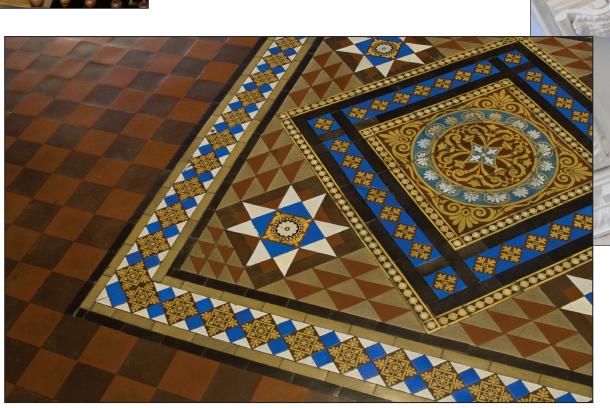




Gibson County Courthouse









ibson County is home to one of the premier courthouses in the Midwest. The cornerstone of the courthouse was laid on June 17, 1884.

Located in the county seat of Princeton, Indiana, the courthouse is the most significant historical structure in the county and one of the best examples of nineteenth century architecture in Southern Indiana.

The architectural style may be classified as Romanesque Revival. Four corner towers frame four original center entries forming a Greek cross in design. A central clock tower rises monumentally above the center of the structure ending in a diagonally set widow's walk where the United States flag is displayed.

The interior of the courthouse features black walnut and plaster reliefs extensively. Beautiful mosaic tiles make up the hallways of both the first and second floors with most offices retaining original oak floors. The Gibson County Courthouse was also used as the model for the Dept. 56 Original Snow Village Courthouse. The courthouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. (812) 385-0999.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE GIBSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Did you know that ...

- in 1884 the original total construction cost of the courthouse was \$188,661.00; in 1983 the total cost of replacing windows throughout the courthouse was \$100,000.00.
- certain items were placed in the cornerstone where it was laid, including a list of local lodges, local newspapers, vials of corn and wheat, and a set of artificial teeth.
- court was first held in the courthouse on February 2, 1886.
- the courthouse basement originally had a dirt floor and was used by locals to house livestock and store feed.
- during construction, the workers amused themselves by inviting visitors up into the bell tower for a view. Then, the workers would remove the ladder and refuse to put it back until the visitors contributed a bucket of beer from a tavern on the east side of the square.
- the courthouse tower was the site of a double wedding in 1929 as a part of a promotional event by the Princeton Ad Club. Spectators watched the nuptials from the lawn below. The two couples shared \$35.00 in cash prizes.
- the Gibson County Courthouse was the site of the murder trial of the notorious Leslie Irvin in 1955. The case was eventually appealed to the United States Supreme Court.
- the Gibson County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Offices Located in the Gibson County Courthouse: Basement:

Court Appointed Special Advocate: serves as an advocate for children involved in court proceedings

Surveyor: provides maps and records which document property boundaries in the county

Probation: supervises adult and juvenile probation programs as directed by the courts

Reassessment: works with the Assessor's office

First Floor:

to reassess property.

Auditor: the principal financial officer in county government; distributes funds to government agencies; prepares tax duplicates showing the value of property and the taxes assessed against each taxpayer

Treasurer: prepares and sends tax statements for 10 townships, 8 towns, and 2 cities; collects property taxes from taxpayers

Recorder: records and keeps records of all deeds, mortgages, assignments, and other documents which prove ownership in the county

Clerk (of Gibson Circuit Court)/

Voter Registration Office: files court documents including criminal and juvenile dockets, adoptions, probate proceedings, civil lawsuits, divorces, petitions for guardianship, insanity, change of name, coroner's inquests, marriage applications, drainage records, passport applications, support payments for child support and welfare, county and city elections, bookkeeping for courts, drawing of juror names, and voter registration.

Assessor: assess value on all property located in the county, both real and personal

Second Floor:

The second floor contains the Circuit and Superior courtrooms and the offices of the judges currently serving.



Gibson County Courthouse Picturesque example of nineteenth century Romanesque Revival architecture, used as a model for the Department 56 Original Snow Village Courthouse. Tours are available by appointment. (888)390-5825. From I-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 East; Downtown Princeton at the intersection of IN S.R. 65 and S.R. 64 East.



