

# CLEARLY KOSCIUSKO BY CHOICE

Clearly Kosciusko by Choice is a video series highlighting the stories of individuals who have chosen to move to and stay in Northern Indiana's Kosciusko County.

Hear amazing stories and testimonies about our community directly from the people who have chosen to make it their home.



Scan QR code to view these videos.



# WHY CHOOSE KOSCIUSKO?

Discover why  
the place to  
live, work,  
learn, and  
play is clearly  
Kosciusko  
County.



# RECREATION

With over 100 lakes in Kosciusko County, it is clearly the place for water recreation. Visit **Lake Wawasee**, the largest natural lake in Indiana, or sail over the waters of **Lake Webster** in Indiana's oldest sternwheel tour boat, the **Dixie Sternwheeler**. Kayak on the **Tippy River** with **Tippy River Adventures**, a local canoe livery. Also enjoy watching one of the free, weekly shows performed by **Lake City Skiers**, Indiana's only competitive water ski team at **Hidden Lake**.

On dry land, choose from **11 trail systems** to hike, bike, or jog. The area also has a thriving cycling community, and a **9-mile mountain biking trail** running around Winona Lake, through the woods and over Cherry Creek. Join our **Trail Blazer Challenge Passport** and earn prizes while exploring these scenic trails. We also have many **local parks, beaches, and splashpads** for you to play with your family, friends, and pets.

# ARTS & CULTURE

Arts and culture blossoms here in Kosciusko County with attractions like the **Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts**. At this circular theatre with Broadway quality shows, you will never be more than 10 rows from the center stage. Many large **festivals, events, and concerts** are also hosted here in Kosciusko County. Creativity is displayed everywhere through the county's **sculptures and murals**, which you can see by following the **Public Art Trail Challenge Passport**, while also earning the chance to earn fun prizes.

Experience the **rich history** of Kosciusko County at locations like:

- Billy Sunday Home Museum
- Winona History Center
- Old Jail Museum
- Syracuse-Wawasee Museum
- Lawerance D. Bell Aircraft Museum
- Etna Green Museum
- Pound Store Museum



# SHOPPING

Kosciusko County is home to two major shopping destinations. **The Village at Winona** offers many cozy village shops along the beautiful **Winona Lake canal**, as well as several **restaurants, a café, an ice cream shop, trail system, and park.**

**The Town of Pierceton** is a 150+ year old town filled with character and a major destination for antique enthusiasts.

Also discover local handmade items in shops like these:

- **BELOVE**
- **Jerky Shop**
- **Letterwood Paper Co.**
- **My Unique Wooden Toys**
- **Warsaw Cut Glass**
- **Whetstone Woodenware**

# ACCOMMODATIONS

From luxury resorts, to cozy bed & breakfasts, to reliable classic name brand hotels, to lakeside AirBNBs, Kosciusko provides the ideal accommodations to fit your specific needs. Visit the **Oakwood Resort** situated right on Lake Wawasee or the **Brook Pointe Resort** in the beautiful lakeside community of Syracuse. Stay in one of the two bed & breakfasts in Winona Lake, the **Chestnut House** or **Blue Heron Guest House.**

Name brand hotels in the area include:

- **Best Western**
- **Comfort Inn & Suites**
- **Deluxe Inn**
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites**
- **Hampton Inn**
- **Holiday Inn Express**
- **Tru by Hilton**
- **Wyndham Garden**

# DINING

Kosciusko County offers top notch dining experiences with a wide variety of cultural foods to choose from. Whether you want **classic pizza and burgers, or Chinese, Indian, Mexican, or Italian** cuisine, all of it can be found here in Kosciusko County.

Many of our best restaurants are highlighted in our digital passport series, **Sip & Savor Passports** including the **Taco Trail, Sipping Trail, and Breakfast Trail.** Receive exclusive discounts and earn the chance to win Kosciusko cash by following these passports.



Scan the code to access the digital passport series.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kosciusko County holds many thriving industries, is the **Orthopedic Capital of the World®**, and has a population of 80,826. The top industries in Kosciusko County are medical devices, agribusiness, and recreation.

The major employers for our county are **DePuy Synthes, Lutheran Kosciusko Hospital, Maple Leaf Farms, POLYWOOD, and Zimmer Biomet.** These companies provide many opportunities for employment in every sector.

Kosciusko County also includes many opportunities for advancing your education, with **Grace College & Seminary, Ivy Tech, and Indiana Tech.** Both Ivy Tech and Indiana Tech offer online courses and allow ways to pursue higher education that fits your individual schedule.

