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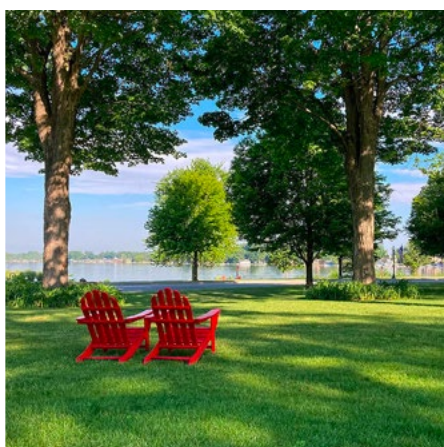
Welcome to Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County from the team here at the Kosciusko County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Thank you for viewing this valuable resource on things to experience with a group in Kosciusko County.

Our over 100+ natural lakes and 12 trail systems provide the perfect environment to adventure, relax, and find inspiration. With one-of-a-kind attractions like a camel farm, vintage glass-cutting company, 50-year-old theatre-in-the-round, and Indiana's oldest sternwheeler tour boat, Kosciusko County offers the perfect place for an engaging, memorable tour. Plus, Warsaw is the Orthopedic Capital of the World, placing a thriving industry at the heart of our community.

Let us help plan your visit and be that beneficial resource for all things Kosciusko. Visit our website, send an email, give us a call, message us on social media, or stop in our beautiful visitor center located on US 30 in the city of Warsaw. We would love to help you set up your next group travel experience. We hope that you will find that the place to live, work, learn, and play is Clearly Kosciusko.

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This guide is designed specifically to help plan a group tour of Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County. Visualize the perfect group trip and pick what you want your day or weekend to look like based off the activities listed here. Contact us to find out costs, restaurant menus, and business hours.



SEE HOW IT'S MADE TOURS

Dive into the highly innovative and productive industries in Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County. From the acres of farmland to the thriving orthopedic industry to the small shops making hand-crafted pieces, the members of Kosciusko County are hard at work. Get a glimpse behind the scenes and see how the final product is created.

CREIGHTON BROTHERS LLC

Your group will learn how, since 1850, Creighton Brothers, 5 generations of family ownership, has continued to grow to a capacity of 3 million laying hens on over 9,000 acres of farm ground with feed mills that process over two million eggs daily.
Approx. 1 hr.

LDC LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY

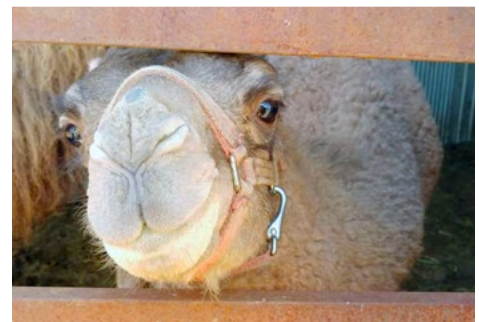
The world's largest integrated soybean processing biodiesel plant that proudly uses American soybeans to fuel and feed the world. They process 50 million pounds of soybeans annually, produce 1 million tons of soybean meal (animal feed), and produce 90 million gallons of biodiesel. They are located on 275 acres, utilize 2 locomotives, and 1000 rail cars have a wastewater treatment plant and unloads 500 semis of soybeans per day. Due to safety and liability reasons, your group will not be able to tour the facility; however, a representative of the plant will step onto the motorcoach and give a presentation.
Approx. 1 hr.

RIVER JORDAN CAMEL DAIRY FARM

From the moment visitors arrive, your group will see the hairy, one-humped wonders up-close and personal. Inside the barn, they will see young calves, the milking process, and learn how products are made from camel's milk such as camel milk ice cream, lotions, soaps, and even dog shampoo! Your group will leave with a small sample of ice cream.
Approx. 1 hr.

SPLENDOR BOATS, LLC

Home of the original catamaran boat. Watch as craftsmen demonstrate to your group how a fiberglass boat is made.
Approx. 1 hr.



SEE HOW IT'S MADE TOURS

TIPPY CREEK WINERY

At Tippy Creek Winery, your group will get to see how they bottle the wine behind the scenes and experience multiple flavors in one trip as they enjoy wine tastings, wine flights, wine slushies, and hard cider. Everyone will leave with a wine glass.

Approx. 1 hr.

