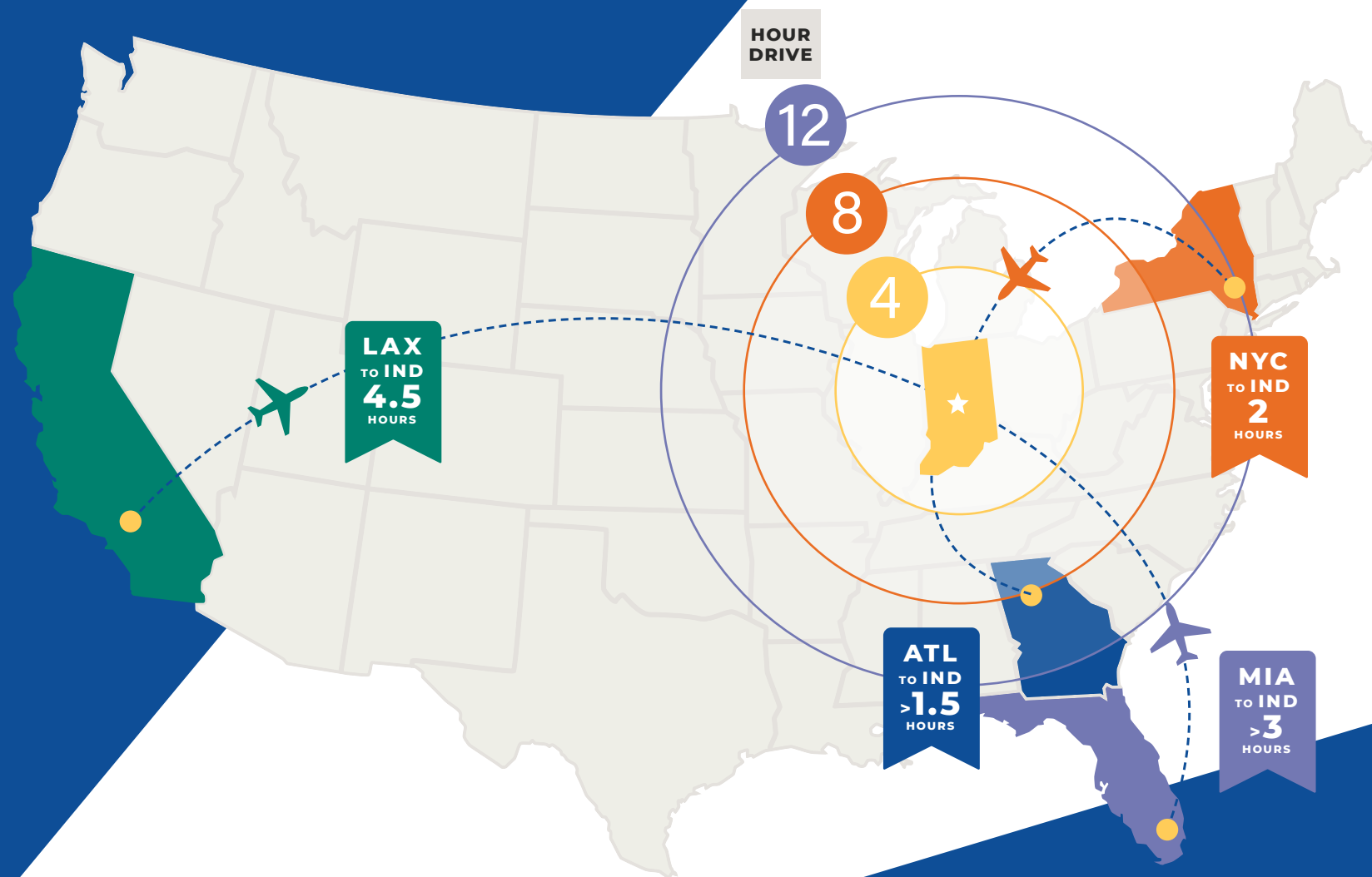


INDIANA CREATES

LOCATION LOOKBOOK + FILMING GUIDE



Welcome to the crossroads of America, where Hoosier hospitality meets forward-thinking innovation and technology, creating a truly unique atmosphere in the heartland. Discover one of the Midwest's best-kept secrets for filming. Indiana offers a diverse landscape—from stunning sandy beaches and enchanting woodlands to golden sunlit fields, historic covered bridges, and charming small towns that sit alongside vibrant, bustling cityscapes. Explore our world-class university campuses and nationally acclaimed museums, where creativity thrives and inspiration is abundant. With a cost-effective environment for running a business and producing film projects, Indiana provides all the amenities you need for significant savings. It's the perfect place to bring your story to life on screen.

