

Itinerary #7 – Southeastern Indiana

Starting in Lawrenceburg, this 28-mile trip will take you along the southeastern border of Indiana to Madison. Begin your trip in the Lawrenceburg Historic District, then take State Route 50 to Vevay. Continue the trip on State Route 56 to reach Madison. There's a battle site, an art center and a plentitude of natural beauty along the way, so be sure to take your time. When you finally reach Madison, close your trip by visiting the steepest railroad incline or just relax and enjoy some time at a state park.

Sites to see & things to do (listed from east to west)

| Attraction | Description |
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| Lawrenceburg Historic District Lawrenceburg, Indiana | Lawrenceburg was founded in 1801, the fourth oldest city in Indiana. The town was a terminus for the Whitewater Canal that extended north to Cambridge City. In the heyday of the steamboat era, Lawrenceburg was a favorite port of call. www.dearborncounty.org/government/lburg2.html |
| Aurora Historic District Aurora, Indiana | Visitors can witness a variety of architectural styles in Aurora, settled as early as 1796. These styles gave evidence of the town's sporadic and sometimes rapid growth due to its prominence as both a busy port and later a railroad stop. www.dearborncounty.org/government/aurora2.html |
| Hillforest Mansion Aurora, Indiana | Hillforest Mansion was the home of industrialist and financier Thomas Gaff and his family between 1855 and 1891. Rich in Italian Renaissance style, it is characterized by broad overhangs, graceful balconies and porches. Contact: (812) 926-0087. www.dearborncounty.org/history/hillfor.html |
| Riverview Cemetery | Opened in 1869 and designed by architect William Tinsley, Riverview Cemetery is home to one of the finest collections of Indiana trees, a memorial to the Lochry Massacre, two prehistoric Indian mounds currently under excavation and a Civil War Memorial. Contact: (812) 926 1496. www.dearborncounty.org/riverview.html |
| Laughery Creek Metal Bridge 13 | Erected in 1877, the Laughery Creek Bridge is the only Triple Whipple bridge left in the United States. www.jabarker.com/indianasirontrusses.htm or www.statelib.lib.in.us |
| Lochry Battle Site | The Lochry Massacre occurred in 1781 when Mohawk leader, Joseph Brant, and 100 warriors attacked and defeated Colonel Archibald Lochry and 107 Pennsylvania volunteers. The troops were en route to join George Rogers Clark. www.dearborncounty.org/riverview.html |
| Rising Sun Historic District | Founded in 1814, Rising Sun boomed in the 1830s and 1840s with a population near 2,500 – nearly the same population as today. In the downtown district, visitors can view structures built during the town's heyday. Contact: 888-776-4786. http://www.risingsun-in.org/ |
| Pendleton Art Center Rising Sun, Indiana | Features a fine art gallery, gourmet coffeehouse and 25 artists' studios. Contact: (812) 438-9900. Contact: (812) 438-9911. http://www.seifa.org/ |
| Ohio County Historical Museum | The museum is the "Grandma's attic" of Rising Sun, housing a collection of quilts and farm implements, music machines and the town pride – the famous 1920s "Hoosier Boy." Contact: (812) 438-4915 http://www.ohiocountyinmuseum.org/ |
| Markland Locks and Dam | The dam is 1,416 feet long and created a flood pool that extends 95 miles upstream. The Markland Generating Plant is the largest in Indiana. An information center presents a history of the projects that dammed the Ohio. |

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| Vevay Riverfront | Switzerland County, Indiana is located along the beautiful Ohio River in Southeastern Indiana. Vevay is the county seat and largest town in Switzerland County. www.venus.net/~switzcvb |
| Switzerland County Courthouse | Completed in 1865, the courthouse has Greek columns and a classic portico and the entire structure has been extensively restored. The original courtroom is still intact and one of the finest interior spaces in the country. www.venus.net/~switzcvb/#Historic%20Architecture |
| Riverfront of Madison Madison, Indiana | Madison's scenic riverfront park offers a gazebo, brick walkways, lights and benches to view the Ohio River. http://www.visitmadison.org/ |
| Madison Commercial Historic District Madison, Indiana | Downtown Madison is Indiana's largest historical district, containing over 1,000 19 th century structures and two national Historic Landmarks – the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site and the Shewsbury-Windle House. www.visitmadison.org |
| James F. D. Lanier State Historic Site Madison, Indiana | Greek Revival Home of J.F.D. Lanier who supported Indiana's Civil War Regiments. National Historic Landmark. Contact: (812) 265-3526. http://www.laniermansion.org/ |
| Incline Railroad, Madison, Indiana | Madison has the steepest grade non-cog railroad in the United States (5.89%). Irish immigrant railroad workers used the stones from the incline to construct St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in 1839. http://oldmadison.com/madview2.html |
| Eleutherian College Madison, Indiana | A National Historic Landmark, Eleutherian College was constructed between 1854 and 1856. It as the first college in Indiana to admit students without regard to race or gender. Some of the college's trustees were the most active in the Underground Railroad. Contact: (812) 273-9434. http://www.eleutherian.us |
| Clifty Falls State Park Madison, Indiana | This state park provides picnic areas, a nature center, Olympic size swimming pool, campsites and an inn with conference facilities. Trails allow hikers to enjoy the beauty and challenge of deeply cut gorges, sheer rock walls and plunging waterfalls. Contact: (812) 273-8885. www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/cliftyfalls.html |