This summer Hancock County Tourism launched a brand new website which will enable people to find out what to see and do in Hancock County.

www.visitinhancock.org

Find out how to “Create Your Story” in Hancock County

Our Place: Tourism and Visitor Center Office: 119 West North Street, Greenfield
Our Face: Executive Director, Brighet Cook Jones
Historic HANCOCK COUNTY

Hancock County is rich in history that has been preserved in some very unique local museums and historic buildings that are open to the public. There are historic places to see and tour in three of our communities: Greenfield, New Palestine and Shirley. You should know that most of these museums are volunteer run – and this means that there are limited resources – and sometimes limited hours that they are open. Please be sure to check out the websites for the museums to find out when their public hours are, or how you can schedule a group tour.

Whether you visit Greenfield’s James Whitcomb Riley home to see where Little Orphant Annie came to stay, or the unique structure that is the Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House in Shirley - you are sure to find some wonderful stories about some very unusual people and places. Chances are you might like a more varied overview of history – the largest collection of Hancock County memorabilia is in the Hancock County Historical Society at the Old Log Jail Museum and the Chapel in the Park Museum. If a more local focus is your interest – both the towns of Shirley and New Palestine have their own museums and collections. All of these locations have wonderful people who are also willing to help answer questions about genealogy, history or other historic locations.

Museums and Historic Homes

Hancock County Historical Society
"Located at the Old Log Jail and the Chapel in the Park Museums
28 N Apple Street
(Mailing address P.O. Box 375)
Greenfield
317-462-7780
www.hancockhistory.org

James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home and Museum
250 W Main St.
Greenfield
317-462-8539
www.jwrmuseum.org

New Palestine Main Street and Museum
11 E Main St. (Mailing address P.O. Box 407)
New Palestine
www.facebook.com/newpalestinemainstreet

Shirley Historical Society
"Located at the Shirley Railroad Depot Museum and Dr. Willard’s Office Museum
204 Railroad St.
Shirley
317-294-5582
www.shirleyindiana.com
STAY for the night

Hancock County offers several different types of lodging for those who are wishing to spend the night. Whether you want to find a room in one of our great hotels, a bed and breakfast or even a farm house, Hancock County certainly has many different options.

One of the great benefits to staying in Hancock County is that most of our hotels are located very near the I-70 interchange. There are eight hotels located in Greenfield and the newly opened Fairfield Inn will make it nine. This means that within 20 minutes of leaving your room, you can be in downtown Indianapolis. Due to the proximity to Indy, Hancock County's hotels see the "overflow" from events happening in Indy. Whether you are in town for a Colts game, the Indianapolis 500, Gencon, or the National FFA Convention – Hancock County's location, its less expensive rates, free parking, with lots of nearby amenities – make it an attractive option for out of town guests.

Maybe you aren't interested in the standard stay at
a hotel? Hancock County also has two unique overnight options: The Ivy House Bed and Breakfast in Fortville, and the Tyner Pond Farm House in rural Greenfield. Both offer a more intimate home like setting – in addition to the ease of access that the other major hotels offer.

Whether you are planning a stay in Hancock County for one of our great festivals, fairs, sporting events, or local attractions, have business to do with one of our major companies, or are just passing through, we offer many opportunities to create your story in our great communities and warm and welcoming overnight accommodations.

**Hotels/Motels**

**Budget Motel**
1310 W Main St.
Greenfield
317-462-4493

**Comfort Inn**
178 E Martindale Dr.
Greenfield
317-467-9999
www.choicehotels.com

**Country Inn & Suites**
2070 N State St.
Greenfield
www.countryinns.com

**Greenfield Inn**
2180 N State St.
Greenfield
317-318-1719
www.greenfield-inn.us

**Fairfield Inn**
(opening in October 2018)

**Hampton Inn**
2271 William Way
Greenfield
317-467-0700
www.hilton.com/hampton_inn

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites**
321 Barrett Dr.
Greenfield
317-318-9859
www.hixpress.com

**Quality Inn**
2270 N State St.
Greenfield
317-462-7112
www.qualityinngreenfield.com
An Outdoor OVERNIGHT STAY

Hancock County is fortunate that it offers a variety of different camping and camp event options for visitors. The county boasts four different campgrounds, which are located on the western side of the county. They all have a variety of amenities ranging from wooded lots, swimming pools, recreation halls, RV rentals, activities, camp stores and more. Two of our campgrounds have cabins that you can rent for the weekend, and one of our campgrounds also doubles as a banquet site. Many of our camp sites have extended stay options – which is great if you want to stay for the whole month of May during the Indianapolis 500, or you would like to remain in the area for awhile to visit family. The added bonus is that our campgrounds are just a short drive from Indianapolis, and most are located near an interstate exit.