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Cities Within a 6-Hour Drive:

- Cincinnati, Ohio: 2 hours
- Louisville, Kentucky: 2 hours
- Chicago, Illinois: 2 hours
- Columbus, Ohio: 3 hours
- St. Louis, Missouri: 4 hours
- Detroit, Michigan: 4.5 hours
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin: 4.5 hours
- Nashville, Tennessee: 4.5 hours
- Cleveland, Ohio: 5 hours
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: 5.5 hours



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INDIANA'S FILMMAKING ECOSYSTEM IS A VIBRANT AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY, reflecting a developing industry supported by robust educational programs, numerous film festivals, and a growing number of production companies. The state's renowned institutions, such as Indiana University Bloomington, Ball State University, Purdue University, and University of Notre Dame, offer comprehensive programs in film studies and media production, nurturing future filmmakers with hands-on experiences and access to premier facilities like the IU Cinema and DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Indiana currently offers a film and media tax credit designed to attract filmmakers and media producers to the state.

The tax incentive provides a credit of up to 30% on qualified production expenses incurred within Indiana, including costs related to crew wages, set construction, equipment rentals, and post-production services. To qualify, production companies must meet certain criteria and go through an application process with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.



Northern Indiana

CLICK EACH CITY

SOUTH BEND

FORT WAYNE

ELKHART

GOSHEN

MICHIGAN CITY

LA PORTE

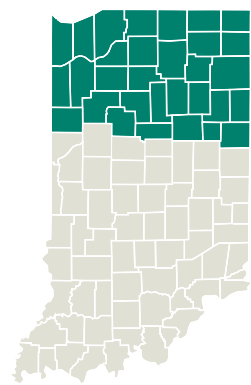
MERRILLVILLE

VALPARAISO

PLYMOUTH

CULVER

WARSAW



NORTHERN INDIANA is a storyteller’s playground, filled with a mix of scenes that capture the essence of the Midwest in all its diversity. You’ve got the raw, industrial edge of Gary. Not far off, the Indiana Dunes stretch out with their rolling sandscapes and tranquil shores. Notre Dame University offers a backdrop of classic collegiate charm, with its ivy-covered walls and historic feel. Then there’s Elkhart, where the streets hum with small-town character and friendly faces, creating a perfect canvas for tales of community, connection, and the simple joys of life. Huntington University brings a layer of youthful energy and creative spirit. And the Amish communities, with horse-drawn buggies and sprawling farms, offer a unique and grounded sense of place. Northern Indiana gives you all the ingredients to build stories that are rich in texture and feeling—urban to rural, historic to contemporary—all within a region that’s easy to access but full of surprises.

PIPE CREEK FALLS



GARY



CROWN POINT



MICHIGAN CITY



FORT WAYNE



GOSHEN

NORTHERN INDIANA



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

The University of Notre Dame, founded in 1842 in Notre Dame, Indiana, is known for its rich history and distinctive Gothic architecture. Key landmarks include the iconic Main Building with its Golden Dome and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, featuring elaborate stained glass windows and Gothic Revival design. The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, a replica of the French shrine, adds unique character to the campus. Notre Dame also offers expansive quads, meticulously landscaped gardens, grand university libraries with ornate interiors, and notable athletic facilities like the historic Notre Dame Stadium.



INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK

Indiana Dunes National Park offers a striking landscape that combines natural beauty with historical significance, making it an attractive location for filming. Located on the southern shore of Lake Michigan, the park features over 2,000 acres of diverse habitats, including majestic dunes up to 200 feet high with panoramic Lake Michigan views, lush forested areas, and over 16 miles of trails that provide rich, green backdrops. The park's sandy beaches and wetlands add to the variety of scenic settings available for exploration and capture.



