

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

When it's raining and pouring, or when you just want to beat the heat and spend some time indoors, these awesome places provide countless hours of entertainment.

Bass Pro Shops

This 130,000-square-foot wonderland has a marina, indoor waterfalls, intricate dioramas and an arcade shooting gallery. Take all day if you'd like—Bass Pro holds free workshops throughout the year that promote conservation and outdoorsy-type fun, like fishing lessons for kids. And if you get hungry, you can grab a bite to eat at the in-store Islamadora Fish Company.

Parent point: Call ahead and check on current workshop offerings

Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Sun 10am-7pm
Address: 6425 Daniel Burnham Drive
Portage, IN 46368
Phone: 219-787-6800
Web: basspro.com

Camelot Bowling Center/ Sportsplex

Get ready for some high-octane fun at this tricked-out sportsplex. Go bowling, shoot some pool, play games in the arcade or grab some food at their on-site pizzeria.

Hours: Mon-Wed 9am-11pm Thu-Fri 4-11pm
Sat-Sun Noon-4pm (open bowl)
Address: 5201 US Highway 6
Portage, IN 46368
Phone: 219-762-8558

Ceramix 101

This paint-your-own ceramics studio offers entertainment for kids of all ages in a fun, creative environment. Once you've designed your masterpiece, it's a one-week turnaround for the knowledgeable staff to finish it. You can either pick it up in-store, or they can ship it to you—who doesn't love getting a masterpiece in the mail?

Parent point: Closed Sundays and Mondays

Hours: Tue & Sat Noon-6pm Wed-Fri Noon-8pm
Address: 908 Roosevelt Road, Suite C
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Phone: 219-531-6536
Web: ceramix101.net

Cinemark 12 at Valparaiso

When you just want to sit back and relax, this theater features 12 screens showing the latest Hollywood blockbusters and a Kid's Movie Camp. So settle in, grab a treat from the concession stand and enjoy the latest hot flick on the big screen.

Hours: Sat-Sun 10:30am-Midnight

Address: 700 Porters Vale Boulevard

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-464-0260

Web: cinemark.com

Hebron Lanes

Tie on your bowling shoes, grab a ball and hit the alleys at this 16-lane bowling alley that has been in the area for generations—you'll see all ages hitting the lanes. Enjoy a slice of pizza at the attached Bronko's Pizza.

Hours: Mon-Tue & Thu 11am-5:30pm

Wed 11am-9pm Fri 11am-5:30pm

(some lanes open later) Sat 1-11pm

Sun Noon-8pm

Address: 725 State Road 2

Hebron, IN 46341

Phone: 219-996-7271

Hoosier Bat Company

Some of baseball's biggest sluggers have used bats made here—including the one Frank Thomas used to hit his 500th career homer! See how more than 35,000 custom bats are made each year for the White Sox, Mariners, Orioles, Indians, Brewers and YOU! Also pick up some unique accessories in your team's colors.

Parent point: *Must call ahead for tours*

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Sat by appointment

Gift shop and tours by appointment only

Address: 4511 East Evans Avenue

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-531-1006

Web: hoosierbat.com

Imaginations Unlimited

This ceramic shop offers classes or you can stop in and paint something you pick from their huge selection. You can also pick up a ready-made gift.

Hours: Mon Noon-5pm and 7-10pm

Wed-Fri 10am-4pm Sat (Oct 1-May 1)

9am-Noon

Address: 612 Roosevelt Road,

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-464-4647





Imagine Beads

Stop in and create a masterpiece at this bead store. Kids and adults will enjoy picking out beads and turning them into a necklace, bracelet or other work of art.

Hours: Mon & Wed 10am-6pm Tue, Thu & Fri 10am-5pm Sat 10am-4pm

Address: 53 South Michigan Avenue, Suite B Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-299-2270

Web: labeadalocabeads.com

Inman's Bowling and Recreation

Knock down the neon pins while glow-bowling in the Cosmic Bowl, or try your hand at billiards before spending hours in the arcade playing classic games and earning tickets for cool prizes. Take a break and grab some food in the snack area before heading outside for go-karts, mini golf and boats.

Hours: Mon-Tue 11am-11pm

Wed-Sat 11am-midnight Sun 11am-10pm

Address: 3201 Evans Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-462-1300

Web: inmansvalpo.com



Portage 16 IMAX

Settle into the reclining seats, fix your eyes on the 70-foot-wide-screen, immerse yourself in the digital surround sound and prepare to be blown away at the only IMAX theater in Northern Indiana. The multiplex has 15 other non-IMAX screens offering all the hot new blockbusters with all digital projection and all stadium seating—and their concession stand has unlimited free drink refills and 50-cent popcorn refills.

