

## Play, Discover and Move Outdoors

- o Trout fish at Summerset State Park Banner Lakes.
- o Bring your bike or mountain bike, or rent one, and challenge the trails.
- o Hoof it on a footpath at Lake Ahquabi State Park.
- o Choose a kayak or canoe to navigate the rivers and lake.
- o Drive your disc to the goal at our champion-caliber disc golf course at Pickard Park.
- o Let your dog romp at the dog park at Downey Memorial Park.
- o Identify trees without leaves at Woodland Mounds Preserve.
- o Select a mount and ride at Ridgetop Horse Ranch or Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.
- o Splash, paddle, swim, or catch a big one at Lake Ahquabi State Park.
- o Sooth your spirit on the tour of trees at the Arboretum at Buxton Park.
- o Shoot some hoops at Moats Park or Chris Street Memorial Gym.
- o Test drive an ATV at Van Wall Powersports.
- o Break clay pigeons at the Warren County Izaak Walton League.
- o Spot an Osprey at the Annett Nature Center.
- o Pick up a rake and help older residents with yard work at Westview Care Center.
- o Ride the half-pipe or grind the rails at the Indianola Skate Park.
- o Listen to the Audio Cell Phone Tour while you stroll the half-mile path at DeNelsky Park.
- o Ride the super sidewinder slide at the Indianola Memorial Aquatic Center.
- o Tag and release a monarch at Buxton Park.
- o Get your heart pumping at the state-of-the art Wellness Center at the Y.
- o Sink the winning putt at Deer Run or Shady Oaks Golf Courses.
- o Romance your sweetheart with a picnic under the stars at DeNelsky Park.
- o Strap on a helmet, grab the kids and meet new friends on the Monday Night Bike Ride.
- o Pick and stomp grapes at Summerset Winery, then enjoy the wine and live music.
- o Introduce your youngsters to the animals at Lil Farm Hands.
- o Step into your cross country skis or hop onto your snowmobile and play in the snow at Lake Ahquabi State Park.

- o Sit in the cab of a big tractor at Vetter Equipment/Case IH.
- o Spend an evening with your like-minded friends at Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Whitetails Unlimited or The National Wild Turkey Federation.
- o Buy a boat or a board, or book an Adventure Trip with Canoe Sport Outfitters.
- o Reminisce with your old friends at The Garden Party featuring the wines of Warren County (W.O.W.) at Buxton Park.
- o Pump your legs and swing high on the equipment at McCord's Park.
- o Aim and fire at targets at the shooting range at Summerset State Park Banner Lakes.
- o Rent a batting cage and practice your swing at The Yard.
- o Sing camp songs and make s'mores around the campfire at Lake Ahquabi State park.
- o Cross the high or low ropes at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.
- o Relax and enjoy a movie at the Starlight Outdoor Cinema.
- o Pitch some shoes in the Ken Rasko Memorial Horseshoe League at Pickard Park.
- o Select lush plantings for your yard at Green Acres Garden Center.
- o Take a walk and enjoy the fall colors on the
- o Enter your dog in the Peanut Butter Lick-off Contest.
- o Cast your line into the water at the Horseshoe Fishing Dock at Wesley Woods and Camp Retreat.
- o Experience the magic of books on the Indianola Story Walk.
- o Get wet during Friday Night Floats at the Indianola Memorial Aquatic Center.
- o Dress in costume and join the fun at the Warren County Log Cabin Parade.
- o You need a tiller, you don't want to buy a tiller – so rent a tiller at McCoy True Value and Just Ask Rental.
- o Stroll around the lake, observe the Indian Mounds, picnic in the shelter and tour the farmstead at Hickory Hills Park.
- o Select fresh produce and gifts at the Farmer's Market at the Warren County Fairgrounds or the Market on the Square.
- o Find a buddy and take a 5K Volkswalk (wheelchair and stroller accessible).
- o Host a family reunion or group overnight, or attend a Woman's Retreat at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.
- o Cheer over the roar while you follow the action at the Warren County Speedway.

