library.

5. Global and International Studies Building: Here you’ll find classes in more than 60 languages and the international studies program. The LEED Gold Certified building boasts a three-story atrium.

6. Jesse H. and Beulah Chaney Cox Arboretum: The site of the first Memorial Stadium for more than 5 decades, the Little 500 Bike Race ran here until 1981. The 11-acre arboretum now offers visitors an opportunity to view native and nonnative flora.

7. Herman B Wells Library: Two tapering stacks of limestone hold 4.6 million volumes and 12 million other materials in the largest library on campus. Named after the first IU chancellor, the monolithic structure serves as a hub for students.

8. 10th Street: Along this busy street you’ll find the IU Health Center, the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the Kelley School of Business, the Psychology Building, the Geology Building, and the School of Informatics, Computing and Engineering.

9. Wright Quadrangle: Built in 1949, Wright Quad is a residence hall in the Central Neighborhood, which houses a dining hall frequented by many students.

10. Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center: Performers grace these stages in IU Theatre productions. A variety of performances also take place at the Jacobs School of Music.

11. Marcellus Neal and Frances Marshall Black Culture Center: Named in honor of IU’s first male and female black graduates, the NMBC is one of five culture centers on campus.

12. Jordan River: The Jordan River runs through campus from Woodburn Hall to Kirkwood Avenue. Many students find the river to be a place of peace and reflection.

13. Woodburn Hall: Woodburn Hall houses the Political Science department and is used for many introductory courses for first year students. Two panels of the famous mural “Social History of the State of Indiana” by Thomas Hart Benton are on display here.

14. Ballantine Hall: The tallest classroom building on campus is home to many of IU Bloomington’s humanities programs, including Comparative Literature, English, Gender Studies, History, and many more.

15. Beck Chapel: Completed in 1956 to offer a quiet retreat for everyone on campus, the nondenominational chapel is also a favorite location for small weddings and special occasions.

16. Chemistry Building: Built in 1931, the Chemistry Building boasts many IU Bloomington campus firsts – it housed the first photocopy machine and the first CD-ROM player. Note the alchemical and elemental symbols that adorn the outside walls.

17. Owen and Wiley Halls: Two of the oldest buildings on campus, these twin red brick buildings are the only red brick buildings on the main campus; at Purdue University, buildings with the same names happen to be the only limestone structures.

18. Herman B Wells Statue: A beloved professor, president of IU and our first chancellor, Wells is credited with fostering the physical and intellectual growth that made IU a world-renowned institution.

19. Rose Well House: Donated in 1908, the open structure was named for its benefactor, Theodore Rose. It was designed in the shape of a Beta Theta Pi fraternity pin and built out of materials from the Old College Building. It’s a campus tradition for couples to kiss here at the stroke of midnight.

20. Sample Gates: The gothic style Sample Gates were a gift from Edson Sample and provide an architectural welcome to the historic Old Crescent area of campus. The Gates bridge Indiana University with downtown Bloomington.

21. Franklin Hall: Franklin Hall became home to the Media School in 2016. The state-of-the-art building houses classrooms, production studios and student media organizations such as the Indiana Daily Student and IU Student TV.

22. Frances Morgan Swain Student Building: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Student Building opened in 1906 and originally housed a parlor, auditorium, gymnasium and swimming pool. It is now home to the departments of Anthropology and Geography. Its clock tower chimes ring across campus every 15 minutes.

23. Maxwell Hall: Built in 1890, “Library Hall” was IU’s first library. In 1894, it was renamed to honor Dr. David H. Maxwell, known as the “Father of Indiana University” because of his efforts to locate the State Seminary in Bloomington, which later became Indiana University.

24. Indiana Memorial Union (IMU): This is the largest student union building in the world under a single roof. Have brunch, buy a book, catch a movie, or go bowling, all right here.