Our camp event centers are a bit different in that they usually cater to large camping events or get-togethers such as reunions, Boy or Girl Scout camp outs, business or religious retreats, and even some Society for Creative Anachronism groups. Both of our camp event centers are located in rural areas and provide a wooded escape in a very rustic setting. Nameless Creek Youth Camp has cabins that you can rent as well as an onsite lodge, and La Place, the camp area for the 40 & 8, has a small shelter house, but is in a more primitive setting.

If you like connecting to nature and want a more rugged experience – Hancock County can do that for you. Or if you would prefer to go “glamping” and stay in a fancy RV or tent cabin – Hancock County has that as well. Check out the places to camp out for a great time!

Campgrounds
Heartland Resort
1613 W 300 N
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-326-3181
www.heartlandresort.com

Indianapolis KOA Campground
5896 W 200 N
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-894-1397
https://koa.com/campgrounds/indianapolis/

Mohawk Campground
756 W 375 N
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-326-3392

S & H Campground
2573 W 100 N
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-326-3208
www.sandhcampground.com

Camp Event Centers
40 & 8 Voiture 1415 La Place
2344 S – 375 E
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-975-0023
www.40and8voiture1415.org

Nameless Creek Youth Camp
2675 S – 600 E
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-652-2033
www.namelesscreekyouthcamp.com
Are you looking to tee off for a great game of golf? Hancock County can certainly help you in that area. There are two great golf courses that are open to the public that are located in the county: Arrowhead Golf Course and Hawk’s Tail Golf Club.

Arrowhead and Hawk’s Tail both host several golf tournaments and outings throughout the year. They also have pavilions and banquet facilities to help bring your special golf event together. The great thing is they are both open to the public so you don’t have to be a member to play. So if you are looking to plan a great event for a large group, or just want to play a round of 18 holes with a friend, Hancock County has you covered with some great greens and challenging courses.

Arrowhead Golf Course
2974 Clubhouse Dr.
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-326-2326
www.arrowheadgc.com

Hawk’s Tail Golf Course
145 S Morristown Pike
Greenfield, IN 46140
317-462-2706
www.hawkstail.com
What may surprise people is that within Hancock County there are literally hundreds of different events and unique things to do almost every day of the year. From local fund raising events such as runs, walks, bowling events, motorcycle rides, and dining events at a variety of locations; to a variety of vendor shows, animal shows, festivals and other events at the county fairgrounds; to live music performances in bars, restaurants, and both inside and outside venues; to sporting events with baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, tennis, and bowling; to gaming events such as Pokemon, Heroclix, Magic, and Yu-gi-oh at Hometown Comics; to crafting and art opportunities at local shops, art studios, and 4-H; to live play performances and other events at the H. J. Ricks Centre for the arts; to all sorts of festivals and fairs. This is only to name a few of the wide variety of things that goes on in Hancock County on a regular basis - and each one of them has the potential to bring a visitor from outside of the county into the county for a destination experience.