Central Indiana

CLICK EACH CITY

INDIANAPOLIS

CARMEL, FISHERS & NOBLESVILLE

ZIONSVILLE

ANDERSON

MUNCIE

RICHMOND

PLAINFIELD

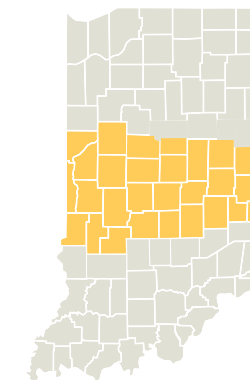
GREENWOOD & FRANKLIN

SHELBYVILLE

MARTINSVILLE

LAFAYETTE

KOKOMO



CENTRAL INDIANA is a region that seamlessly blends the vibrancy of urban life with the tranquility of natural landscapes, making it an ideal setting for a wide range of film projects. At its heart is Indianapolis, the state capital, offering a mix of modern architecture, historic neighborhoods, and iconic landmarks that can double as almost any metropolitan backdrop. To the west, Turkey Run State Park presents filmmakers with year-round natural beauty, from rugged canyons to serene forest trails, perfect for outdoor adventure scenes. The picturesque covered bridges scattered across the western region add a touch of rustic charm, ideal for period pieces or idyllic rural settings. Meanwhile, Richmond in the east offers a more intimate, small-town atmosphere with a surprisingly robust cultural and arts scene, providing a unique counterbalance to the urban core.