WARSAW CUT GLASS COMPANY

Watch a master glass artisan painstakingly hand etch each piece of glass with belt-driven wheels. Celebrities from the world over have purchased pieces from this local artisan since 1911 and now you can too! Shop on your own.

Approx. 1 hr. Max 30ppl.

WHETSTONE WOODENWARE

Visit this charming workshop where you will see the finest in handcrafted wooden utensils and accessories being made. Located in the quaint town of Silver Lake, this artisan shop contains maple woodenware that will add a unique touch to your kitchen décor. Groups will take home a wooden spoon.

Approx. 1½ hr.



INTERACTIVE TOURS

If you are looking for an adventure that is more hands on and possibly creative, then choose from our interactive tours. Relax in Himalayan salt caves, paint wine glasses or pottery, or sample some fine oils. Dig into a new experience of your choice.

HIMALAYAN SALT & SCENTS

Experience three salt therapy rooms: a 20-person salt cave, a 3-person infrared salt sauna, and a 1-person halo therapy salt bed. Located in Superior Landscape Products, your group can also tour the fairy garden village including a 5 ¾ ton (approximately 12,000lbs) tree stump, lawn statues and cast aluminum products. Your group will receive a salt stone and a small sample of edible salt!

Approx. 1½ -2 hrs.

PORT WINONA WINE & MARKET

While you sip your wine, paint a wine glass to take home. You'll leave with your art, some new wine knowledge, and fun memories. Includes instruction, acrylic paint, & all supplies needed to finish.

Approx. 1 hr. Max 25 ppl.

POTTERY BAYOU

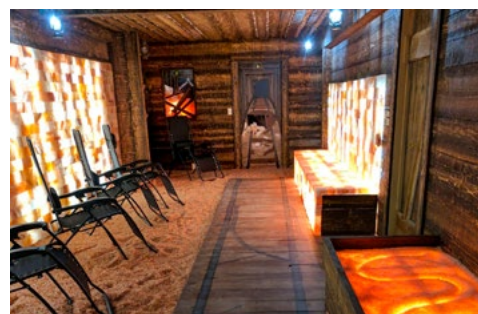
At Pottery Bayou, you're the artist! This "paint-your-own pottery" studio allows you to create your own unique masterpieces in a creative, fun atmosphere. Your group will create personalized gifts, or design and make their very own fused glass jewelry.

Approx. 1 hr.

THE OLIVE BRANCH

Here you will taste flavors of the best EVOO's and Balsamic Vinegars found from all over the world. These oils come from Spain, Italy, Greece, Australia, Israel, Tunisia, Chile, and California. All oils are extra virgin and first cold pressed. Receive a sample of The Olive Branches finest oil to take home with you.

Approx. 1 hr.



CULTURE & HERITAGE TOURS

Dig into the rich history Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County has cultivated, from the great revival to aircraft innovation, to the old jail which held notorious criminals. Take a step back in time at these locations.

BILLY SUNDAY HOME

As a former professional baseball player for the Chicago White Stockings (now the Chicago Cubs), Billy Sunday inspired millions with a captivating mixture of theatrics, humor, and hellfire. His widow, "Ma" Sunday, continued to live in the family home until her death in 1957. You will be able to visit their well-preserved home and hear heartwarming tales about this special family.

Approx. 1-1½ hrs.

LAWRENCE D. BELL AIRCRAFT MUSEUM INC.

Located in Mentone this museum is dedicated to Mentone native Lawrence Bell. Lawrence Bell founded Bell Aircraft which invented the first supersonic jet, piloted by Chuck Yeager, the first jet propelled airplane, the world's first commercial helicopter, the world's fastest and highest-flying airplane, the Bell X1A, and the first jet vertical take-off and landing plane. Your group will receive a memento as they leave. Guided tour provided.

Approx. 1 hr.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM & KOSCIUSKO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the historic Old Kosciusko County Jail, this museum details the history of Kosciusko County. Tour the old sheriff's home attached to the jail along with the actual cells and bullpens of the criminals from the early 1900's to 1980. Your group will leave with a John Dillinger headline newspaper.

Approx. 1 hr.



CULTURE & HERITAGE TOURS

SYRACUSE-WAWASEE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located in Syracuse, Indiana, this museum contains original oil paintings depicting the town's early years, hundreds of photographs dating back to the late 1800s, Indian artifacts, and its most popular attraction, a 1906 Mier car built in Syracuse by resident Sheldon Harkless. Take home a replica key ring.