- o Grill some grub, toss a Frisbee and reminisce with your cousins at Barker Park.
- o How far do you want to walk or bike? Take the *McVay Trail, going east to Pickard Park (1.6 miles) and the Summerset Trail. Take the Summerset Trail north from the Trailhead, to connect with the Jerry Kelly Trail to Memorial Park (1 mile west), or continue on to Carlisle (11.1 miles north).*
- o Pick some berries at Edge of the Woods Raspberry Farm.
- o Be the highest bidder during an estate sale at Putney's Auction.
- o Create your disguise and stroll around the square in the Halloween Parade.
- o Team up for the Father/Son archery shoot.
- o Grow the biggest sunflower.
- o Show off your talented pooch at Bark in the Park.
- o Celebrate with friends at the Fourth of July community event and fireworks display.
- o Show your community pride at the Indianola Beautification Blow-Out.
- o Take stand up paddle boarding lessons with the Warren County Conservation Board.
- o Contemplate the Tree of Life sculpture at Sesquicentennial Park.
- o Spike the ball in a sand volleyball game at McCord Park.
- o Select perennials, annuals, heirloom tomatoes and peppers at the Indianola Plant Sale.
- o Pick out the best tree at Walnut Ridge Tree Farm or "White Christmas" Tree Farm.
- o Stretch, bend and rejuvenate at Yoga in Buxton Park.
- o Take a night nature hike at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.



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# 100+ Things to Do in Indianola

***It's time to escape your daily routine and responsibilities. What do you enjoy? What makes you happy?***

Fun. Adventure. Inspiration. Action. Education. Introspection. Sports. Music. Art. Nature. Wine. History. Connection. Discovery. World-Class Events. Great local eats. Pampering. Playing. Creating. Volunteering. Tailgating. Racing. New friends.

You'll find all of this and more in Indianola, just 12 miles south of Des Moines. We invite you to play hooky in Indianola! You deserve it! You'll love it!

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## Top-Notch Events

- o Join the audience or the cast at the nationally-renowned Des Moines Metro Opera.
- o Take photos, help crew, listen to music, eat, drink, enjoy the spectacle of the balloons floating across the sky, or jump into the basket yourself at the National Balloon Classic.
- o Tap your foot to the beat at Bluegrass Tuesdays on the courthouse lawn.
- o Design and paint a themed balloon sculpture for the annual competition.
- o Grab a plate and sample the goodies at Taste of Warren County.
- o Catch the spirit at the Holiday Tour of Homes.
- o Rock the rally, listen to the band, and check out the bikes on display at Bike Down to I Town on The Square in Indianola – Iowa's biggest bike night.
- o Predict the winners and then hit the carnival at the Warren County Fair.
- o Whisper your list into Santa's ear at the Holiday Extravaganza.

## Eat with the Locals

- o Down your daily java at Uncommon Grounds.
- o Grab a straw and slurp an old-fashioned phosphate at the Corner Sundry.
- o Chomp through a Dirty Rogalla at Pete's Pizza.
- o Order a frosty mug of root beer from your car at the iconic Gib's A&W.
- o Enjoy the flavors of a Fried Crab Stick at China Star Restaurant.
- o Top your cherry pie with ice cream at Crouse's Café. It appeared as one of the 100 Things to do Before You Die.
- o Order homemade soup in a wheat bread bowl at Funaro's Deli & Bakery.
- o Step into character at an authentic afternoon tea at Miss Spenser's Tea Room.
- o Enjoy a lovely night on the patio with a margarita at La Casa Mexican Restaurant.
- o Order from the full menu, and watch the game, at The Sport Page Grill.
- o Drink Jalapeno Wine during Wacky Winery Wednesday at La Vida Loca Winery.
- o Lick the drip on a homemade ice cream cone from The Outside Scoop. Buy sweet corn ice cream or maple bacon!
- o Chow down and keep your napkin handy at RC SmkgBBQ.
- o Catch the game and a burger at Cal's Fine Food & Spirits.
- o Add syrup to the fluffy pancakes at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.
- o Hungry for gyros or pizza? Take a table at Winn's Pizza and Steakhouse.
- o Eat Chicago-style pizza on the deck at The Brick Yard Pizza and Pasta Co.
- o Meet your friends at Monterrey Mexican Restaurant.
- o Love the BBQ by Rick Valentine at The Shop.
  
