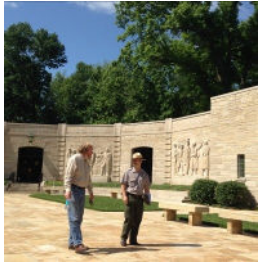


# 2021 GROUP INFORMATION

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA  
AND  
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# WELCOME

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Santa Claus is a magical and historical destination! Thousands of letters to Santa pile into this small, charming town annually.

Ever wonder what Abraham Lincoln did as a child? Find out at sites throughout Lincoln's Indiana Boyhood Home, where Abe spent ages 7-21.



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## RESOURCES

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The Spencer County Visitors Bureau is here to help you with all of your group's needs. Below is a list of resources available upon request.

### Promotional Materials

- Digital photos of the destination to promote a group tour, available via email or postal mail on a USB
- Videos to showcase the area
- Assistance with marketing copy points for printed material pertaining to scheduled tours

### Pre-Scheduled Guide Services

- A warm welcome when group arrives in the area
- Step-on guides to educate the tour group about the area

### FAM Tour Opportunities

- Familiarize group tour planners with area attractions during a FAM tour for scheduled overnight trips
  - Tour operator must plan to bring a group to stay at a local accommodation overnight
  - FAM tours require approval by the executive director





# HOURS



**Stop in and see us  
at the Visitors Bureau!**

39 North Kringle Place  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm CT



Visit [SantaClausInd.org/Open](http://SantaClausInd.org/Open)

to view current hours of operation for local attractions and dining.



## Meetings and Group Tour Contact:

Karen Graybill

[kgraybill@SantaClausInd.org](mailto:kgraybill@SantaClausInd.org)

(888) 444-9252

**Please Note:**

**Spencer County operates on Central Time**



# GETTING HERE



## Getting Here By Motor Coach

Interstate 64 is the major corridor providing access to the region. The Indiana Department of Transportation hotline, (800) 261-7623, provides current road conditions.

## Driving Tips

- Right turns are allowed on red, unless posted otherwise
- Some GPS devices do not recognize Santa Claus street names; refer to maps available at [SantaClausInd.org/maps-guides](http://SantaClausInd.org/maps-guides)

## Driving Distances:

Owensboro, Ky. - 40 minutes  
 Evansville, Ind. - 1 hour  
 Louisville, Ky. - 1 hour, 20 minutes  
 Cincinnati, Ohio - 3 hours  
 Indianapolis, Ind. - 3 hours  
 Nashville, Tenn. - 3 hours  
 St. Louis, Mo. - 3 hours  
 Chicago, Ill. - 6 hours  
 Detroit, Mich. - 6.5 hours





# FACT SHEET

## Location

Santa Claus, Indiana, is located north of the Ohio River in southern Indiana, approximately seven miles south of Interstate 64 between Louisville, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana.

## Themed Town

The famous town is home to the world's only post office with the Santa Claus name. The world's first theme park is also located in Santa Claus; Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (originally called Santa Claus Land) opened in 1946. Most of the businesses in Santa Claus have Christmas-themed names such as Santa's Lodge, Lake Rudolph Campground & RV Resort, the Santa Claus Christmas Store, Christmas Lake Golf Club, Santa's TOYS, and Holiday Foods. Many of the establishments display Christmas lights and decorations year round. Nearly all the streets in Santa Claus are holiday-themed as well: Christmas Boulevard, Candy Cane Lane, and Mistletoe Drive. There are over 20 Santa Claus statues located at various locations throughout the community.

## Population

The town of Santa Claus was incorporated in 1967 with a town board of three members and a clerk-treasurer. The population of the town at that time was less than 50. Today, this rural community is the home to approximately 2,500 people. During the summer months, the number of visitors outnumbers the residents many times over.

## Naming of Santa Claus

The original town of Santa Claus, Indiana, was called Santa Fee. However, upon learning there was already a town in Indiana with the similar name of Santa Fe, the townspeople had to come up with a new name in order to obtain a post office.

According to local legend, it was a cold December night when the townspeople gathered together in a small church to choose a new town name. A gust of wind blew open the church doors and the sound of sleigh bells could be heard. A child exclaimed that it must be Santa Claus and the townspeople decided the town would be called Santa Claus, Indiana. This name was officially accepted by the United States Post Office Department in 1856.

## Early Development

In the mid-1930s Attorney Milton Harris coordinated a deal with the Curtiss Candy Company and built a castle-like building for selling candy to visitors to the town. He also built a factory where Santa sleighs were built. Several toy companies built small plants in Santa Claus where they manufactured and displayed toys. In 2006, Santa's Candy Castle was fully restored and re-opened to the public offering handmade confections and gourmet hot chocolate.

## Original Santa Statue

Businessman Carl A. Barrett collected donations and opened a park with a large statue of Santa Claus in 1935. The statue, dedicated "to the children of the world" is 22 feet high. This landmark has a base in the shape of the star of Bethlehem, with its principal point showing the way east to the land of the Christmas story. In 2011, the statue was restored to its original condition.

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## World's First Theme Park

On August 3, 1946, Evansville industrialist Louis J. Koch opened Santa Claus Land, the first theme park built in the world. (Disneyland opened nine years later.) The original Santa Claus Land included the Santa Claus Land Train, toy displays, a food and souvenir shop, and a place to visit Santa Claus. In 1984, additional holiday-themed sections were added, including Halloween and Fourth of July, and the park was renamed Holiday World. In 1993, Splashin' Safari water park was added. TripAdvisor.com has named it the nation's #1 Water Park. In 2006, the park added a fourth holiday section, Thanksgiving. The park is home to three of the world's top-rated wooden roller coasters: The Voyage, The Raven, and The Legend and the world's longest water coaster, The Mammoth. The park introduced the nation's first launched wing coaster, Thunderbird, in 2015, and the first launched water coaster, Cheetah Chase, in 2020. During the summer, over 1 million guests visit the family parks, which have been repeatedly voted the World's Friendliest and Cleanest.

## Santa Claus Post Office

In 1856, the U.S. Postal Department gave official notice that the community would have a post office. The Santa Claus Post Office is the only post office in the world with Santa's name. The Post Office offers a holiday picture postmark during the month of December that also attracts mail from all over the world. Over 400,000 pieces of mail go through the Santa Claus Post Office during the holidays.

## Letters to Santa

Each year the town receives thousands of letters to Santa from children all over the world. The Santa Claus Museum & Village and a group of local volunteers called "Santa's Elves" answer letters sent to Santa. They make sure each child receives a reply from Santa Claus; in 2019 and 2020 approximately 51,000 letters were answered. This tradition has been traced back as far as the 1920s.

## Santa Claus Christmas Celebration

Experience traditional holiday events during the first three weekends of December such as Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire at Santa's Candy Castle and the annual parade. Drive through Lake Rudolph's 1.2-mile "Santa Claus Land of Lights" to learn the shining story of Rudolph and browse through the Santa Claus Arts & Crafts Show and shops around town.

## Today

Santa Claus, Indiana, has wonderful themed attractions and shops that truly bring out the spirit of Christmas. The famed little town offers unique attractions, shopping, and festive lodging.

- [Christmas Lake Golf Club](#)
- [Evergreen Boutique & Christmas Shop](#)
- [Frosty's Fun Center](#)
- [Gingerbread House](#)
- [Holiday Guest House Suites](#)
- [The Holiday House](#)
- [Holiday World & Splashin' Safari](#)
- [Lake Rudolph Campground & RV Resort](#)
- [Mistletoe Manor](#)
- [Santa Claus Christmas Store](#)
- [Santa Claus Museum & Village](#)
- [Santa Claus Post Office](#)
- [Santa's Candy Castle](#)
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- [Santa's Lodge & St. Nick's Restaurant](#)
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# FACT SHEET

## Lincoln in Spencer County, Indiana

**Years spent in Spencer County:** 14 years; from age 7 to 21

**Year moved to Spencer County:** 1816

**Why move to Spencer County?** To own land free of title disputes and the taint of slavery. In Kentucky, Lincoln's Father Thomas lost land three times due to title flaws.

**Year Lincolns left Spencer County, Indiana, for Illinois:** 1830

## Lincoln Family Members:

**Mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln** died in 1818 of milk sickness, an illness caused from drinking milk from cows that consumed poisonous white snakeroot. Her gravesite can be found in Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, Indiana.

**Father, Thomas Lincoln** was a farmer and skilled carpenter. You can see a hutch made by Abraham Lincoln with the help of his father, Thomas, at the Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum in Rockport, Indiana.

**Sister, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby** died during childbirth in 1828. She is buried at Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana, along with her stillborn child and her husband, who passed away several years later.