Gibson County Visitors Center/Princeton Train Depot Home to the Gibson County Visitors & Tourism Bureau, the Gibson County Visitors Center at the Princeton Train Depot also houses the Princeton Railway Museum. Built in 1875, the Princeton Depot is the only remaining depot structure in Gibson County. Once the lifeline of commerce and transportation for the county, passenger service was discontinued in the late 1960's. Tours available. From I-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 East at Princeton. Travel east on IN S.R. 64 approximately one mile to depot.



Gibson County Fairgrounds Home to the Gibson County Fair and many other activities and events throughout the year including tractor pulls, dog shows, antique machinery displays, livestock judging, and Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations. From 1-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to County Road 100 North (one mile north of IN S.R. 64) Turn east onto County Road 100 North then south on Old Hwy. 41 to the fairgrounds.



Lyles Station Interpretive Center Celebrating freedom, knowledge and success in Indiana, Lyles Station stands as one of the last remaining African American settlements in the state. Settled in the early 1800's, this community's heritage is preserved in the renovated Lyles Consolidated School. Its Heritage Classroom provides students the opportunity to experi-

ence a day in the life of school children in the early 1900's. The school also features a museum, gift shop, meeting facility and a period garden. For group tours or information, call 812-385-2534 or visit www.lylesstation.org. From 1-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 West at Princeton. West on IN S.R. 64 to County Road 500 West, then north to the intersection of County Roads 100 North and 500 West.



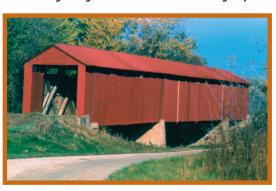
Gibson Generating Station and Gibson Lake Wildlife Habitat

Gibson Lake Wildlife Habitat, adjacent to Indiana's largest generating station consists of 160 acres of natural wetlands with 2 nature trails, an observation deck and a blind for wildlife viewing. Open during daylight hours, 7 days a week. Check-in at the guard station for a permit is required. For information call (812) 386-4197. From I-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 West at Princeton. From Princeton, take IN S.R. 64 West to County Road 965 West. Turn south onto County Road 965 West and travel approximately 1 mile to the plant.

Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area As home to the largest nesting colony of the endangered interior Least Tern east of the Mississippi River, the Cane Ridge Unit is recognized as a Globally Important Bird Area. Over 380 species of wildlife, including a new species of burrowing crayfish verified in 2002, have been observed on the refuge. This Wabash River bottoms property lies off the southwest corner of the 3,000-acre Gibson Lake.

Red Covered Bridge This 170-foot long bridge was constructed over Big Bayou River near Crawleyville in 1875. From 1-64, take IN S.R. 165 North at the Poseyville exit, turning west onto County Road 875 South. Follow County Road 875 South and County Road 1250 West to County Road 850 South. Travel west for 4 miles on County Road 850 South; right onto County Road 1675 West, travel 2 miles,

then west onto County Road 650 South.

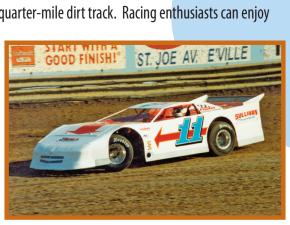


Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana Visitors **Center/Plant Tours**

Producers of the Highlander SUV, the Sequoia SUV, and the Sienna Minivan, this 4 million square ft. plant covers 1,160 acres and employs approximately 5,000 workers. The TMMI Visitors Center and public touring program is expected to open in late 2009. From 1-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to County Road 550 South.



Tri-State Speedway Catch all of the excitement where NASCAR superstar Jeff Gordon raced as a fourteen-year-old on this quarter-mile dirt track. Racing enthusiasts can enjoy sprints and open-wheeled modifieds from April through early October. www.tristatespeedway. com or 812-768-5995 or 812-768-6025. From 1-64, take US Hwy 41 North to Haubstadt, at the intersection of County Road 1025 South and US Hwy. 41.



