

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















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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

Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House 400 S Railroad St. Shirley https://www.facebook. com/JRROHF/ www.reevesoctagon house.com 765-738-6736

James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home and Museum

250 W Main St. Greenfield 317-462-8539 www.jwrileyhome.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. Wilson's Office Museum 204 Railroad St. Shirley 317-294-5582 www.shirleyindiana.com

Historic HANCOCK COUNTY

ancock 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.

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ancock 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



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a hotel? Hancock County also has two unique overnight options: The lvy 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.hiexpress.com

Quality Inn 2270 N State St. Greenfield 317-462-7112 www.qualityinngreenfield.com

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An Outdoor OVERNIGHT STAY

ancock County is for-tunate that it offers a variety of different camping and camp event options for visitors. The county boasts four dif-ferent 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 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 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 top notch 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 317-326-3393

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 – 275 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

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re 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 3974 Clubhouse Dr. Greenfield, IN 46140 317-326-2226 www.arrowheadgc.com Hawk's Tail Golf Course 145 S Morristown Pike Greenfield, IN 46140 317-462-2706 www.hawkstail.com



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FESTIVALS, fairs AND EVENTS

hat 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.visitinhancock.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@visitinhancock.org

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A Sample of Annual Festivals and Fairs

620 N Apple St.

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Shirley

August 17,

Downtown

Pig Roast

August 10, 2019 La Place

2344 S - 275 E

Greenfield, IN 46140

Lord's Acre Festival

Methodist Church

September 6 & 7, 2019 McCordsville United

**For a complete listing of events check out the event calendar at www.visitinhancock.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 400 S Railroad St. Shirley, IN 47384

> Strawberry Festival June 1, 2019

First Presbyterian Church 116 W South St. Greenfield, IN 46140

Summer Fest June 21 - 22, 2019 Downtown

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

New Palestine

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

6247 W Broadway McCordsville, IN 46055 **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

Elkridge Blue Grass Four-Post 400 Bed Race Festival

September 7, 2019 August 3 & 4, 2019 North Street Hancock Greenfield, IN 46140 County Fairgrounds Chalk Fest

Greenfield, IN Hancock County Court-46140 house Plaza Greenfield, IN Shirley 46140 Founders

Flat 50 Bicycle Ride September 21, 2019 Hancock County

Chocolate Walk **Riley Festival** August 9, 2019 October 3 - 6, 2019 Downtown Greenfield Downtown Greenfield

> Verry, Merry Christmas Late November and Early December Downtown Greenfield

September 21, 2018

New Palestine Christmas Walk December 7, 2019

Shirley Christmas Walk December 7, 2019 Downtown Shirley

Winter Fest December 7, 2019 Downtown Fortville

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AGRI-fun

gri–FUN 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 it's 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 know 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 boasts 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 places 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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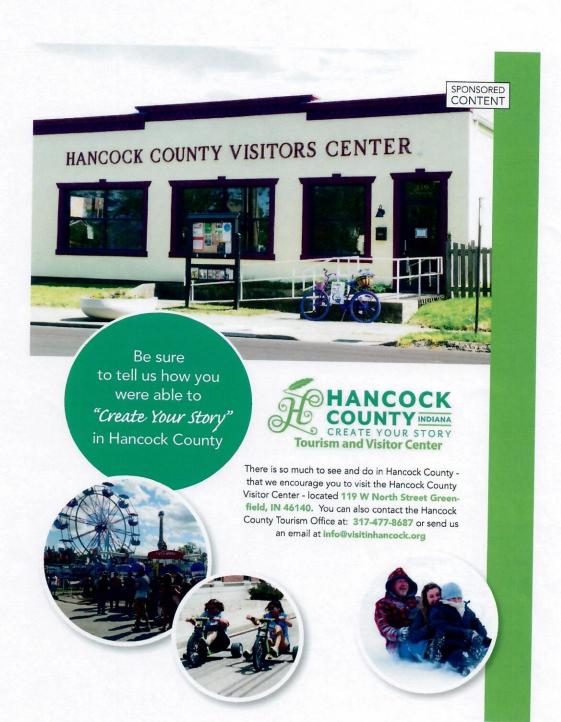
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