**Dennis Hanks** is a cousin whose parents also died of milk sickness and who lived with Abraham Lincoln's family. He later owned property that is now part of Lincoln Pines Lakeside Resort.

**Sara Bush Johnston** is a widow with three children; she married Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas, in 1819 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and returned with him to Spencer County, Indiana.

## Significant Experiences in Lincoln's Spencer County Life:

- Lincoln attended log cabin schools, developed a love for reading, and a curiosity for knowledge.
- Lincoln won his first court case in Rockport, Indiana, while still a teenager. He represented himself in a dispute with a local ferry boat company. Lincoln would regularly ferry passengers out to meet passing steamboats and he soon got sued by the local ferry company which said he was infringing on their rights to ferry people across the river. Lincoln won his case by arguing that he wasn't taking people across the river...he was only going half way.
- In 1828, Lincoln embarked on a flatboat trip to deliver goods to New Orleans for local general store owner James Gentry, along with Gentry's son, Allen. It was in New Orleans where Lincoln witnessed a slave auction, influencing the anti-slavery views he promoted as president.

## Lincoln Sites in Spencer County:

### Colonel Jones Home, Gentryville, Indiana

This carefully restored 1834 Federal-design home was the home of the merchant employer of Abraham Lincoln. The home offers a look at the early development of Indiana and the life of Colonel William Jones, who was also a politician. Appointment required for home tours. Call (812) 937-1979 for more information.



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## **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana**

Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln and his pioneer family, who lived on a farm site that is now a National Park. The story of the Civil War era president's 14 formative years in Indiana springs to life at the Living Historical Farm, inside the visitor center, throughout the museum, during the film, and along the park's scenic hiking trails. Call (812) 937-4541 or visit [nps.gov/libo/index.htm](https://nps.gov/libo/index.htm) for more information.

## **Lincoln Ferry Park, Troy, Indiana**

This riverfront park is on the historic spot where Abraham Lincoln operated a ferry boat service taking travelers out to passing steamboats. The park features a stone picnic shelter. Located on the Ohio River Scenic Byway near Troy, Indiana.

## **Living Historical Farm, Lincoln City, Indiana**

The Living Historical Farm is located on the grounds of the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, Indiana, and is a working pioneer homestead with a cabin, outbuildings, split rail fences, animals, gardens, and field crops. From April through September, rangers in period clothing perform a variety of activities typical of the 1820s. Call (812) 937-4541 or visit [nps.gov/libo/index.htm](https://nps.gov/libo/index.htm) for more information.

## **Lincoln Landing, Rockport, Indiana**

The riverfront under the bluff in Rockport, Indiana, is rich with history and includes the site where Abraham Lincoln launched a flatboat to transport produce to New Orleans for a local merchant in 1828.

## **Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum, Rockport, Indiana**

The Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum houses hundreds of fascinating artifacts from the area's historic past, including a hutch made by Abraham Lincoln with the help of his father, Thomas. Take a relaxing look back into history with 13 Lincoln-era replica cabins. This site was originally a W.P.A. project. Call (812) 649-9147 or visit [LincolnPioneerVillage.com](http://LincolnPioneerVillage.com) for more information.

## **Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Indiana**

This scenic park was established in 1932 as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks. Facilities include Lake Lincoln, paddle boat rental, nature center, cabins, picnic areas, trails, and camp sites. It also includes the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza, identifying key milestones in Lincoln's life in Indiana. For reservations, call (812) 937-4710 or (866) 622-6746, or visit [in.gov/dnr/parklake/2979.htm](http://in.gov/dnr/parklake/2979.htm).

## **Ohio River Scenic Byway, Rockport, Grandview & Troy, Indiana**

Take a beautiful drive through the southern portion of Spencer County following the picturesque Ohio River through river towns, colorful wooded areas, and vast farmlands. Learn about the history of the area through Ohio River Scenic Byway panels along the way. Call (800) 489-4474 or visit [OhioRiverByway.com](http://OhioRiverByway.com) for more information.



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# CHRISTMAS LAKE GOLF CLUB

## → GROUP CONTACT

**Director of Golf: Tom Nelson**


[tnelson@ChristmasLakeGolf.com](mailto:tnelson@ChristmasLakeGolf.com)

(877) 962-7465

[ChristmasLake.com](http://ChristmasLake.com)

Christmas Lake Golf Club  
1182 Clubhouse Road  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- Open Year Round; Call for Hours
- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 4 hours for 18 holes

## → GROUP OUTINGS

- Welcomes over 100 groups each year
- Outings may be booked up to one year in advance
- Deposits vary by size of your group and day of the week
- Junior golfers welcome

## → RESTAURANT

Treat yourself after a successful round! The on-site restaurant, Back 9 Bistro, offers a satisfying selection sandwiches, pizza, salads, and more, plus weekly specials.



### Tree-lined fairways, rolling hills, valleys, and sparkling lakes

Christmas Lake's 18-hole course was designed in 1967 by renowned golf course architect, Edmund Ault. Even Santa Claus, who spends his summers in the town which bears his name, has been seen enjoying a few rounds of golf at Christmas Lake.

- Par 72 championship course features five sets of teeing stations
- The Back 9 Bistro on site offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner specials
- Professional assistance in planning and organizing your outing



# FROSTY'S FUN CENTER

## ➔ GROUP CONTACT

**Owners: Carl & Cindy Somerlott**  
(812) 544-3338

Frosty's Fun Center  
15 South Cedar Lane  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- Open Year Round

🕒 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour

## ➔ MORE INFO

- Large dining room
- Arcade
- Daily lunch and dinner specials
- Delivery available



### Food and Games

Frosty's Fun Center offers pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, and wings. **Specialty Pizzas include:**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| • Taco pizza         | • BBQ chicken         |
| • Bacon cheeseburger | • Buffalo chicken     |
| • Greek pizza        | • Chicken bacon ranch |
| • Hawaiian pizza     | • Alfredo chicken     |
| • Insomniac special  | • Frosty's loaded     |

#### Ice cream desserts include:

- Chocolate or vanilla soft serve
- Hand-dipped ice cream
- Banana Splits and Sundaes are classic favorites

A local favorite is the Dirty Frosty Sundae - ice cream, crushed Oreos®, chocolate syrup, AND gummy worms.



# HOLIDAY DRIVE-IN THEATER

## GROUP CONTACT

**Manager: Georgia Decker**


[gdecker0023@gmail.com](mailto:gdecker0023@gmail.com)

(812) 649-2857

[HolidayDriveIn.com](http://HolidayDriveIn.com)

Holiday Drive-In Theater  
644 North Highway 161  
Rockport, IN 47625

- **Open May - September**
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 5 hours for 2 movies

## CONCESSION STANDS

With three concession stands, the popcorn is always flowing. You may also find these other movie munchies:

- Hot dogs
- Hamburgers
- Corn dogs
- French fries
- Nachos
- Soft drinks
- Chocolate and candy bars
- Ice cream bars
- Sno-cones
- And more....

## ADMISSION

**Admission** (for 2 movies):

Adult: \$10.00

Child: \$5.00 (ages 4 - 11)



## See the Stars Under the Stars

- Opened its first screen in 1955
- One of the oldest American drive-in theaters still in operation
- Second screen added in 1980
- Third and fourth screens added in 1992
- Fifth screen added in 1996
- Sixth screen added in 2018
- Digital projection
- Three concession stands
- Pet friendly

# HOLIDAY WORLD & SPLASHIN' SAFARI


## → GROUP CONTACT

**Group Sales Office**  
(800) 467-2682

[HolidayWorld.com](http://HolidayWorld.com)

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari  
452 East Christmas Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- **Open May 15 - October 31**
- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available
- Catering Available
- Group discounts for 15+

 Allow 1 - 2+ days

## → 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS:

**4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza**  
July 3-4

**Kids World**  
August 21 - September 19,  
(Saturdays & Sundays)

**Happy Halloween Weekends**  
September 25 - October 31  
(Saturdays & Sundays)

## → EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- "Performance in the Park," for bands, choirs and dance groups
- "Behind the Scenes Tour"
- "Fun with Physics" program, for high school students



## Ready for Launch?

- Cheetah Chase: Experience a water-powered flat launch before racing against your friends or family toward the finish line
- America's first launched wing coaster, Thunderbird
- TIME Magazine's choice for the #1 wooden roller coaster in the nation - The Voyage
- Splashin' Safari - named the #1 waterpark in the nation by USA Today
- Guinness World Records confirm Mammoth is the World's Longest Water Coaster