The Log Inn Built in 1825 as a trading post and stage coach stop, it is officially recognized as Indiana's oldest restaurant and was recently selected as Indiana's Favorite Hometown Restaurant. (812) 867-3216. From I-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to first stoplight and turn right. Located one mile east of U.S. Hwy. 41 in Warrenton, IN at the intersection of County Road 1250 South and County Road 200 East



Weather Rock Campground 70 RV sites plus primitive camping, showers, grocery, laundry, swimming pool, and miniature golf course. From 1-64, take U.S Hwy 41 North. Turn right at first stoplight. Located 1 mile east of U.S. Hwy 41 on County Road 1250 South near Warrenton.

Henager's Memories & **Nostalgia** This collection features exhibits on Roy Rogers, Smokey Bear, rock 'n roll, World War II, comics, Santa's workshop, and much more. Admission charged. Group rates available. Open Jan. – Apr., Mon. – Sat, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; May – Dec, Mon-Thur, 8:00 a.m − 8:00 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m. (812) 795-2230. From I-64, take IN S.R. 57 North to Buckskin. Museum is on IN S.R. 57, 2 miles south of Mackey, IN.



Oakland City New Lake This picturesque campground offers 18 lakeside campsites including primitive and RV sites, plus a shelter house, paved bike/hiking path, picnic areas, and a playground. Boating and fishing opportunities are available. (812) **749-3222.** From the junction of IN S.R. 64 and IN S.R. 57, travel east or IN S.R. 64, exiting east onto County Road 200 South. Travel 3.3 miles to entrance on right.



Cockrum Hall/Dunn Art Gallery/Oakland City University Home to the Cockrum family, key

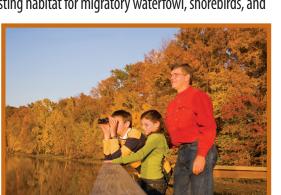
participants in the Underground Railroad in the 1850's, this historic residence was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. With restoration completed in 2002, Cockrum Hall houses the offices of Development and Alumni Affairs for Oakland City University, Gibson County's only institution of higher learning, founded in 1885. The J. Michael Dunn Art Gallery, also located on the Oakland City University campus, schedules about 10 exhibitions per year of both professional artists' and students' works. Tours are available upon request. (812) 749-1426 or www.oak.edu/DunnGallery. From I-64, take IN S.R. 57 North to Oakland City. Campus is located on Lucretia St. in Oakland City.



Patoka River Wildlife Refuge Established in 1994 as the 502nd national wildlife refuge in the country, this river bottoms refuge is strategically located to provide important resting, feeding, and nesting habitat for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, and

5,587 acres. Environmental education, fishing, hunting, photography and wildlife observation are available. For more information, contact 812-749-3199 or Bill_Mc-**Coy@fws.gov.** The Refuge headquarters is located at 510 1/2 West Morton St. (IN SR 64) in Oakland City. To reach the Refuge itself, follow IN SR 64 East out of Oakland City to left on Co. Road 1275 East. Follow paved road to the Refuge.