To coordinate all of this information the Hancock County Tourism Office has included an event calendar on their new website at www.visithancock.org – This calendar includes event information from a wide variety of not-for-profit organizations and commercial vendors who create these unique tourist opportunities in Hancock County. Be sure to check back often as new events are added! Each organization submits the information through the Deck app – which allows the event organizer to supply the information to the calendar. If you would like to find out more about you can get your information included on the Tourism calendar – please contact the Tourism and Visitor Center office at info@visithancock.org
A Sample of Annual Festivals and Fairs

For a complete listing of events check out the event calendar at www.visithancock.org

Riley Wrangler’s Arts and Craft Fair
May 4, 2019
Hancock County Fairgrounds
620 N Apple St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Strawberry Festival
May 18, 2019
Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House
600 S Railroad St.
Shirley, IN 47384

Hancock County 4-H Fair
June 21-28, 2019
Hancock County Fairgrounds
620 N Apple St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Summer Fest
June 21 - 22, 2019
Downtown New Palestine

Erlkönig Blue Grass Festival
August 3 & 4, 2019
Hancock County Fairgrounds
620 N Apple St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Shirley Founders Day
August 17, 2019
Downtown Shirley

Chocolate Walk
August 9, 2019
Downtown Greenfield

Pig Roast
August 10, 2019
La Place
2344 S 275 E
Greenfield, IN 46140

Lord’s Acre Festival
September 6 & 7, 2019
McCordville United Methodist Church
624 W Broadway
McCordville, IN 46055

Pennsy Art Festival
July 27, 2019
Hancock County Courthouse Plaza
Greenfield, IN 46140

New Palestine Fall Festival
September 6-8, 2019
Downtown New Palestine

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show
September 6-8, 2019
Hancock County Fairgrounds
620 N Apple St.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Four-Post 400 Bed Race
September 7, 2019
North Street
Greenfield, IN 46140

Chalk Fest
September 21, 2018
Hancock County Courthouse Plaza
Greenfield, IN 46140

Flat 50 Bicycle Ride
September 21, 2019
Hancock County

Riley Festival
October 3 – 6, 2019
Downtown Greenfield

Verry, Merry Christmas
Late November and Early December
Downtown Greenfield

Greenfield Christmas Festival
December 7, 2019
Downtown Greenfield

New Palestine Christmas Walk
December 7, 2019
Downtown New Palestine

Shirley Christmas Walk
December 7, 2019
Downtown Shirley

Winter Fest
December 7, 2019
Downtown Fortville
AGRI-FUN

Agritourism is really what agritourism is in Hancock County. The county has a rich history with agriculture which primes it perfectly for plenty of options in the agritourism industry. Besides several local Farmer's Markets, Meat producers, and U-Pick places - Hancock County boasts some very interesting places that combine agriculture and FUN together.

Tuttle's Orchard just celebrated its 90th birthday in 2018 - and there was a lot to see and do.

This farm hits all age groups with agri-fun with a variety of activities and a calendar of festivals and special events. This location boasts a year-round market, and a café with some really yummy choices. Kids can run around in the Tuttle's playground, or a family can go on a wagon ride to pick a pumpkin in the fall, and Tuttle's is also known for entertaining hundreds of school children on their farm tours.

Lark Ranch is another unique Agri-FUN location in Hancock County - and the only place in Central Indiana that has a train with a mile long track! This location is primarily a fall destination, but sometimes it opens for other events in the summer and early winter. Lark Ranch also offers a zip line, swings, a super slide, as well as a petting zoo and pony rides. It is chock full of family fun for a Hancock County Harvest!

Be sure to check out these two great locations - and some of the other cool Agri-FUN pieces in Hancock County!

Agritourism Locations

Daniel's Vineyard
9061 N Carroll Rd
McCordsville
317-248-5222
www.danielsvineyard.com

Lark Ranch
1611 N Meridian Rd
Greenfield
812-295-9000
www.larkranch.com

Lost Forty Tree Farm
4499 N 400 E
Greenfield
317-326-4670
www.lostfortytreefarm.com

Piney Acres
1115 E 1000 N
Fortville
317-326-1700
www.pineyacres.com

Sambol's Tree Farm
7783 N SR 9
Fortville
317-850-0135
www.sambolstreefarm.com

Tuttle's Orchard
5717 N 300 W
Greenfield
317-326-8674
www.tuttleorchard.com
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Be sure to tell us how you were able to "Create Your Story" in Hancock County

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There is so much to see and do in Hancock County - that we encourage you to visit the Hancock County Visitor Center - located 119 W North Street Greenfield, IN 46140. You can also contact the Hancock County Tourism Office at: 317-477-8687 or send us an email at: info@visitinhancock.org