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Indy 500 Travel Guide

Tourist Attractions — Away from the track and family friendly

Jimmy - Those with children will love the Children's Museum and the Indianapolis Zoo. For those that enjoy wandering, the White River State Park (located by the Zoo and JW Marriott) is fantastic as you can stroll along the canal through downtown.

The Indianapolis Museum of Arts is also a great place to go. They have a revolving display of amazing art and you can stroll the grounds viewing beautiful pieces throughout the area.

Also, while it is not as large as you would expect, go to the IMS museum! For lovers of IndyCar you will find many jewels of the past inside. Stroll onto Main Street in Speedway and visit the Dallara factory, the new Fort wine bar, and hopefully the new karting centre Sarah Fisher is building.

Aaryn - Indianapolis Zoo or Children's Museum for kids. Victory Field for a minor league baseball game -- a great venue! The Monon Trail through Broadripple is great for a bike ride + ice cream or restaurant.

David - The Indianapolis Zoo and the Indy Children's museum is a must see. The Dallara factory is on Main Street in Speedway so make sure to fit that in.

Angelica - The zoo! Lucas Oil Raceway for the Night Before the 500 & the Hoosier Hundred on Thursday night.

Tom - Depends on what you want to see, the area around the canal is very nice for those who want to go for a nice stroll.

Kyle - Children's Museum, Conner Prairie, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Indiana War Memorial, Indiana State Museum, NCAA Hall of Champions, Dallara IndyCar Factory, SI Karting--opens this fall, Fast Times indoor Karting, Eiteljorg Museum of Native American and Western Art, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Historical Centre, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Go Ape Zip Line Adventures

James - Indianapolis Indians baseball. Dallara IndyCar Factory. IMS museum on the Monday after race, not race day, too busy.

Jim - Children's Museum, Indy Zoo, Slippery Noodle Inn (blues bar), anywhere downtown Indy - everything is centrally located, Broad Ripple area for the younger crowd (music). New Castle go-kart track - lots of Indycar drivers run there - home of the Dan Wheldon Memorial Event.

Matthew - They have some great parks to walk around - I went to Eagle Creek for \$5 with good walks and wildlife.

AJ Foyt now has a wine bar at Speedway (opposite the Dallara factory), if you would like to try a Foyt wine. The Indianapolis Zoo, which is west of Downtown. I had a road trip to French Lick (S Indiana) for a road trip. Famous for PGA Golf I believe.

I also had a visit to the Ropkey Armor Museum (donation required only) to look round some old tanks. Won't take long to look round but quite interesting and not busy.

Michael - Indy Art Museum. Museum at the Speedway. Children's Museum.



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John - The Indianapolis Museum of Art is very good if you are looking for a little bit of culture (The 9th oldest and 8th largest 'Encyclopaedic' gallery in the US apparently!). As International Museum day normally falls somewhere around mid-May get your timing right and admission is free.

The 100 Acres right next door to the Museum of Art is a nice place for a peaceful wander. However since you are in Indianapolis for the Indy 500, you are surely not looking for peace and quiet you are looking for noisy racing cars.

Wednesday prior to the 500 get on down to Terre Haute for USAC Spring Cars at the Action Track. Unfortunately due to a rain out I haven't had the chance to try this one myself.

Thursday night prior to the 500 sees the USAC Silver Crown cars competing in the Hoosier Hundred at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. After some lean years car counts are on the rise with a solid 30 car field competing this year.

On Saturday what was formerly the 'Night Before the 500' but is now the 'Day Before the 500' takes place at O'Reilly Raceway Park. USF2000, Pro-Mazda and USAC Silver Crown cars on the paved oval. When this event was in the evening it was much more appealing as it is now as it clashes with Legends Day at the Speedway and the 500 Festival Parade.

Saturday night sees the 'Little 500' at Anderson Speedway. I haven't done this one myself yet, but I think 2016 will be the year to try it.

Monday after the 500 and the World of Outlaw Sprint Cars are at Lawrenceburg Speedway this is 90 miles SE of Indianapolis. You simply must go and see the mind bogglingly awesome spectacle of winged sprints on a high banked short dirt oval.

For sporting entertainment of a different kind an evening spent watching the Indianapolis Indians AAA baseball team at Victory Field comes highly recommended. Whether you sit on the grass banks around the outfield or in the stands Victory Field, right in the heart of downtown Indianapolis is fantastic stadium for watching a ball game. 30 bucks for the most expensive seats in the house right behind home plate makes it a good deal too.

The other thing I've pondered but not yet tried myself is going to see a movie at Tibbs Drive-In. \$10 for two movie double bill sounds like a bargain to me. All you need to do is hire a nice piece of vintage Detroit iron with a drop top to make the experience complete.