Hours: Sat-Sun 11am-Midnight

Address: 6550 US Highway 6, Portage, IN 46368

Phone: 219-764-2550

Web: gqti.com

Porter County Museum of History

Want to go to jail? Go the easy way by visiting this museum, located inside the former jailhouse and home of the sheriff, built in 1871. With both permanent and temporary exhibits, you will learn something new every time you visit!

Hours: Wed-Thu 1-8pm Fri-Sat 10am-4pm

Sun Noon-5pm

Address: 153 South Franklin Street Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-465-3595

Web: portercountymuseum.org



R-way Skate Center

Ready to roll? This indoor roller skating and inline skating facility offers skate rental, a snack bar, arcade and prize redemption center. Open only on the weekends, this is one of the only places in the area for the simple joy of rink skating.

Parent point: Hours vary, call to confirm

Hours: Fri-Sun nights plus weekend afternoons

Address: 3600 Scottsdale Road

Portage, IN 46368

Phone: 219-759-2556

Web: Facebook/com/RWaySkateCenter

rTrail Collective Edge

Stop in, because there is always a free art project going on. The folks at rTrail have let people try wood block printing or paint a small square canvas that was put together with others to form a collage. rTrail is a place for the creative to teach, demonstrate, exhibit and sell art.

Parent point: Call ahead to see what interactive exhibits are currently offered

Summer hours: Sat-Sun 10am-8pm

Winter hours: Thu Noon-8pm

Fri-Sat 10am-8pm Sun Noon-5pm

Mon-Wed by appointment

Address: 54 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-299-2226

Web: rtrailcollectiveedge.com

Stagecoach Inn & Panhandle Depot

The Stagecoach Inn and Panhandle Depot are Hebron Historical Society museums located right next to each other. The Stagecoach Inn, built in 1849, features period items and community artifacts. The Panhandle Depot was built in 1867 and houses railroad memorabilia and an exhibit on military service.

Hours: June-September: Noon-3pm 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month by appointment

Open by appointment only the rest of the year

Address: 127 North Main Street

Hebron, IN 46341

Phone: 219-966-3192





The Courts of Northwest Indiana

Check out The Courts for professional quality hardwood basketball courts, hard-surface tennis courts, outdoor sand volleyball, batting cages and a concession stand—it's the best place to be if you want to burn off energy playing your favorite game. You can rent an entire court, or just hit the batting cages.

Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Sun 1-9pm

Address: 127 East US Highway 6

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-465-1111

Web: thecourtsofnwi.com

Valparaiso Fire Museum

Learn all about firefighting from the age of leather buckets to the modern era of gasoline fire trucks. Guided tours of the museum and adjoining Task Force Tips fire suppression equipment company are available.

Parent point: Call to reserve a tour; curator is on site Tue and Wed

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Call in advance for tours

Address: 3701 Innovation Way

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-462-6161

Web: tft.com

Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art

Come to the campus of Valparaiso University, stop in the Brauer Museum of Art and wander through seven galleries filled with more than 3,000 pieces of 19th, 20th and 21st-century American art and international religious works. Exhibits are rotated on a regular basis.

Parent point: Call to schedule a tour

Hours: Tue, Thu & Fri 10am-5pm

Wed 10am-8:30pm Sat-Sun Noon-5pm

Address: Valparaiso University Center for the Arts

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: 219-464-5365

Web: valpo.edu/artmuseum





Westchester Lanes and Lounge

For kids, it's a funstravaganza—bumper bowling, glow bowling, billiards and an arcade. Westchester Lanes also features fun events suitable for families throughout the year.

Parent point: Check their website or call ahead to see what will be going on during your stay

Hours: Mon & Wed 3-10pm Sun, Tue & Thu Noon-10pm Fri 3pm-2am Sat 9am-midnight

Address: 124 North 8th Street

Chesterton, IN 46304

Phone: 219-926-2523

Web: westchesterlanes.com

Westchester Township History Museum

Learn all about the history of the Duneland area from the Ice Age to the present. The museum is located inside the restored, historic George Brown Mansion and hosts monthly public programs and a great gift shop with local souvenirs.

Hours: Wed-Sun 1-5pm or by appointment

Address: 700 West Porter Avenue

Chesterton, IN 46304

Phone: 219-983-9715

Web: wpl.lib.in.us/museum



Zao Island Amusement Park

Engage in an epic battle inside Jungle Quest Laser Tag, or compete for tickets and prizes on dozens of fun arcade games! Take a break with some delicious pizza, located on-site, then head outside for mini golf, batting cages, go-karts and live alligators!

Parent point: Outdoor activities are also available, weather permitting

Hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm

Fri-Sat 10am-11pm

Address: 1050 Horseprairie Avenue

Valparaiso, IN 46385

Phone: 219-462-1194

Web: zaoisland.net

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