

Family Scavenger Hunt

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In 2016 USA Today readers chose the IUB campus as the 2nd “Best Beautiful College Campus” in the nation. The Campus offers many family-friendly areas to explore that may lead to discoveries you and your children want to return to again and again. Some are locations where you can spend as little as a few minutes, while others may be places you plan to spend a half-day. Below are suggestions for scavenger hunting on the IUB campus. Enjoy!

General

- Beck Chapel**
- Bowling at the IMU** <https://imu.indiana.edu/activities/bowling-billiards/index.html>
Children under 16 bowl free in June and July!
- Biology Greenhouse** <https://greenhouse.biology.indiana.edu/>
There are nearly 800 species of plants in the greenhouse, many with different smells and colors. The Biology Greenhouse even identifies “Fun Plants” specifically targeted toward the interest of children. Keep “Wally” the Corpse Flower in mind as a destination for its next bloom (first bloom 2016, Second 2020, Third ???).
- The Carillon** (at Cox Arboretum) <https://blogs.iu.edu/jsomorgan/carillon/>
- Cox Arboretum** <https://pride.iu.edu/campus/before-and-after-iu-bloomington-arboretum/>
- Dunn Woods/Meadow** <https://guides.idsnews.com/happenings/venue/iu-dunn-meadow>
The venue for many IU events, and a good place to run and play.
- Eskenazi Museum of Art** <https://artmuseum.indiana.edu/>
If you go inside, look for the contemporary art piece “Gust of Wind” by Paul Cockledge, and many others!
- Kirkwood Observatory** <https://astro.indiana.edu/outreach/kirkwood-observatory/kirkwood-schedule.html>
Open on clear Wednesday nights from after Spring Break until Thanksgiving. Caveat is it opens at 10pm... while not conducive to a young child’s bedtime, it could be a special one-time trip
- Light Totem at the museum of art;** <https://eskenazi.indiana.edu/about/facilities/museums-and-libraries.html>
Lit at evening/night; winters will allow for an earlier viewing for younger children
- Museum of Archeology and Anthropology** (OPENS 2023) <https://iumaa.iu.edu/>
- Red Clocks**
There are 4 on campus. See if you can find them all. The clocks chime the IU Fight Song at the top of the hour
- Rose Well House** <https://imu.indiana.edu/event-planning/spaces/rose-well-house.html>
- Sample Gates** <https://pride.iu.edu/campus/behind-the-gates/>
- Sugar and Spice Bakery in the IMU** <https://catering.indiana.edu/sugar-spice/index.html>
Their no-bake cookies are notoriously delicious (Allergy Alert! They contain butter and peanut butter)

Sculptures/Statues

- The Space Between: Adam & Eve** (Dunn Woods)
- Amatria** (Luddy Hall)
- Brain**~World's largest anatomically correct brain sculpture (Psychology Building)
- Elinor Ostrom** (Woodburn Hall)
- Ernie Pyle** (Franklin Hall)
- Herman B. Wells** (in the open-air pavilion near the Rose Well House)
- Hoagy Carmichael** (IU Auditorium)
- Indiana Arc** (Eskenazi Museum of Art)
- Peau Rouge** (Musical Arts Center)

Fountains

- Showalter Fountain** (in the central plaza of IU Auditorium, Lilly Library, and the Fine Arts Building)
- McKinney Fountain** (Simon Music Library)

5 Campus Critters <https://pride.iu.edu/campus/5-campus-critters-hiding-in-plain-sight/>

- Fish (Showalter Fountain)
- Owl (Indiana Memorial Union)
- Fruit Fly (Simon Hall; Science)
- Bat (Maxwell Hall)
The article explains why it's not considered to be a gargoyle!
- Duck (Goodbody Hall)

Athletics

- Bill Armstrong Stadium (home of the Little 500 race and IU Soccer)
- Free Admission to IU Baseball, Volleyball, Men's Soccer, and Women's Basketball with IU Crimson Card for 1 faculty/staff and 1 guest.
- George Taliaferro (Memorial Stadium)
- Spirit of Indiana (Memorial Stadium)
Step in the center of the sculpture and look up at the athletes' hands to see if you notice the heart that the sculptor Dora Natella envisioned
- Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall
Home of IU basketball; houses sculptures, plaques, awards, and trophies.

Annual Events

- Science Fest & Physics Open house late October (10/22/2022 this year)
Experience a wide variety of activities including hands-on exhibits and demonstrations
- Bradford Woods Maple Syrup Festival in March (2023 date to be determined)