Approx. 1-1 1/2 hrs.

WINONA HISTORY CENTER

The Museum of Winona History is located in what was originally the Westminster Hotel, which served as one of several hotels built to lodge the many guests that flocked to Winona Lake through the years. The west wing of the first floor, which houses the museum's displays, was the location of the recording and business offices of gospel music pioneer Homer Rodeheaver. In addition to highlighting Rodeheaver's legacy, the museum includes exhibits on the Chautauqua movement in Winona, its legendary Bible conferences, and evangelist Billy Sunday. Your group will see thousands of documents, recordings, and letters from Winona's rich past.

Approx. 1 to 1½ hrs.



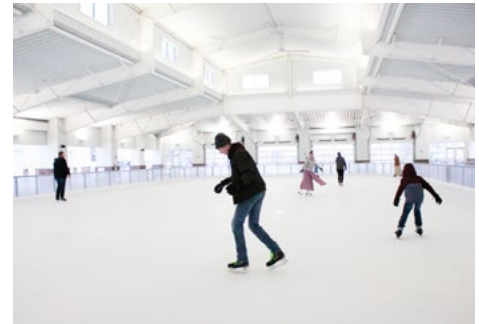
WINTER WONDER TOURS

Kosciusko County is generally viewed as a seasonal destination, as visitors flock to our beautiful lakes during the summer months. However, Kosciusko County isn't just a great destination during the warmer seasons; there is tons to do during the winter months as well. Pick some of these seasonal activities for a fun winter wonder themed tour and beat those winter blues.

MILLER SUNSET PAVILION

Staying true to the history of Winona Lake, the design of the new Miller Sunset Pavilion was inspired by the original Billy Sunday Tabernacle and sits on the same land where that original tabernacle was. The Miller Sunset Pavilion is an ice-skating rink located in the Village at Winona during the winter months. Skate rentals are available, so you do not need to bring your own unless you want to.

Approx. 1 hr.



LIGHT DISPLAYS

If you are coming around the holiday months, then checking out Kosciusko County's stunning light displays are a must. Warsaw Central Park is decked out with 250,000+ lights and is free to walk through from dusk to midnight every night. The Village at Winona also decorates the entire village, and this is free to drive or walk through.

Approx. 1 hr.



WAGON WHEEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS HOLIDAY SHOW

Every year, Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts does a special holiday show during the month of December. It is usually a classic, familiar story told in a new and creative way in their unique theatre in the round. In this circular theatre, you will never be more than 10 rows from the center stage.

Approx. 2-3 hrs.



SHOPPING

If you are visiting during our winter months, especially around the holidays, visit the Village at Winona or the Town of Pierceton, our two major shopping destinations. The Village at Winona is a quaint location on the Winona Lake canal with village-style shops and restaurants with a wide variety of options. The Town of Pierceton is a rustic 150+ year old town known for its antique, retro, and vintage shopping.

Approx. 2-3 hr.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Catch your outdoor adventure here in Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County. Choose from local farms, greenhouses, and gardens to satisfy your green thumb and soak up some sunlight. Or pick one of our three tour boats to ride the lake waters of our area.

BLUE BARN BERRY FARM

Located just west of Dewart Lake, Blue Barn Berry Farm is a You-Pick farm with blueberries, a fresh produce country store, and event venue. Your group will hear about their all natural 100% pure honey, hand-spun by beekeeper, Peggy Bucher. From their blueberries and blackberries, there's always something farm-fresh and delicious at the Blue Barn Market.

Approx. 1 hr.

DIXIE STERNWHEELER, INC.

There's no better way to spend the afternoon than a tour of Webster Lake. Indiana's Oldest Sternwheel Paddleboat, The Dixie was built in 1929 and offers 75-minute charter tours as well as public cruises during the summer season.

Approx. 75 mins. Max 130 ppl.

OAKWOOD RESORT BOAT TOURS

Daily tours of Lake Wawasee end of May through end of August. The tour is complimentary for hotel guests Sunday-Thursday.

Approx. 1 hr. Max 40 ppl.

S.S. LILYPAD

Enjoy a brunch, lunch, or dinner cruise on the S.S. Lillypad. Your group can choose from a two, three, or four-hour cruise of Lake Wawasee, the largest natural lake in the state of Indiana. Private cruises are set on a 30 minimum passenger rate for meals.

Approx. 1hr. Max 110 ppl.