### Great Value:

- Free Soft Drinks
- Free Sunscreen
- Free Parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Inner Tube Usage

# SANTA CLAUS CHRISTMAS STORE

## → GROUP CONTACT

Manager: Heather Osborne

[Mgr.SCChristmasStore.com@gmail.com](mailto:Mgr.SCChristmasStore.com@gmail.com)

(877) 224-1772

[SantaClausChristmasStore.com](http://SantaClausChristmasStore.com)

Santa Claus Christmas Store  
33 North Kringle Place  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- **Open May - December**
- Student Friendly
- Bus Parking Available
- Accessible

 Allow 1 hour

## → WELCOME

- Contact manager for availability of a welcome by Santa himself
- Group photo in front of the store

## → COMPLIMENTARY COUPONS

- Complimentary coupons provided for booked group tours upon request
- Contact manager two weeks prior to group's arrival to receive coupons



**Wander through sparkling lights, discover the most festive gifts and décor, and smell the aroma of Mrs. Claus' Sweet Treats**

- Christmas gifts, indoor and outdoor lights, Christmas decorations, personalized ornaments, collectibles, and more
- Fudge, Bavarian roasted nuts, chocolates, and cookies at Mrs. Claus' Sweet Treats counter
- Free personalization available on nearly 8,000 ornaments from Santa's Ornament Shop
- Christmas brand names include:

*Jim Shore*

*Precious Moments*

*Fontanini*

*Willow Tree*

*Mr. Christmas*

*Department 56 Villages and Possible Dreams*

*Ne'Qua Art*

*Christopher Radko*

*Old World Christmas*

*Karen Didion*



# SANTA CLAUS MUSEUM & VILLAGE

## → GROUP CONTACT

Director: Nell Hedge


[elf@SantaClausMuseum.org](mailto:elf@SantaClausMuseum.org)

(812) 544-2434

[SantaClausMuseum.org](http://SantaClausMuseum.org)

Santa Claus Museum & Village  
69 State Road 245  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- **Open May - December**
- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour

## → TOUR PACKAGES

- \$2 per person
- \*\*Special welcome and site orientation, additional \$1 per person  
\*\*This service must be booked in advance
- \*\*Special presentation by Mrs. Pat Koch, founder of the Santa Claus Museum & Village, additional flat fee of \$100  
\*\*This service must be booked in advance

## → SANTA'S ELVES

- A group of generous volunteers donate their time to answer the thousands of letters from children to Santa each year
- In 2019 and 2020, almost 200 elves answered approximately 51,000 letters.
- Write to Santa:  
Santa Claus  
P. O. Box 1  
Santa Claus, IN 47579



**“We help Santa  
keep the magic of the season alive.”**

- Nell Hedge - Santa Claus Museum & Village, Director

The Santa Claus Museum opened in May 2006 and moved to its current location adjacent to the 1935 Santa Claus Statue in 2011. In 2012, the Santa Claus Church and Original Santa Claus Post Office were moved to the site, creating the Santa Claus Museum & Village.

**Explore the story of Santa Claus, Indiana, featuring:**

- History behind the famous Santa Claus Post Office
- Santa Claus Land artifacts
- Letters to Santa from children dating back to the 1930s
- Historic 1880s Santa Claus Church
- Original 1856 Santa Claus Post Office
- Write a free letter to Santa to receive a response from Santa and Santa's Elves
- Gift shop includes clothing, souvenirs, and locally made merchandise
- 22-foot-tall Santa Claus Statue, built in 1935



# SANTA CLAUS POST OFFICE

## → GROUP CONTACT

**Postmaster: Cheryl Bailey**

[Cheryl.L.Bailey@usps.gov](mailto:Cheryl.L.Bailey@usps.gov)

(812) 937-4469

Santa Claus Postmaster  
45 North Kringle Place  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- Free Admission
- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

⌚ Allow 15 minutes

## → HOLIDAY POSTMARK GUIDELINES

- Allow at least a 2-inch by 4-inch space in the stamp area for the picture postmark
- Apply postage to cards or letters before bringing or mailing them to the post office
- The picture postmark is available on working days between December 1 and 24
- The picture postmark must be requested by the postal customer; To ensure a good postmark imprint, do not enclose large or bulky items in your holiday mail (Ex: reindeer food, snowflakes, glitter, stickers, etc.)
- No charge for postmarking; however, there is a limit of 50 picture postmarks (hand cancellations) per person per day

## → HOURS

**Monday - Friday:**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm and

1:30 - 4:00 pm

**Saturday:** 9:30 - 11:30 am

Closed on holidays.



**“The Santa Claus holiday postmark has become the most popular in the nation over the past two decades.”**

— Postmaster Marian Balbach

- Established in 1856 with John Specht appointed as its first postmaster
- Only post office in the world with Santa’s name
- In 1914, Postmaster James Martin began responding to children’s letters to Santa
- Current location is in Kringle Place Shopping Center
- Receives over 400,000 pieces of mail during the holidays
- Special picture postmark began in 1983
- Designed by a local high school student, the postmark is unique each year and can only be received at the Santa Claus Post Office

# SANTA'S CANDY CASTLE

## ➔ GROUP CONTACT

**Owner: Kevin Klosowski**

[SantasCandyCastle@gmail.com](mailto:SantasCandyCastle@gmail.com)

(800) 356-1935

[SantasCandyCastle.com](http://SantasCandyCastle.com)

Santa's Candy Castle  
15499 North State Road 245  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

- **Open May - December**
- Free Admission
- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

🕒 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour



**"Don't leave without trying the frozen hot chocolate."**

- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The castle was dedicated in 1935 as part of the nation's first themed attraction, called "Santa Claus Town." It was created to entertain visitors who began arriving after Robert Ripley featured the town in his famous Believe it or Not cartoon.

Originally sponsored by Curtiss Candy, creators of the Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars, the restored castle blends historic charm with a modern twist to offer a unique experience unlike any other.

**A Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award Winner**

## ➔ 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire  
Dates to be announced
- Watch website for other events throughout the year

## ➔ SWEETS & TREATS

- World-Famous Frozen Hot Chocolate
- 35 Flavors of Gourmet Hot Chocolate
- Large Selection of Nostalgic Candy
- Hard-to-find, New, and Trendy Candy
- Handmade Confections
- Gourmet Popcorn
- Salt Water Taffy





# SANTA'S STABLES

## GROUP CONTACT

Owners: **Kenny & Kelly Jones**

[riding@Santas-Stables.com](mailto:riding@Santas-Stables.com)

(812) 340-2288

[Santas-Stables.com](http://Santas-Stables.com)

Santa's Stables

6709 East County Road 1475 North

Lamar, IN 47550

- **Open April - October**
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour

## GROUP OUTINGS

- Corporate retreats, church activities, birthday parties
- Reservations required; same-day reservations often available
- Pony rides available on a first come, first serve basis
- Call for pricing and details



**Visit Santa's Stables for a family-friendly horseback riding experience**

- Family-friendly horseback riding
- Led by skilled horseback guides
- Wooded surroundings with multiple quaint trails

## FEATURES

- No weight limit
- Special needs riders accommodated
- Must be 5 years old to go on the trail ride

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**2021**

-CLOSED-	9AM - 4PM	9AM - 5PM
9AM - 6PM	9AM - 7PM	Days in WHITE, call at least 2 days in advance to check for availability

Days in white - Call at least 2 days in advance for availability.



# COLONEL JONES HOME

## GROUP CONTACT

Lincoln State Park Naturalist:

**Michael Crews**


[mcrews@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mcrews@dnr.in.gov)

(812) 937-1979

[in.gov/dnr/parklake/2979.htm](http://in.gov/dnr/parklake/2979.htm)

Colonel Jones Home  
620 East County Road 1575 North  
Gentryville, IN 47537

- Student Friendly
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour

## TOURS

- Appointment required for group tours
- Fee is \$2 per person

## INTERESTING FACTS

- Lincoln slept here in 1844 while campaigning for Henry Clay
- Abe worked for Colonel Jones as a common farm hand at a dollar a day
- Colonel Jones was killed at the Battle of Atlanta in 1864



## Restoring and Preserving History

- Carefully restored 1834 Federal-design home of Abraham Lincoln's merchant employer
- Offers a look at the early development of Indiana and the life of Colonel William Jones
- Guided tours, themed talks, and exhibits
- Situated on 100 acres of forest
- Picnic area
- Restored log barn

Colonel Jones Home is located one mile west of Highway 62 on Boone Street in Gentryville. An appointment is required for home tours. This site is owned and operated by Lincoln State Park.