INDIANAPOLIS - CIRCLE CENTER MALL



MUNCIE



INDIANAPOLIS - Fountain Square



INDIANAPOLIS - NCAA HQ



FRANKLIN



INDIANAPOLIS CANAL

CITYSCAPES



HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY



ROCKVILLE



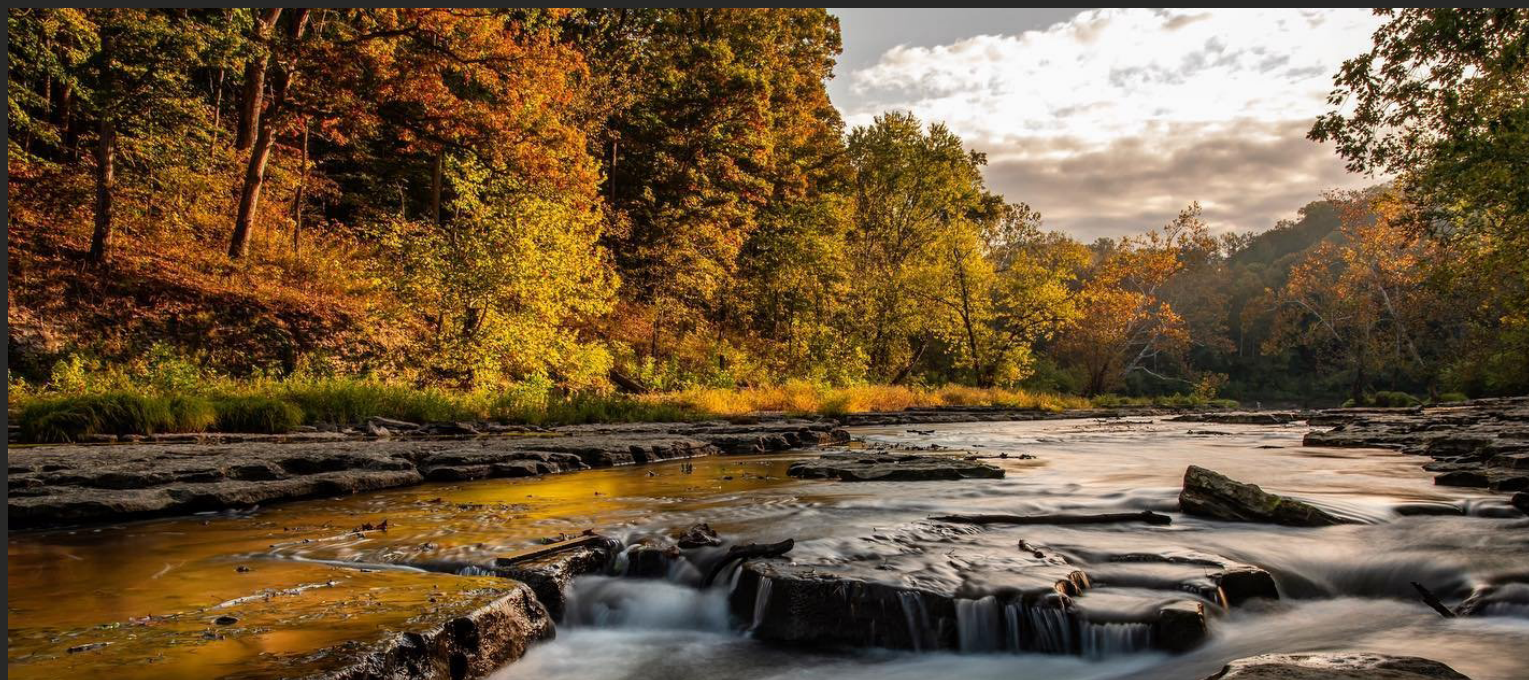
ROCKVILLE



TURKEY RUN STATE PARK



INDIANAPOLIS - EAGLE CREEK PARK



CATARACT FALLS

LANDSCAPES

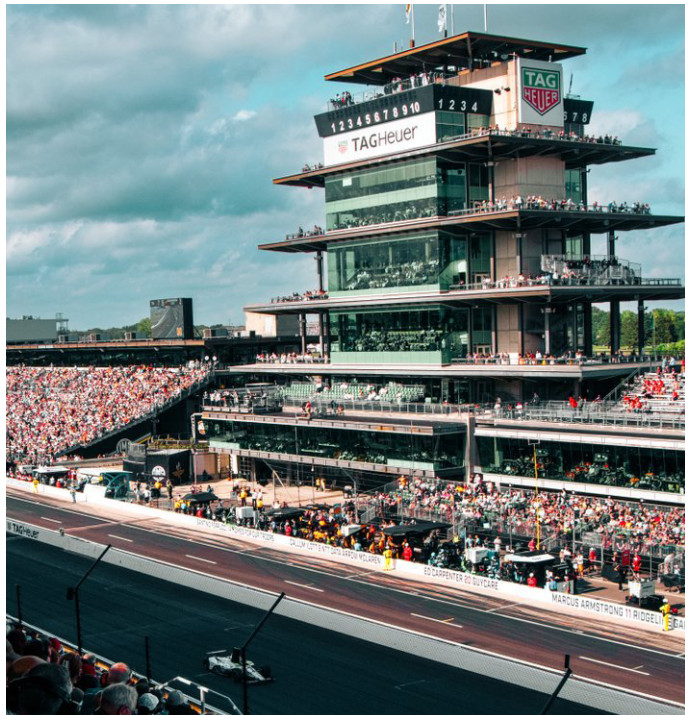


MARION



LUCAS OIL RACEWAY

PLAYSCAPES



INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY



HARRAH'S CASINO



ATTICA - BADLANDS OFFROAD



INDIANAPOLIS - CULTURAL TRAIL





Southern Indiana

CLICK EACH CITY

EVANSVILLE

NEW ALBANY

JEFFERSONVILLE

CLARKSVILLE

MADISON

TERRE HAUTE

VINCENNES

CORYDON

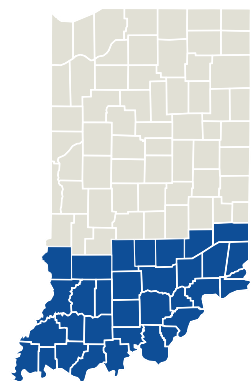
FRENCH LICK

JASPER

BLOOMFIELD

BLOOMINGTON

COLUMBUS



SOUTHERN INDIANA is a region of stunning natural beauty and cultural richness, perfect for diverse filming locations. The rolling hills and scenic landscapes set this area apart from the flatter north and central regions. Evansville, along the Ohio River, offers a charming riverside setting, while Bloomington buzzes with college town energy and a vibrant indie music scene. Columbus stands out with its globally renowned architecture, providing a modernist backdrop, and the quaint town of Nashville, with its picturesque Nashville State Park, offers serene, small-town charm.