WARSAW BIBLICAL GARDENS

Your group will enjoy a guided tour of the Warsaw Biblical Gardens as they walk through biblical times among the plants, flowers, trees, and herbs. This garden of biblical plants was started in 1986 and has since grown to be the third largest of its kind in the United States, offering more species of plants than any other with the exception of the Holy Lands. The gardens are comprised of six microclimates which represent the main environments of which the Bible speaks. At the end of your tour, each person will be given a book of all the plants they have viewed and references to where they are mentioned in the Bible.

Approx. 1 ½ hrs.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

GARDENS OF CENTRAL PARK

Next to the Warsaw Biblical Gardens, visit the Gardens of Central Park where your group can walk along the paths of gorgeous flowering plants and enjoy the wonderful colors and seasons. Self-guided.

Approx. 30 mins.

LAKE CITY SKIERS

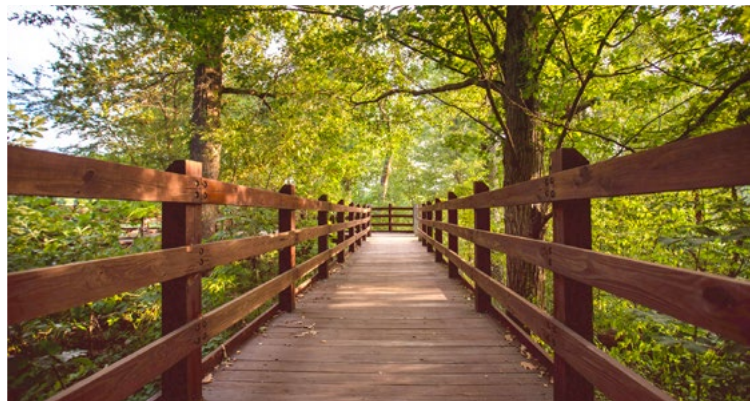
The Lake City Skiers are a competitive waterski show team located in Warsaw, Indiana with approximately 80 members ranging from 4 to 65 years of age. Throughout the summer performances are on Sunday and Tuesday evenings and are free to the public on Hidden Lake located at the junction of State Road 15 and U.S. 30. Shows usually consist of high-speed bare footing, beautiful ballet line, amazing jumping, graceful swivel skiing, and the always dangerous around the boat. Throw in numerous dance routines and comedy acts, both on and off the water, and you have the elements of a fantastic show. We encourage you to come and enjoy our performances. Our performances provide family entertainment and national level quality water skiing.

Approx. 1 ½ hrs.

PISGAH MARSH

Take a hike along the Pisgah Marsh Boardwalk and Golden Eagle Deck. Managed by Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area, this three-tenths of a mile-long boardwalk was constructed to allow visitors to experience and understand the natural habitat and diversity of the marsh while protecting the habitat. Two state-endangered species are found there, the Massasauga rattlesnake and Blanding's turtle. The wetland also provides habitat for migratory waterfowl, sandhill cranes, beavers, rails, squirrels, raccoons, and deer.

Approx. 1 hr.



SHOPPING

One of the best parts of travel is taking home treasures to remember the experience. It's the little things that conjure up the happy vacation "feels" on an ordinary day. Knickknacks to remember the lake, the trail and the season are always on the "must have" list.

VILLAGE AT WINONA

On the shores of beautiful Winona Lake sits The Village at Winona, a vibrant destination steeped in history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this former summer retreat is now a shopping destination, with over 20 unique retail and service shops and a variety of restaurants and eateries. The Village also stays true to its roots as a place for community gatherings and numerous concerts, performances, and festivals. So come enjoy scenic and historic Winona Lake where you can interact with the artists responsible for creating these wonderful items. Browse on your own.

Approx. 3-5 hrs.

ANTIQUE SHOPPING IN PIERCETON

Pierceton is known as Antique Town because it has over 10 antique shops offering a variety of antiques for all levels of antique lovers. All the shops are lined on the main street. Allow a minimum of 2 hours based upon your shopping preference.

Approx. 3 hrs.

JERKY SHOP

Made fresh daily with no nitrates or gluten, the Jerky Shop has many flavors to pick from. See the process and taste test because "Life is too short to eat bad jerky."

Approx. 1 hr.