# LINCOLN AMPHITHEATRE

## GROUP CONTACT

Director: Marc Steczyk

[MSteczyk@visitindiana.com](mailto:MSteczyk@visitindiana.com)

(812) 937-2329

[LincolnAmphitheatre.com](http://LincolnAmphitheatre.com)

Lincoln Amphitheatre  
15032 North County Road 300 East  
Lincoln City, IN 47552

- 2021 shows run June - October
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 3 hours

## GROUP SALES

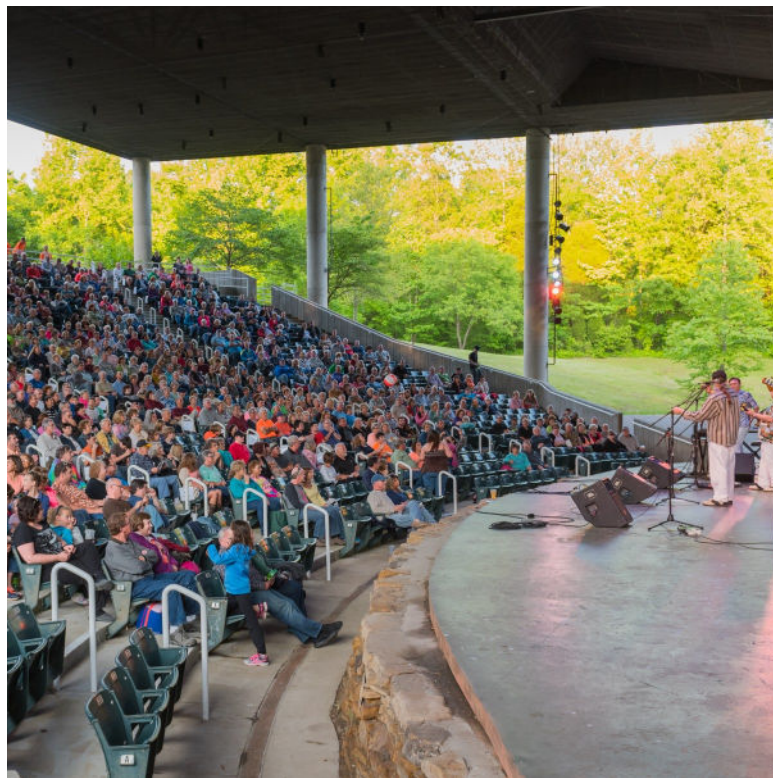
- Group discounts are available
- Call 1-844-205-4ABE  
or email [MSteczyk@visitindiana.com](mailto:MSteczyk@visitindiana.com) for more information

## "THE RIVALRY"

In 1858, incumbent Illinois Senator Stephen A. Douglas faced an unknown lawyer named Abraham Lincoln in a series of debates that electrified the nation. This dramatization by the renowned author Norman Corwin takes you on stage behind the scenes of these iconic debates.

The Rivalry is a Broadway play, has toured the country, and has visited Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., where Lincoln was assassinated in 1865.

This two-act performance will last approximately two hours w/ one 15-minute intermission.



## 2021 Performance Series:

May 22	Pearl Jam Tribute Chicago
<b>June 25-27</b>	<b>"The Rivalry"</b> - a Broadway play
July 10	All My Rowdy Friends (Hank Williams Jr. Tribute)
July 17	Captain Fantastic (Elton John Tribute)
July 31	Monsters of Yacht
August 7	The Del McCoury Band
August 14	ONE: A Celebration of U2
August 21	Edgar Winter Band
August 28	Samantha Fish
September 4	Southern Accents (Tom Petty Tribute)
September 25	Hard Day's Night (An Audio/Visual Beatles Tribute)
October 2	Wreking Crue (Motley Crue Tribute)

[Visit IndianasAbeLincoln.org/Events](http://VisitIndianasAbeLincoln.org/Events) for details.

# LINCOLN BOYHOOD NATIONAL MEMORIAL

## GROUP CONTACT

Chief of Interpretation: Mike Capps


[mike\\_capps@nps.gov](mailto:mike_capps@nps.gov)

(812) 937-4541

[NPS.gov/LIBO](https://www.nps.gov/LIBO)

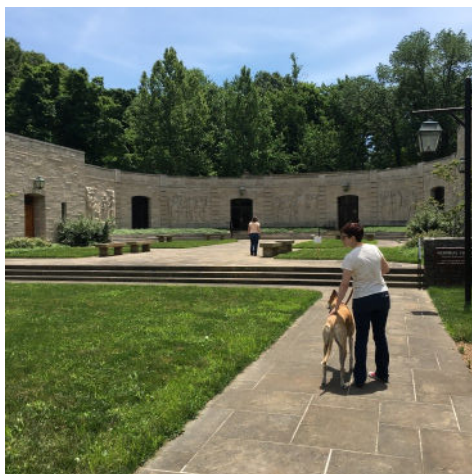
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial  
3027 East South Street  
Lincoln City, IN 47552

- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 2 hours

## TOUR FEATURES

- 15-minute orientation film, "Forging Greatness: Lincoln in Indiana."
- 15-minute ranger-led tour of the Memorial Visitor Center
- 15 minutes to visit the bookstore and restrooms
- One-mile walk to the Living Historical Farm



**... you can not fail,  
if you resolutely determine,  
that you will not.**

- July 22, 1860 (Letter to George Latham)

Abraham Lincoln spent fourteen of the most formative years of his life and grew from youth into manhood (1816-1830) on this southern Indiana soil. Many of the character traits and moral values that made Abraham one of the world's most respected leaders were formed and nurtured here. The gravesite of his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, may be found in the park.

- Visit the site where Abraham Lincoln spent his childhood
- Memorial Visitor Center
  - Watch a 15-minute orientation film, "Forging Greatness: Lincoln in Indiana," visit the bookstore, and more
- Lincoln Living Historical Farm
- Four trails to explore
- Bus parking available



# LINCOLN PIONEER VILLAGE & MUSEUM

## GROUP CONTACT

Contact: Nancy Kaiser


[lpvdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lpvdirector@gmail.com)

(812) 649-9147

[LincolnPioneerVillage.com](http://LincolnPioneerVillage.com)

Lincoln Pioneer Village  
928 Fairground Drive  
Rockport, IN 47635

- **Open daily May - October**  
Mon. - Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- Off season by chance or appointment
- Student Friendly
- Museum is Accessible
- Bus Parking Available
- Group Rate is \$3 Per Person

 Allow 30 minutes - 1 hour

## TOUR FEATURES

- Pre-arrange your tour to have historical re-enactors on site
- Learn about Lincoln's roots during a guided tour of the museum
- Purchase souvenirs
- Scenic grounds provide space for your picnic or catered lunch

## 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 8, 2021**

Spring Heritage Day

**July 3, 2021**

Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival

**October 23, 2021**

Fall Heritage Day

**December 4, 2021**

"Treemendous" Christmas in the Village



**Here is where greatness was forged,  
in the wilderness of the Indiana frontier**

- 13 Lincoln-era replica cabins in memorial to Abraham Lincoln's years spent in Spencer County
- Museum housing hundreds of fascinating artifacts from the area's historic past, including: a hutch made by Abraham Lincoln, with the help of his father Thomas, a 1598 "Breeches" Bible, and a rare Rocker "Beater" loom, one of 66 known to exist

**Step back in time as you visit these cabins:**

- John Pitcher's Law Office
- Daniel Grass Home
- Jones Store
- Lincoln Homestead Cabin
- Gentry Mansion
- Josiah Crawford Home
- Old Pigeon Baptist Church
- Browns Inn
- Azel Dorsey Home
- Block House
- Pioneer Schoolhouse
- Transportation Building

# LINCOLN STATE PARK

## GROUP CONTACT

**Property Manager: Joe Compton**

[jcompton@dnr.in.gov](mailto:jcompton@dnr.in.gov)


(812) 937-4710

[IN.gov/dnr/parklake/2979](http://IN.gov/dnr/parklake/2979)

Lincoln State Park  
15476 North County Road 300 East  
Lincoln City, IN 45552

Park Admission: \$2 per person

- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 2 hours

## TOUR FEATURES

- One-hour tour consists of a naturalist-led talk and tour of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza and Nature Center
- \$2 per person for passenger vans, school buses, motor coaches, commercial buses, without a scheduled tour or program
- \$1 per person for passenger vans, school buses, motor coaches, commercial buses, with program reservations

## CAMPING

Pine Hills Cottages accommodate 6, 12, and 16 people. Does not include kitchen facilities or restrooms.

Pine Hills Group Camp consists of 15 cottages plus the Dining Hall.