- o Buy local art, make a stained glass piece or fused glass

## Be Inspired and Entertained

- o jewelry at Indianola Glass Creations.
- o Learn that belly-dancing rhythm with Jewels Beyond the Nile.
- o Get dolled-up for the Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon.
- o Introduce your kids to opera at Peanut Butter and Puccini at the Des Moines Metro Opera.
- o Peer through a telescope at the Annett Nature Center.
- o Contemplate artists' inspirations at Farnham Art Gallery at Simpson College.
- o Let spirit speak. Take a seat with the congregation in a different church each week.
- o Get involved, make a difference, have fun and volunteer at a local event or museum.
- o Give your child the gifts of friends and skills at Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and Girl Scouts, 4-H or FFA. Give yourself the gift of being their leader!
- o See how a balloon is manufactured on an off-site National Balloon Museum tour.
- o Contribute to the cause and rally with Relay for Life.
- o Listen to folk music-porch music-performed by local musician Simeon Stanfield.
- o Learn something new from a college professor during Senior College at Meadow Glen Terrace.
- o Salute the United States Flag at the monthly American Legion meeting.
- o Pack a picnic, bring a chair, drink some wine and chill out at Sunday Tunes at Summerset Winery.
- o Hand out bouquets to the performers after their dance recital.
- o Bring your instrument, ride the hayrack to the bonfire, roast your hot dog and join the musical jam at Summerset Winery.
- o Click the needles and make a scarf with Knit Wits at the Indianola Activity Center.
- o Make art from natural materials with the Warren County Conservation Board.
- o Gather some new information and inspiration at the Simpson College Speaker Series.
- o Learn to Line Dance at the Indianola Activity Center.
- o Perform on stage, build the set, or just applaud the cast at the Carousel Community Theatre.
- o Tune up your ear at the Indianola Concert Series.
- o Nibble popcorn or Junior Mints while you escape to a movie at Fridley Theater Paramount 7.
- o Become a treasure hunting Geocacher at the National Balloon Museum.
- o Peruse the Premium Book and enter the competition at the Warren County Fair.
- o Restock your library at the Rotary Book Sale.
- o Get your little builder involved with the Lego challenge at the Indianola Public Library.
- o Practice Healthy Grilling Tips at Vintage Hills Retirement Community.
- o Reap the benefits of Tae Kwon Do.

## Honor the Past

- o Sit down and contemplate our history portrayed on the mural in Salem Alley.

- o Imagine the courage needed by balloonists as you study early flights at the National Balloon Museum.
- o Step into George Washington Carver's shack at the Warren County Historical Center.
- o Search for your local ancestors in the 40,000 obituaries in the Warren County Historical Research Library.
- o Take a trip down memory lane at the Indianola Classic Car and Truck Show and Shine.
- o Find the antique surprise you are looking for at the Indianola Flea Market.
- o Discover the history of the Indianola Square by following the tour of buildings.
- o Squeeze into a small desk at Mount Hope School in Heritage Village.
- o Hunt for the headstone of Jane Brown Moore, the great-great-grandmother of former President Richard M. Nixon found in the old City Cemetery.
- o Get on track with the train club at the Warren County Historical Society.
- o Enjoy homemade chicken and noodles and purchase tickets for the pie and quilt raffles at Warren County Log Cabin Days.
- o Appreciate the conservative style of W.T. Proudfoot, Indianola's early 20<sup>th</sup> century architect with many buildings on the National Historic Register. Learn more at the Warren County Historical Research Library.
- o Shop for one-of-a-kind natural arrangements and treasures housed in the turn of the century Garden Barn.
- o Start your collection of Trail of Painted Ponies figurines and jewelry at Painted Pony Gallery.
- o Attend the US Ballooning Hall of Fame Induction and Open House at the National Balloon Museum.