PILCHER'S SHOES

Discover this shoe shopper's paradise! This mini shopping trip offers shoes for the hard to fit and shoe lovers of every kind. Pilcher's carries every size shoe known to man from AAA to GG. A large percentage of people who come into this store complain of plantar fasciitis, bunions, foot pain, knee pain, back pain, etc. Each member of the Pilcher's team is instructed how to correctly fit each customer, give us a visit and let us help you find comfortable and supportive shoes!

Approx. 1 hr.



ENTERTAINMENT

There's never a dull moment in Indiana's Kosciusko County. Music, plays, cultural centers, festivals, and events happen throughout the year. All year long, locals celebrate what makes the arts in our area unique and visitors and residents alike are invited to the party. Add a little music, drama, history, art, and excitement to your trip.

WAGON WHEEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Be entertained by a fabulous musical, theatrical production or concert at the Wagon Wheel Theatre. This theatre has been entertaining families and groups for over 52 years and provides a unique experience by being a theater in the round where you will never be more than ten rows from center stage!

See website for upcoming shows: wagonwheelcenter.org

SYMPHONY OF THE LAKES

The mission of Symphony of the Lakes is to enhance the cultural climate of our community and to encourage the appreciation and enjoyment of symphonic music through inspiring performances of the highest quality to an ever-growing audience.

CENTRAL PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

During the summer Central Park in Warsaw, IN holds Friday night concerts, movie, and other events. Rockin' for Riley Concert, and Country Concert for St. Jude. Warsaw's Central Park, near the southern shore of Center Lake, was completed in 1995. Central Park has numerous gardens, a water feature, picnic shelters, and a sidewalk surrounding the park making it an ideal escape during your lunch hour or a great way to spend an evening with your family. The large grassy area makes it a perfect area to play catch or lounge and read a book.

For full concert schedule, visit: warsaw.in.gov/201/Concerts



DINING

Choosing the right place for your group to eat is a big part of their tour experience. Indiana's Kosciusko County has a variety of restaurants where your group can sit back and relax. The following locations offer group dining options.

AMERICAN TABLE RESTAURANT - Warsaw

American Table Restaurant is a hometown favorite known for a variety of 130 made-to-order quality menu items. Celebrating over 30 years of serving valued guests in a clean, comfortable, and relaxing atmosphere, they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner, where quality and value are our most important ingredients.

BARBEE HOTEL & RESTAURANT - Warsaw

Step back in time to the heyday of gangsters such as Al Capone, John Dillinger, and Baby Face Nelson who hid out in this area. The historic Barbee Hotel & Restaurant was a gangster hangout and pity on the soul who was staying there when the gang arrived. Whatever spirits lurking there have made the Barbee Hotel one of the most famous local haunts. Today, it remains a functioning hotel and restaurant with some of the best food and entertainment around serving prime rib, steaks, Walleye, ribs, seafood, pasta.

CREIGHTON BROTHERS CRAZY EGG CAFÉ - Warsaw

Fresh eggs, handcrafted food, fresh coffee, and homemade favorites with a modern twist is what you will find in this rustic farm-style atmosphere. Enjoy fresh to order breakfast and lunch in the café along with baked goodness, drinks, and gifts from the gift shop. Completely nut free, with gluten free options.

MAD ANTHONY'S TAP HOUSE - Warsaw

Looking for the best beer in town? Look no further friend, Mad Anthony's Brewery has got you covered. Grab a pint of award-winning hand-crafted ales or lagers and kick back in a cool, laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy a full food menu, weekly live music and of course an ever-changing menu of awesome beer is always in full swing. They offer one of the area's best deep-dish Chicago style pizzas, a variety of vegetarian selections, now famous "Unwraps", and traditional pub fare.



DINING

RISE'N ROLL BAKERY - Warsaw

Rise'N Roll bakery offers fresh, Amish-style baked goods, donuts, pies, cookies, cinnamon rolls, jams, jellies, and much more.

BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT - Winona Lake

Local dining, plus outside and lakeside dining is available when you treat yourself to a Boathouse burger. The perfect venue for your meetings and events, this restaurant has plenty of space for group dining and serves everything from fish to beef and chicken. Great cocktails, wine and beer provide the perfect accompaniment for your meal.

CERULEAN RESTAURANT - Winona Lake

A Mediterranean-Asian fusion specializing in pasta, tapas, sushi, and bento boxes, as well as having an outstanding list of wine, beer, and cocktails. Cerulean offers a relaxing dining atmosphere as well as a beautiful outdoor dining area next to the Winona Lake canal.