neotropical songbirds. The refuge currently contains



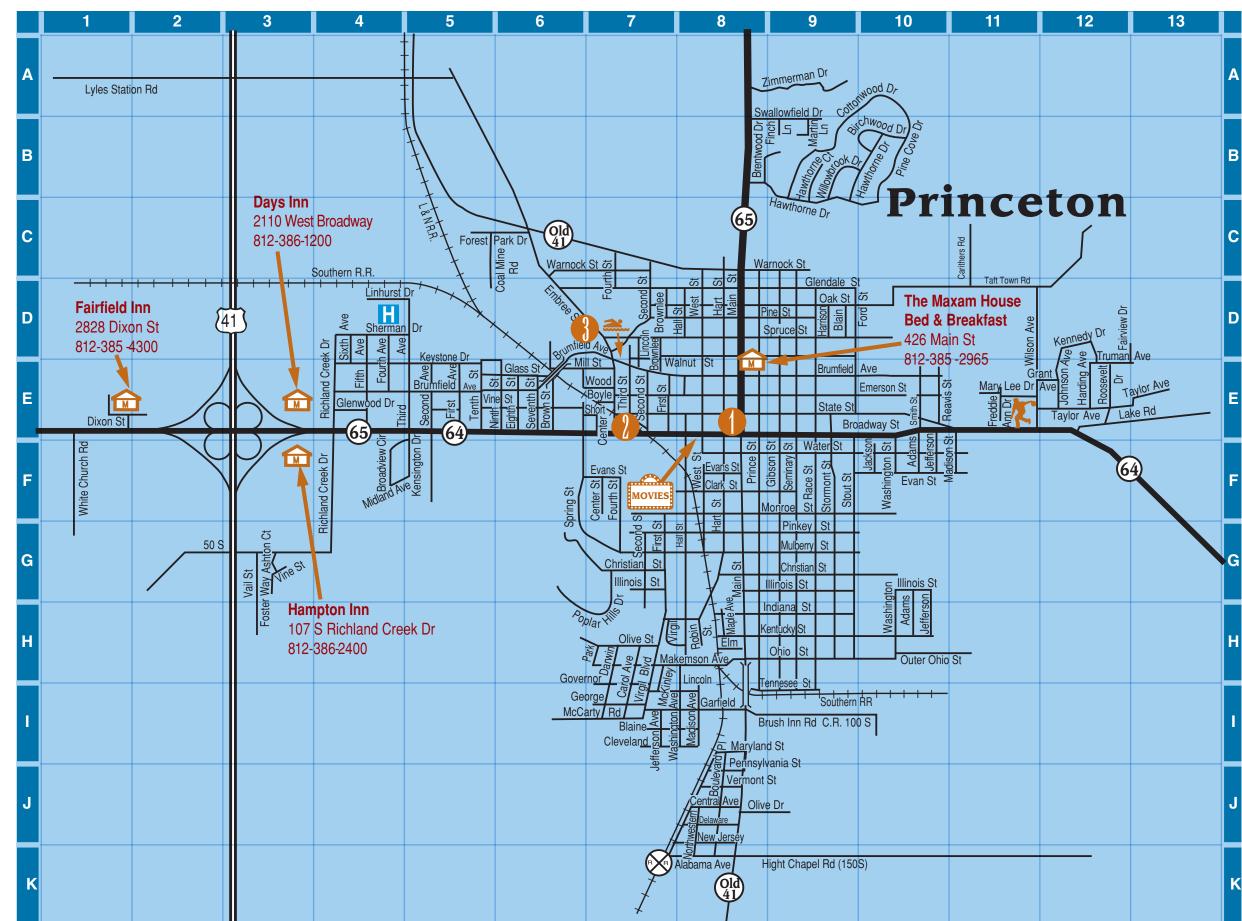
Wabash and Erie Canal Completed in the mid 1800's, the canal briefly served as a vital route for commerce throughout the state, winding its way to the Ohio River. Railroad construction made the canal obsolete not long after its completion. West of Francisco at the intersection of County Roads 175 South and 550 East. From I-64 take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 East through Princeton to County Road 550 East, then south to the intersection of County Road 175 South.

Wheeling Covered Bridge Built over the Patoka River in 1877, the bridge is 163 **feet long.** From I-64, take US Hwy. 41 North to IN S.R. 64 Road 550 East approximately 5 miles to County Road 400 North. Travel east on County Road 400 North approximately 1/4 mile to the bridge.



Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Offers over 50 acres and more than 300 varieties of azaleas, a wide variety of plant species and trees, as well as water features and unique wood carvings in a beautifully landscaped setting. For more information, contact (812) 354-3039 or e-mail azaleapath@verizon.net From IN SR 64 in Princeton, turn north onto IN SR 65 traveling approximately 7 miles. Bear right onto Mark Ford Road to left on Co. Rd. 650 East then right onto Co. Rd. 540 North. Azalea Path will be on the right.

Nature's Glory A gardener's paradise and home to the area's largest grower of ornamental grasses as well as greenhouses full of perennial flowers, herbs, annuals and vegetable plants. Other features include a Chinese Memorial Garden, a Civil War Medicinal Garden, butterfly gardens, a certified monarch butterfly way station, and an heirloom vegetable garden. A number of different workshops are offered throughout the year. For more information, call 812-784-4104. From IN SR 64 in Princeton, turn north onto IN SR 65 and travel approximately 9 miles. Turn left onto Nixon Road. Nature's Glory is .9 miles on left.



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www.gibsoncountyin.org

or stop by the

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