**Walk on the same grounds  
that Abe once walked as a young boy**

Lincoln State Park is a 2,026-acre park that was established in 1932 as a memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Facilities include the 58-acre Lake Lincoln, camp sites, paddle boat and kayak rental, nature center, cabins, cottages, and picnic areas. Miles of hiking trails are available and are rated easy to moderate in difficulty.

- Six hiking trails to explore
- Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza, celebrating Lincoln's 200th birthday
- Nature Center, featuring interactive exhibits for the entire family
- Lake Lincoln, offering a beach area, swimming, canoe, paddleboat, and rowboat rentals
- Sleep among the trees in the lakeside campground, log cabins, or group cottages
- Visit the General Store to purchase any forgotten camping supplies
- Picnicking and shelter areas
- Interpretive Naturalist Services

# MONKEY HOLLOW WINERY AND DISTILLERY


## GROUP CONTACT

**Contacts: Jamie Webb and Faye Hedinger**  
[info@MonkeyHollowWinery.com](mailto:info@MonkeyHollowWinery.com)  
 (812) 357-2272

[MonkeyHollowWinery.com](http://MonkeyHollowWinery.com)

Monkey Hollow Winery  
 11534 East County Road 1740 North  
 St. Meinrad, IN 47577

- **Open Tuesday - Sunday**
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 2 hours

## TOUR FEATURES

- Call ahead for special meat and cheese platters
- Live entertainment may be arranged in advance
- Purchase artisan gifts and locally made food

## WINE SAMPLES MAY INCLUDE

### Dry

Combined Dry White  
 2014 Chambourcin  
 Combined dry red

### Semi Sweet/Semi Dry

Traminette  
 Chambourcin Rosé  
 Pasture Limit 2  
 Ol' Grandad

### Sweet Wine

2014 Vignoles  
 Pasture White  
 Pasture Red

### Fruit Wines

Blackberry  
 Blueberry  
 Elderberry  
 Cherry  
 Peach  
 Strawberry  
 Cranberry

### Seasonal

Spiced apple  
 Winter Warmer

Monkey Shine, also  
 available in tasting room



**"Our host was not only knowledgeable,  
 but she was excellent at figuring out  
 just what sort of wine would strike a person  
 as enjoyable."**

- Little Indiana

- Complimentary wine samples
- Monkey Shine and other distilled spirits
- Picnic-friendly
- Live music Saturdays June - August
- Featured on Hoosier Wine Trail
- Meat, cheese, and crackers are available for purchase
- Call ahead for groups
- Private room available for reunions or parties

# PEPPER'S RIDGE WINERY

## GROUP CONTACT

**Owner: Kevin DeWeese**


[peppersridge@gmail.com](mailto:peppersridge@gmail.com)

(812) 649-9463 (WINE)

[PeppersRidge.com](http://PeppersRidge.com)

Pepper's Ridge Winery  
4304 North County Road 200 West  
Rockport, IN 47635

- **Open Wednesday - Sunday**
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 2 hours

## FEATURES

- Call ahead for special meat and cheese platters
- Live entertainment may be arranged in advance
- Purchase artisan gifts and locally made food

## WINE SAMPLES MAY INCLUDE

### Dry

Small Town White  
Bluff City White  
Hoosier Red  
Bluff City Red

### Semi-Dry

Hoosier White  
Cowboy Up Red  
Plum  
Small Town White  
Lock & Load  
Cranberry  
Hoosier Sweetie

### Semi-Sweet

Small Town Red  
Knob Hill Quencher  
30.06 Red  
Trail Mix  
Elderberry  
Blackberry  
Bird Dog Blues  
Lakeview Peach  
Cowboy Up White

### Sweet

Blueberry  
Strawberry  
Raspberry  
Cherry



**"The lovely family atmosphere  
and their eagerness to please their guests  
make it a great choice."**

- Only In Your State

- Featured on the Hoosier Wine Trail
- Situated on a quiet country road near Rockport, Indiana
- Minutes away from the Ohio River Scenic Byway
- Complimentary tastings are offered
- Bus parking available
- Steckler Grassfed cheese
- Oberle cheese & sausage
- Tell City Pretzels



# SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY

## GROUP CONTACT

### Guest Services


[GuestServices@SaintMeinrad.edu](mailto:GuestServices@SaintMeinrad.edu)

(800) 581-6905

[SaintMeinrad.org](http://SaintMeinrad.org)

Saint Meinrad Archabbey  
200 Hill Drive  
Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

- Student Friendly
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 1.5 hours

## TOUR FEATURES

- Guided tours of the Archabbey are available on Saturdays at 1:30 pm
- Self-guided walking tours are also available
- Group tours can be arranged with advance notice. Typical visits last one hour and thirty minutes

## SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY GIFT SHOP

- Gift shop features one of the largest selections of inspirational gifts including Bibles, books, music, and DVDs
- Unique selection of gifts to commemorate important occasions
- Featuring foods and gifts handcrafted at Saint Meinrad and other monasteries



### "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ"

- Founded in 1854, the Saint Meinrad Archabbey is one of only two archabbeyes in the United States and one of 11 in the world
- More than 80 monks of this Benedictine community still live by the Rule of St. Benedict
- The monks operate a Seminary and School of Theology, offering education and formation for priests, permanent deacons and lay ministers for the Roman Catholic Church
- The public is welcome to attend Mass and Liturgy of the Hours in the Archabbey Church

Liturgy of the Hours times are: 5:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm, Monday - Saturday and 7:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm on Sunday

Mass is 7:30 am Monday - Saturday; 9:30 am Sunday and feast days

- Rosary pilgrimages are held each Sunday at 2:00 pm during May and October at **Monte Cassino Shrine**, about a mile east of the Archabbey. Mass is celebrated on Saturdays at 8:00 am (Nov. - Apr.), and 7:00 am (May - Oct.)

# DR. TED'S MUSICAL MARVELS

## GROUP CONTACT

Owner: Dr. Ted Wafart


[mmarvels@psci.net](mailto:mmarvels@psci.net)

(812) 937-4250

[DrTeds.com](http://DrTeds.com)

Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels  
11896 S US Highway 231  
Dale, IN 47523

- Open for Groups of 15+
- Reservations Required
- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

 Allow 1 - 2 hours

## TOURS

- **2021 rate:** \$10 per person
- Self-playing music machines demonstrated by tour guides
- Sing and dance to music from around

## DR. TED'S MUSICAL MARVELS GIFT SHOP

- Collectables of all kinds, for all ages, interests, and price ranges



**"I would like to have been around back when people were awed by the first cars and airplanes. That wonder is lost in today's society which is glutted with technology."**

- Dr. Ted Wafart

- Amazing collection of mechanical musical instruments
- Collection of hard-to-find mechanical tin toys of yesteryear
- Carousel horses
- Call ahead to book a group tour



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## LOCAL SHOPPING

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### ANTIQUUE SHAK

(812) 937-2533

Old Highway 231

Gentryville, IN 47537

Browse a diverse selection of antiques from near and far.



- Bus Parking Available

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### DARLENA'S HOLIDAY AND GIFT SHOPPE

(812) 649-9755

422 Jefferson Street

Rockport, IN 47635

Darlena's is filled with home decor, custom wreaths, and holiday items for the entire family.



- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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### EVERGREEN BOUTIQUE & CHRISTMAS SHOP

[ShopEvergreenBoutique.com](http://ShopEvergreenBoutique.com)

(812) 937-4600

8 Kringle Place

Santa Claus, IN 47579

A wonderful place to find women's boutique clothing and accessories, special Santa Claus, Indiana, souvenirs, and gorgeous Christmas furnishing and gifts. Find your name on the personalized name tree or let the shop personalize an ornament for you for free!



- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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## LOCAL SHOPPING

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### LAKEVIEW ORCHARD

(812) 649-2753

2315 North Orchard Road

Rockport, IN 47635

A local, family-owned orchard near Rockport, Indiana, known for juicy peaches, giant pumpkins, tasty apple cider, and more. Nearby, Pepper's Ridge Winery uses Lakeview peaches to make their sweet peach wine.



- Accessible

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### PUMPKINS AND MORE FARM MARKET

[PumpkinsAndMoreMarket.com](http://PumpkinsAndMoreMarket.com)

(812) 686-2863

8641 East County Road 1720 North

Ferdinand, IN 47532

Check out the wide variety of homegrown and homemade goodies throughout the year at Pumpkins and More. Edible items for sale include aquaponic-grown vegetables, frozen meats, eggs, cheeses, jellies & jams, fruits, and other treats. In addition, you will find candles, wooden crafts, potted plants, and other locally made items. Enjoy fall events like Kids Days and their annual Craft Show!