LAKES GRILL - Silver Lake

Come dine at Silver Lake where breakfast is served all day and open seven days a week. Enjoy traditional breakfast options such as omelets, eggs benedict, scrambled egg creations, biscuits and gravy, sizzling skillet and frittatas, old-fashioned pancakes, a variety of French toast and waffles options, and classic crepes. They also serve a wide variety of lunch options.

THE IGLOO - Silver Lake

The Igloo is an ice cream shop with over 31 hand-dipped flavors. Walk up window with a side pavilion that seats. Max 64 ppl.



DINING

THE OLD TRAIN DEPOT – Pierceton

Those craving a meal with a side of history will find Pierceton's Old Train Depot delicious. The post-Civil War station restaurant overlooks a hall with fireplace, hand-crafted wood bar and railroad memorabilia. Lower-level seating, a second-floor deck perched over the railway and a dinner car provide options. Craft martinis and cocktails with railway-inspired names like Runaway Train and Sidecar, enhance dining. Enjoy free beer samples, and unique entrees, sandwiches, wraps, dinner, salads, and fresh soups.

MARIA'S HOUSE OF PANCAKES - North Webster

A friendly family atmosphere offering a variety for breakfast including French toast, waffles, old fashioned pancakes, eggs any way you like them, biscuits and gravy, omelets, and crepes. Lunch offers a variety of salads, burgers, sandwiches, fruit platters, and specialties from around the world.

SS LILYPAD/ THE FROG – Syracuse

A unique blend of excellent food at an affordable price for the entire family rests upon the shores of Lake Wawasee. Diners can arrive by car, foot or boat and enjoy dining or late-night entertainment. The Frog Tavern brings in some of the best live-band entertainment in Northern Indiana and is one of the summer's best hot spots.

PIER & BACK PORCH – Syracuse

Pier & Back Porch located inside the Oakwood Resort, is a restaurant which strives to offer delicious food in a stunning setting, right on Lake Wawasee, Indiana's largest natural lake. With both indoor and outdoor seating options available, enjoy fresh seafood and steaks cooked to perfection along with craft beer and cocktails, all with a side of sunsets and lake views. They can easily accommodate groups and events in this spacious restaurant.



LODGING

Whether your group is looking for a quick hotel to crash in or looking forward to indulging in a deluxe resort, Kosciusko County is ready to meet your accommodation needs and exceed your expectations. Be sure to book your block of rooms well in advance and don't forget to ask about available group amenities. Your pace, our place.

BEST WESTERN PLUS

3825 Lake City Hwy, Warsaw, IN 46580

74 Rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast
Within walking distance of 2 restaurants.
Complimentary social hour in the evening with hot appetizers.

BROOK POINTE INN

4906 E 1200 N, Syracuse, IN 46567

30 Rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

COMFORT INN & SUITES

3328 E Center St, Warsaw, IN 46580

71 Rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT INN & SUITES

54 Petro Drive, Warsaw IN 46582

92 rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

HAMPTON INN

115 Robmar Dr, Warsaw, IN 46580

82 Rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

300 Prosperity Dr., Warsaw IN 46582

96 rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

OAKWOOD RESORT

702 E Lake View Rd, Syracuse, IN 46567

77 Rooms

Complimentary Continental Breakfast Mon-Fri
Breakfast Buffet Sat & Sun

TRU BY HILTON

200 Prosperity Drive, Warsaw IN 46582

82 rooms, Indoor Pool, Free Continental Breakfast

WYNDHAM GARDEN

2519 E Center St, Warsaw, IN 46580

155 Rooms, Indoor Pool and Outdoor Pool

Free Hot Breakfast Buffet for Motorcoach Groups



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Kosciusko County is conveniently located in Northern Indiana. We are in the Eastern Standard Time Zone and observe daylight savings time. We are conveniently located near several cities, such as:

Chicago, Illinois	122 miles
Cincinnati, Ohio	214 miles
Columbus, Ohio	204 miles
Detroit, Michigan	207 miles
Indianapolis, Indiana	111 miles
Michigan City, Indiana	75 miles
Nappanee, Indiana	23 miles
Shipshewana, Indiana	44 miles

We hope this guide has been helpful as you plan your group tour to Kosciusko County. Please feel free to reach out to us here at the Kosciusko County Visitors Bureau if you need assistance, have questions, or would like visitor welcome bags. We hope you see the choice for a group tour destination is Clearly Kosciusko.



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