## Enjoy Your Day with Friends

- o Soak in the cozy atmosphere at Welcome Home while you shop Jeff Tadsen designs, country furnishings, tea sets, pumpkin people, CDs and fun stuff.
- o Book a bamboo massage at Professional Body Works.
- o Search the vintage, new, and unique offerings at Burlap and Roses to find the perfect gift or accessory for your home.
- o Liven up your look with the latest at J.René Fashions.
- o Make a pumpkin centerpiece at Vintage Hills.
- o Book a facial and a body scrub at Tranquility or One Eighty Salon and Day Spa.
- o Slow down to meditate, join the "Start Somewhere Walk" or learn to salsa dance at The Village.
- o Holler "BINGO!" at the Indianola Activity Center.
- o You will know you want it when you see it – add some bling to your life at Treasure's Fine Jewelry.
- o Select organic produce and local honey at Busy Bee Garden Center.
- o Try new flavors and shop for kitchen specialty favorites at the Bits and Bites Tasting Party at Adorn.
- o Watch the sunset with your partner and relax for the weekend at Garden and Gallery Bed and Breakfast.
- o Order sweet treats from Mishmash Bake Shoppe for your next event.
- o Improve the feel and texture of your skin with a facial at beauty Is ... Aveda Concept Salon.

- o Let your heart decide for you at Taylor's Floral and Gifts.
- o Feel sexy and sassy with hair extensions from Ziva Couture Family Salon and Spa.
- o Examine the thousands of stitches at the Quilt Show on the Indianola Square.
- o Booking a party or wedding? Host your guests at the Palmer Room at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.
- o Dip into decorating at a workshop at Mosaic Rooster Boutique and Studio.
- o Select a forever furry friend at Kiya Koda Humane Society.
- o Browse the collection for women at 65 Route Harley-Davidson Shop.
- o Take lessons, join a jam or ogle the new guitars and amps at Ground Zero Music.
- o Be inspired and choose a pattern, a project, and lovely fabric at The Stitching Place.
- o Shop for the holidays at First United Methodist Church's Christmas Tree Lane or the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Cookie Walk.
- o Take the little ladies to tea and shop for fashions and accessories for dolls at Sassy Stitches.
- o Find the perfect decorative piece for your home, or the just-right gift at Kerry's Flowers and Creative Touches.
- o Squeal with delight when you find the perfect gown or party dress at Affinity Bridal.

## Compete...or Cheer and Applaud

**The Indianola Indians and the Simpson College Storm compete each season and welcome a crowd. Additional opportunities include Little League Baseball, Soccer Tribe, and a variety of club sports for every age. Get involved and have a great time!**

Football ~ Soccer ~ Baseball ~ Basketball ~ Wrestling  
Tennis ~ Swimming ~ Volleyball ~ Softball ~ Golf  
Cross-Country ~ Track and Field ~ Honor Choir  
Madrigal Singers ~ Woman Chorale ~ Chamber Singers  
Musicals ~ Theatre ~ Art ~ Band ~ Jazz Band  
Orchestra ~ Concert Choir ~ Lyric Choir ~ ACapella Show  
Choir ~ Debate ~ Drama Club ~ Rodeo ~ Cheerleading

- o Enlist a buddy and join the YMCA or one of the other fitness centers to stay in shape. Honor a family champion with a trophy from Bob's Custom Trophies.
- o Take a lap or two, work out, or join a pick-up-game when Indianola Community Youth Foundation (ICYF) holds open gym time at the Blake Field house at the Indianola Middle School.
- o Brush up on health and safety for winter sports tips at <http://www.dreeschiropractic.com/about/blog.asp>
- o Put your name or your team name on a jacket, a hoodie, a shirt, a hat or bag at Casual Rags.
- o Hit the links at the Indianola Country Club to raise money for Indianola Athletic Boosters.



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