- Accessible
  - Bus Parking Available
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## LOCAL SHOPPING

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### RICE 'N RIBBON

(812) 649-5041

415 Main Street

Rockport, IN 47635

Gift and Bridal Shop full of special treasures for you and your family.

Open by appointment only.



- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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### SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY GIFT SHOP

[SMAGiftShop.com](http://SMAGiftShop.com)

(812) 357-8290

State Road 545

St. Meinrad, IN 47577

This gift shop features one of the largest selections of inspirational gifts including Bibles, books, music, and DVDs.



- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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### SANTA CLAUS CHRISTMAS STORE

[SantaClausChristmasStore.com](http://SantaClausChristmasStore.com)

(877) 224-1772

33 North Kringle Place

Santa Claus, IN 47579



Enjoy shopping at the gigantic Santa Claus Christmas Store, featuring Christmas gifts, decorations, hundreds of collectibles, fudge and other sweet treats, and so much more. Visit with Santa during the summer and Christmas seasons.

- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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## LOCAL SHOPPING

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### SANTA CLAUS HARDWARE

[SantaClausHardware.com](http://SantaClausHardware.com)

(812) 937-2048

23 North Louis J. Koch Blvd.

Santa Claus, IN 47579

Stop in for camping accessories, bicycle rental, fishing and grilling supplies, and propane fill/exchange. Browse more than 60,000 products, and utilize services such as key cutting, copy/fax, and more.



- Accessible

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### SANTA'S TOYS

[SantasToys.com](http://SantasToys.com)

(812) 937-5060

3 North Kringle Place

Santa Claus, IN 47579

Browse through over 2,800 specialty toys at Santa's Toys. Guests of all ages are encouraged to find their inner child and play while browsing. The selection includes STEM products that encourage learning through play.



- Accessible
- Bus Parking Available

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### STECKLER GRASSFED FARMS

[StecklerGrassfedFarms.com](http://StecklerGrassfedFarms.com)

(812) 683-3098

21477 North County Road 600 East

Dale, IN 47523

Near Dale, families can visit a family owned, pasture-based, certified organic farm right here in southern Indiana. The farm produces raw aged cheese, pastured poultry (eggs, broilers, turkeys), and meats like lamb, beef, and pork that come from 100% grassfed livestock.



- Accessible

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## GROUP DINING

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### THE CHATEAU

(812) 937-4386

6980 E. Highway 62, Mariah Hill, IN 47556

Customize a buffet with home-cooked meat, vegetable, and dessert selections




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### THE RUSTIC

(812) 649-9258

1375 Old State Highway 45, Rockport, IN 47635

Steak, pasta, sandwiches, and seafood favorites are served in this relaxing atmosphere.




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### ST. NICK'S RESTAURANT

(812) 937-4359

91 W. Christmas Boulevard, Santa Claus, IN 47579

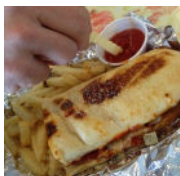
Catering to groups up to 200, St. Nick's offers a spacious dining area and meals tailored to your groups needs. *Restaurant is unavailable through December 2021.*




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## OTHER LOCAL DINING

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#### **Pizza, Sandwiches, and more!**

Frosty's Fun Center      Brick Oven Pizza  
 Angelo's Pizza              Hoosier Land Pizza & Wings  
 Jenk's Pizza



#### **Delectable Dessert Options**

Try a frozen hot chocolate at Santa's Candy Castle,  
 fudge from the Santa Claus Christmas Store,  
 or a yummy scoop of ice cream at Scoops Ice Cream.

Visit [SantaClausInd.com/dining](http://SantaClausInd.com/dining) for the full list of dining options.

# LAKE RUDOLPH CAMPGROUND & RV RESORT

## ➔ GROUP CONTACT

Savannah Werne

[swerne@suncommunities.com](mailto:swerne@suncommunities.com)

(888) 929-7010

[LakeRudolph.com](http://LakeRudolph.com)

Lake Rudolph Campground & RV Resort  
78 North Holiday Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

## ➔ FEATURING:

**Halloween Weekends:** Seven weekends in September and October! Enjoy spooktacular Halloween activities including: bonfire ghost stories, trick-or-treating, costume and site decorating contests, Rudy's kid's carnival, frightful film Classics, haunted hayrides, and more. Dance until you drop during the Halloween party, complete with a sound and light show. Participate in family-friendly Halloween activities for everyone ... mummies, daddies, teens and little monsters.

**Christmas Packages:** Sip hot cocoa in front of the fireplace in your Christmas cabin, participate in Christmas family activities, and have breakfast with Santa!

**Santa Claus Land of Lights:** Select nights from Thanksgiving night through December 27, 2021, experience the *Shining Story of Rudolph* in brilliant LED lights. Visit [SantaClausLandofLights.com](http://SantaClausLandofLights.com) for more information.

## ➔ OPERATING SCHEDULE

**2021:**

Open April 30 - October 30

First 3 weekends of December (Christmas Packages)



## Named a 'Best Family Campground'

- [TravelChannel.com](http://TravelChannel.com)

- Features over 289 vacation rentals (Cabins, Cottages, RVs)
- Over 248 RV & Tent Sites
- Golf car rentals
- Free shuttle to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- Santa's Splashdown WaterPark & Blitzen Bay Pool
- Reindeer WaterWorks
- Free mini golf
- Fishing lake (no license required)
- Paddleboats & kayaks
- Free Wi-Fi
- Planned activities
- Dog/pet friendly rentals and new dog park
- And much more...





# LINCOLN PINES LAKEFRONT RESORT

## GROUP CONTACT

**Karin Gries**

[karingries@yahoo.com](mailto:karingries@yahoo.com)

(812) 646-7100

[StayLincolnPines.com](http://StayLincolnPines.com)

Lincoln Pines Lakefront Resort  
3862 East State Road 162  
Lincoln City, IN 47552

## FEATURING:

- Fishing (catch and release)
- Outdoor pool with splash pad
- Tour historic cabin
- Game room includes: Pac-Man, arcade games, and more
- Corn hole
- Basketball court
- Volleyball
- Two playgrounds
- Sandbox
- Lakefront cabins with covered back porch
- Fishing pier
- Shelter house for group picnics



### Cabins are named after events in Lincoln's life

- Cabins sleep 6 - 10 guests
- Full kitchen
- Air conditioner / heater
- Televisions in every room
- Free Wi-Fi
- Charcoal grill
- Outdoor porch swing
- Fire pit
- Only 3 miles from Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- No smoking
- Service animals only

# MISTLETOE MANOR

## → GROUP CONTACT

Owners: Matt & Kara Hinshaw

[karahinshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:karahinshaw@yahoo.com)

(812) 686-3268

[StaySantaClaus.com](http://StaySantaClaus.com)

Mistletoe Manor  
15986 Kaspar Drive  
Santa Claus, IN 47579



### Great spot for multiple families!

## → FEATURING:

- Kid friendly
- Great for family reunions and small groups
- No smoking allowed
- No pets allowed
- Minimum age limit for renters is 25

- Sleeps up to 21 adults and children
- Large, two-story home on 9 acres of land
- 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half-baths
- 1.5 miles from Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- One-acre pond (Catch-and-Release Fishing)
- Free Wi-Fi
- Linens included
- Central heating and air-conditioning
- Fire pit
- Charcoal grill
- 5 TV's with Dish Network



# SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY GUEST HOUSE & RETREAT CENTER

## GROUP CONTACT

[GuestServices@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:GuestServices@saintmeinrad.edu)

(800) 581-6905

[SaintMeinrad.org](http://SaintMeinrad.org)

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House  
200 Hill Drive  
St. Meinrad, IN 47577



**"All guests who present themselves  
are to be welcomed as Christ"**

- St. Benedict

## FEATURING:

- Visitors are welcome to join in prayer or Mass in the Archabbey Church
- Tour beautiful grounds and historic buildings
- Saint Meinrad Gift Shop offers a selection of inspirational gifts, including books, Bibles, music, and DVDs

The Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center offers overnight accommodations for visitors and those attending retreats.

A quiet environment, beautiful surroundings, and convenient parking will enhance your stay.