SOUTHERN INDIANA



PAOLI PEAKS



HOLIDAY WORLD



COLUMBUS



MADISON



BROWN COUNTY

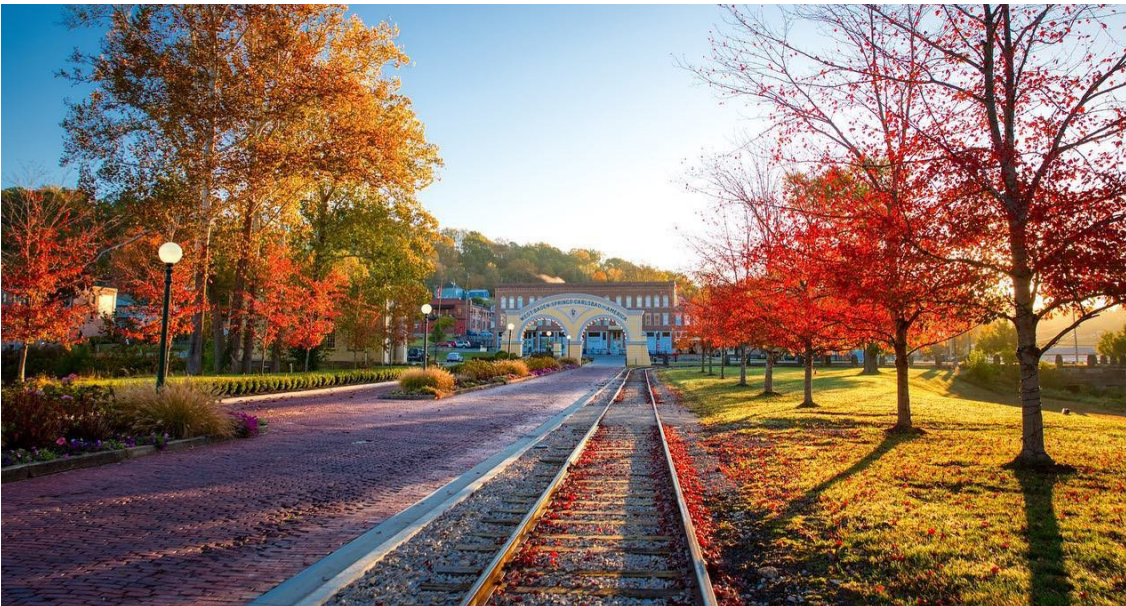


OLIVER WINERY

SOUTHERN INDIANA



FRENCH LICK / WEST BADEN SPRINGS





BEHIND THE SCENES
Dirty Laundry by 12 Stars Media

Image courtesy of 12 Stars Media

Film Fests !!!

INDIANA'S FILM FESTIVALS ARE A VIBRANT REFLECTION OF THE STATE'S DIVERSE CINEMATIC CULTURE.

From the prestigious Heartland International Film Festival in Indianapolis to the genre-focused Indy Film Fest, and the acclaimed River Bend Film Festival in Goshen, these events showcase a wide range of films, from indie projects to international hits. Each festival brings together filmmakers, audiences, and industry professionals, making Indiana a key destination for celebrating the art of film.

HEARTLAND FILM FESTIVAL

heartlandfilm.org

INDIANAPOLIS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

indyfilmfest.org

INDY FILM FEST

indyfilmfest.org

RIVER BEND FILM FESTIVAL

riverbendfilmfest.org

HOOSIER FILMS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

hoosierfilms.com

NO COAST FILM FEST

nocoastfilmfest.com

INDIANA YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL


weatherhousepro.com/iyff

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Resources

Access to high-quality film equipment rentals, sound stages, and post-production facilities ensures that productions have everything needed for seamless shoots. Additionally, Indiana's new film and media tax credits make filming here even more attractive by reducing production costs. With this blend of stunning locations, professional talent, comprehensive resources, and financial incentives, Indiana is increasingly becoming a prime destination for filmmakers looking to create captivating content in a supportive and dynamic environment.



THE DUEL SHOT ON LOCATION
at Asherwood, the former estate
of Mel and Bren Simon in Carmel, IN

The Duel, produced by Indiana-based Pigasus Pictures and distributed by Lionsgate, showcases Indiana as a versatile and unique film location. Shot in and around Indianapolis, the film brings local charm and diverse settings to the screen, from the atmospheric catacombs beneath City Market to the vibrant Inferno Room tiki bar in Fountain Square, the eclectic Midland Arts & Antiques, and the stunning Asherwood estate in Carmel. Filmed during the pandemic, The Duel demonstrates Indiana's capacity to support productions under challenging conditions, with accessible locations and a supportive, talented local crew. The success of The Duel highlights Indiana's potential to serve as a compelling backdrop for a variety of genres, offering distinct visuals and authentic environments.

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For a comprehensive directory of film locations, crew, and production teams across Indiana, and to learn more about the state's film and media tax credit, visit indianacreates.com. Contact IndianaFilm@iedc.in.gov to get started on your next media production.

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