- Air-conditioned guest rooms
- Twin beds
- Private bath
- Chapel
- Conference rooms
- Reading rooms
- Dining Room



# SANTA'S LAKESIDE COTTAGES

## ➔ GROUP CONTACT

**Owners: Pat & Brenda Arnold**

[SantasCottages@psci.net](mailto:SantasCottages@psci.net)

(812) 686-2628

[SantasCottages.com](http://SantasCottages.com)

Santa's Lakeside Cottages  
1405 West Christmas Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

## ➔ FEATURING:

- Elf Park
- Covered shelter house
- Kitchen
- Charcoal grills
- Patio furniture
- Basketball court
- Fishing (catch and release)
- Satellite TVs
- Internet hot spots

## ➔ OPERATING SCHEDULE

**Open April - December**



### Only 2 miles from Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

- Near Lincoln State Park, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, and Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- One bedroom cottages sleep up to six
- Two bedrooms cottages sleep up to 10
- Five lakes - fishing is catch and release
- Landscaped pool with a splash pad
- Coin laundry facility
- Reindeer Express Train and zip line
- Two playground areas and large sand box
- Basketball court and tether ball
- Picnic tables
- Fire pits for each cottage

# SANTA'S LODGE

## ➔ GROUP CONTACT

**General Manager: Carrie Berg**

[info@SantasLodge.com](mailto:info@SantasLodge.com)

(812) 937-1902

[SantasLodge.com](http://SantasLodge.com)

Santa's Lodge  
91 West Christmas Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

**Please contact for group discount on block of 10 rooms or more.**

## ➔ FEATURING:

- St. Nick's Restaurant (*Closed through Dec. 2021*)
- Cable/TV
- Whirlpool
- Playground
- Free Wi-Fi
- Laundry facilities
- Shelter house
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Bungee trampoline
- Ziplines
- Rock wall



### Decorated for Christmas 365 days a year

Santa's Lodge opened in June of 1995. The structure was built from the original hand-hewn timbers of a historic barn that stood on the property for more than 100 years (1883). Today, visitors can see the original barn beams that vault 37 feet in the lobby of the hotel. Every day is Christmas when you stay at Santa's Lodge! The beautiful cedar and oak wood creates a natural setting for the antique Christmas decorations including the Canadian horse-drawn sleigh.

- Rooms that will accommodate a family of 4 to 6
- Closest hotel to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- St. Nick's Restaurant on site

#### Meeting / Banquet Facilities

Small Conference Room Upstairs (40 max)  
Restaurant Conference Room (60 max)  
Celebration Room (300 max banquet style)

#### Christmas

Enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner with Santa and much more during the three-weekend Santa Claus Christmas Celebration in December!



# SPENCER COUNTY LODGING

## Additional Options

### BLACKHAWK CREEK VACATION RENTAL

[Vrbo.com/820222](https://www.vrbo.com/820222)

(812) 661-2236

21293 SR 162

Ferdinand, IN 47532

Renovated farm home nestled in the rolling hills of southern Indiana, near Santa Claus and Ferdinand. This spacious, fully furnished home with satellite TV and Wi-Fi provides a great way to relax with your family, just minutes from Holiday World.

**Amenities:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, sleeps up to 14



### THE CORNER HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST

[CornerHouseBB.com](https://www.cornerhousebb.com)

(812) 660-0331



3984 North County Road 200 West

Rockport, IN 47635

This country inn is a quick 20-minute drive from Holiday World and offers overnight lodging with breakfast. The three themed guest rooms include private baths, flat-screen TVs with cable, and more. The B&B hosts special events for weddings and receptions. Sleeps up to 10.

**Amenities:** Hearty country breakfast, close to Pepper's Ridge Winery



### HOLIDAY GUEST HOUSE SUITES

[Vrbo.com/445793](https://www.vrbo.com/445793)

(812) 630-6594

19260 North State Road 245

Dale, IN 47523

The upstairs unit can sleep up to 7 and the downstairs unit can sleep up to 8. These cozy vacation rentals are located six minutes from Holiday World and feature spacious kitchens, comfortable sleeping areas, patios, and decks.

**Amenities:** All linens and towels provided



# SPENCER COUNTY LODGING

## Additional Options

### CHRISTMAS COTTAGE VACATION RENTAL

[airbnb.com/rooms/49339988](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/49339988)

(408) 828-5232

75 North Holiday Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

Across the road from Holiday World, the fully furnished vacation home includes two flat screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, and a relaxing patio overlooking the backyard. Sleeps up to 10 guests.

**Amenities:** Free Wi-Fi, Fire pit, covered patio area, charcoal grill



### GINGERBREAD HOUSE VACATION RENTAL

[SantaClausRefuge.com](http://SantaClausRefuge.com)

(812) 305-2104

55 North Holiday Blvd.  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

The Gingerbread House rental is a fully furnished home, located near the front entrance to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, in Santa Claus, Indiana. The home sleeps 12 comfortably and is available year round.

**Amenities:** Free Wi-Fi, fire pit, charcoal grill



### WILMES FARMHOUSE VACATION RENTAL

[Airbnb.com/rooms/7582077](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/7582077)

(812) 630-9101

21674 North 875 East  
Ferdinand, IN 47532

Find peace and relaxation in this fully furnished farmhouse, free Wi-Fi, gas grill and fire pit, only 8 miles from Santa Claus. Sleeps up to 14.



# SPENCER COUNTY LODGING

## Additional Options

### HOLLOW CREEK CABIN VACATION RENTAL

[vrbo.com/2011599](https://www.vrbo.com/2011599)

(832) 390-4283

14475 E 1550 N

Fulda, IN 47579

Nestled in a secluded, peaceful country setting, yet close to the area's top attractions, this cabin home features a spacious great room with vaulted ceilings and a fireplace, plus five bedrooms and three bathrooms that accommodate up to 14 guests. A basement game room offers foosball, ping pong, and air hockey tables.

**Amenities:** Fireplace, chef-style kitchen, basement game room



### PEPPERMINT HOUSE VACATION RENTAL

[airbnb.com/rooms/42893838](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/42893838)

(812) 305-2104

57 North Holiday Boulevard

Santa Claus, IN 47579

This cozy rental is located across the road from the entrance to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari. Sleeps up to 10 people with its three bedrooms and eight beds.

**Amenities:** In middle of town, close to area attractions, restaurants, and more



### THE FAMILY OASIS VACATION RENTAL

[airbnb.com/rooms/43187143](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/43187143)

(502) 810-8626

905 North Main Street

Gentryville, IN 47537

The roomy home offers space for up to 12 guests and includes large kitchen and living room areas. Outside highlights include a covered picnic table and firepit with seating.

**Amenities:** Gas grill, cornhole boards, board games





# SPENCER COUNTY LODGING

## Additional Options

### THE POTTER COTTAGE VACATION RENTAL

[vrbo.com/7295669ha](https://www.vrbo.com/7295669ha)

(812) 827-3454

8941 East County Road 1850 North  
Ferdinand, IN 47532

Just minutes from Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, this vacation rental sleeps up to 14 guests and offers two full baths with an extra shower in the basement. A lake for fishing is located on the property.

**Amenities:** Two outdoor decks



### WILLOW LAKE VACATION RENTAL

[vrbo.com/1528518](https://www.vrbo.com/1528518)

(812) 489-1220

18111 North State Road 245  
Dale, IN 47523

This vacation rental is located in the foothills of the Hoosier National Forest and overlooks the 5-acre Willow Lake. With plenty of indoor and outdoor space, the home accommodates up to 12 guests.

**Amenities:** Kayak and paddleboat available for use on lake



### X MARKS THE SPOT VACATION RENTAL

[airbnb.com/rooms/42434398](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/42434398)

(812) 686-0184

17057 North SR 245  
Santa Claus, IN 47579

Just over a mile from Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, this comfortable vacation rental is located in a peaceful country setting and sleeps up to 13 people.

**Amenities:** Firepit with seating



# SPENCER COUNTY LODGING

## Familiar Hotels

### BAYMONT INN & SUITES

[WyndhamHotels.com/baymont/dale-indiana](http://WyndhamHotels.com/baymont/dale-indiana)

(812) 937-7000

1339 North Washington Street

Dale, IN 47523

This family-friendly hotel features an indoor pool and a hot continental breakfast served daily. Located right off I-64, only 12 minutes from Santa Claus, Indiana.

**Amenities:** Continental breakfast, indoor pool, whirlpool rooms



### COMFORT INN & SUITES

[ComfortInn.com/hotel-rockport-indiana-IN214](http://ComfortInn.com/hotel-rockport-indiana-IN214)

(812) 250-7126

1355 North Plaza Drive

Rockport, IN 47635

Located right off Highway 231 near Rockport, the inn offers an indoor pool with a hot tub, fitness center, free Wi-Fi, and a free hot breakfast.

**Amenities:** Continental breakfast, indoor pool, spa, Wi-Fi, and fitness center



### MOTEL 6

[Motel6.com/en/motels.in.dale.4068](http://Motel6.com/en/motels.in.dale.4068)

(812) 937-2294

1334 North Washington Street

Dale, IN 47523

Located right off I-64 and only 12 minutes from Santa Claus, Indiana. This motel includes free Wi-Fi and an outdoor pool.

**Amenities:** Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, microwave, refrigerator, truck parking

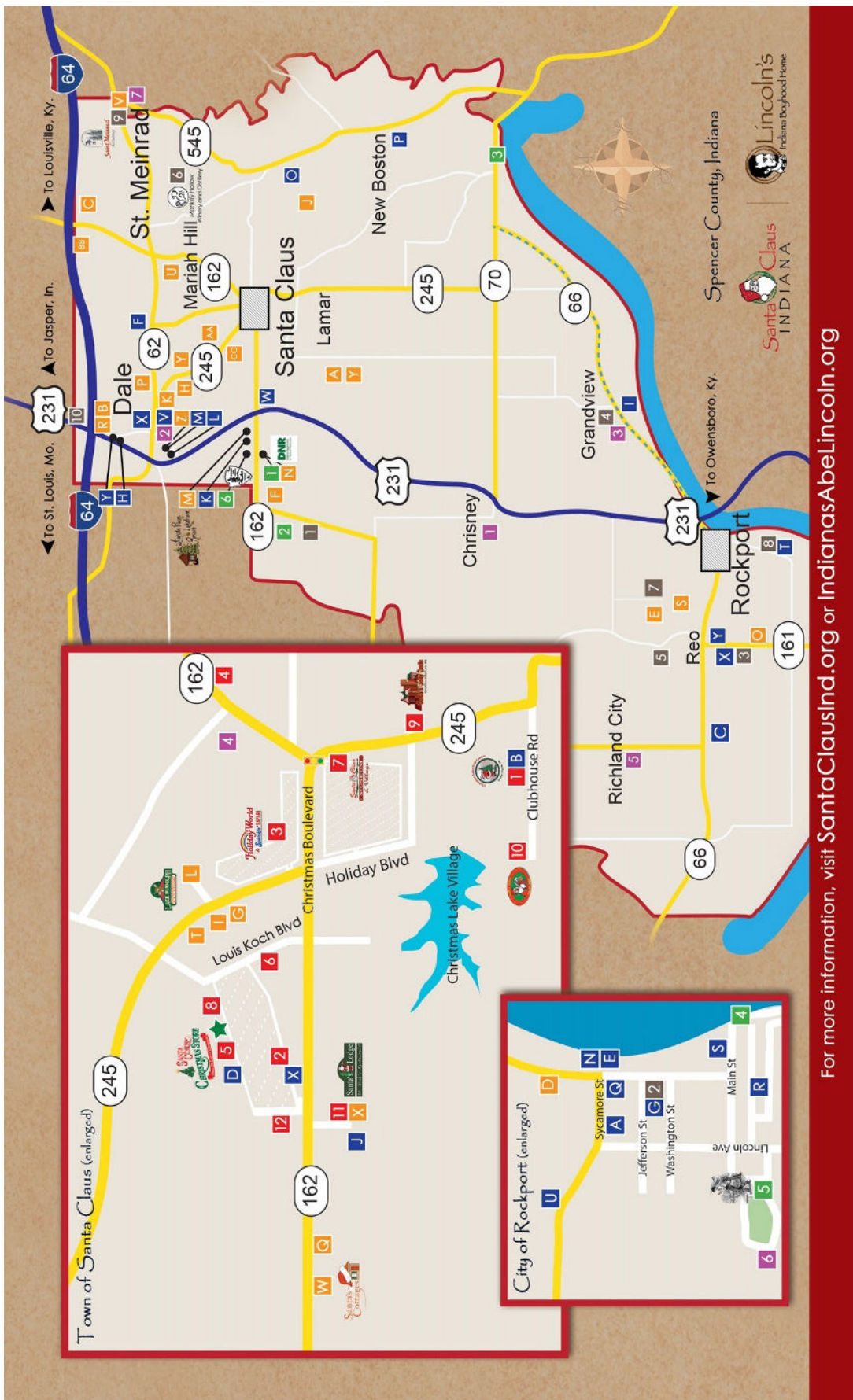


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# SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA

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## Map Legend

### Lincoln Attractions

- 1 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza
- 2 Lincoln Amphitheatre
- 3 Lincoln State Park
- 4 Colonel Jones Home
- 5 Lincoln Ferry Park
- 6 Lincoln Landing
- 7 Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum
- 8 Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

### Santa Claus Attractions

- 1 Christmas Lake Golf Club & Christmas Shop
- 2 Evergreen Boutique & Christmas Shop
- 3 Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- 4 Pumpkins & More Farm Market
- 5 Santa Claus Christmas Store
- 6 Santa Claus Hardware Store
- 7 Santa Claus Museum & Village
- 8 Santa Claus Post Office
- 9 Santa's Candy Castle
- 10 Santa's Stables
- 11 Santa's Express Ziplines
- 12 Santa's TOYS

### Other Area Attractions

- 1 Antique Shack
- 2 Darlene's Holiday and Gift Shoppe
- 3 Holiday Drive-In
- 4 Kodi-Yak Kayak, Canoe, and Paddleboard Rentals
- 5 Lakeview Orchard
- 6 Monkey Hollow Winery and Distillery
- 7 Ohio River Scenic Byway
- 8 Pepper's Ridge Winery
- 9 The Rustic Golf Course
- 10 Saint Meinrad Archabbey
- 11 Steckler Grassfed Farms

### Restaurants

- A Angelo's Pizza
- B Back 9 Bistro
- C B.J.'s Pizza
- D Brick Oven Pizza
- E Brothers Grub
- F The Chateau
- G Darlene's Lincolnland Restaurant
- H Denny's
- I Fat Daddy's Grill & Chill
- J Frosty's Fun Center
- K Hoosier Land Pizza & Wings
- L Jenk's Pizza
- M Los Dos Charros
- N Los Panchos
- O Louie's Tavern
- P New Boston Tavern
- Q Noble Roman's
- R On The Rocks
- S River City Brew Works
- T The Rustic
- U Scoops Ice Cream
- V S&S BBQ & Annie's Ice Cream

## Map Guide

*Santa Claus, Indiana, and sites throughout Lincoln's Indiana Boyhood Home are located in the rolling hills of southern Indiana, in Spencer County, Indiana.*

*The area is known for its wide-open spaces, outdoor recreation, and family-friendly attractions. Visit Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Lincoln State Park, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, and more to make memories you'll cherish for a lifetime.*

**Approximate Travel Distances\***

Evansville, Ind. ....	1 hour
Louisville, Ky. ....	1 1/4 hours
Bloomington, Ind. ....	2 hours
Nashville, Tenn. ....	2 1/2 hours
Cincinnati, Ohio ....	2 3/4 hours
Indianapolis, Ind. ....	3 hours
St. Louis, Mo. ....	3 hours
Chicago, Ill. ....	5 1/2 hours

\* Distances measured from Santa Claus, Indiana

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## Spencer County Parks

- 1 Chrisney Park
- 2 Dale Town Park
- 3 Grandview Park
- 4 Jim Yellig Park
- 5 Richland City Park
- 6 City of Rockport Park
- 7 St. Meinrad Park



# FAMILY FALL-O-WEEKENDS

Family, Food, Festivals, and Fun,  
are the ingredients for a Fabulous Fall!

## Fall Family Fun Throughout September and October

Imagine crisp fall air, magnificent fall foliage, and memories the whole family will cherish for years to come. From local fairs to 5Ks to Halloween activities, there are fall events happening throughout the season.

**Learn more about  
Family Fall-O-Weekends  
and make plans to visit at**

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## Fall Events Typically Include:

- Dale Fall Fest
- Kids Days at Pumpkins & More
- Fall Fun Fest & Friends Fall Frolic at Lincoln State Park
- St. Meinrad Rocks Festival
- Happy Halloween Weekends at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
- Halloween Weekends at Lake Rudolph Campground & RV Resort

... and so much more!

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Family fun during the first three weekends of December.



## Experience America's Christmas Hometown During the Holidays

Special events and holiday traditions take over the town during the first three weekends of December. Enjoy festive shopping, one-of-a-kind events, and Christmassy lodging. Santa Claus, Indiana, is the place to be during the holidays!



**Learn more about the  
Santa Claus Christmas Celebration  
and make plans to visit at  
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## Santa Claus Christmas Celebration Events Typically Include:

- Chestnuts Roasting at Santa's Candy Castle
- Santa Claus Land of Lights
- Festival of Lights
- Santa Claus Christmas Parade
- Santa Claus Arts & Crafts Show
- Writing Letters to Santa

... and so much more!



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