



Ideas for Indy

Indianapolis offers a fast pace for families seeking to explore the city during the 2006 NJAS.

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As the 2006 theme for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) states, “All Roads Lead to the ‘06 Show” July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind., for Angus enthusiasts. Established in 1821, the capital city of Indiana offers several family-friendly attractions — if you get a free moment to slip away from the Angus activities.

Of course, the “must-see” attraction is the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which hosts the two largest single-day sporting events in the world: the Indianapolis 500® each May and the Allstate 400® at the Brickyard.® The speedway was built in 1909, with the first Indy 500 race held in 1911. Today, part of the facility includes the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, where you can walk among the more than 30 cars on display that have won the Indy 500 and check out the 75 classic and antique passenger cars. You can also hop aboard a bus for a narrated trip around the famed 2.5-mile racetrack.

Another Indy favorite among children and the young at heart is the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis — the largest of its kind. Its five stories house more than 100,000 artifacts in 11 major galleries, including the popular Dinosphere. In the museum, you can also get

Neat to know about Indy

- ▶ Indianapolis, Ind., is second only to Washington, D.C., in number of memorials.
- ▶ Crest® toothpaste was invented in Indianapolis at the Indiana University School of Dentistry.
- ▶ Jane Pauley and David Letterman began their television careers in Indianapolis.
- ▶ John Gruelle, political cartoonist for *The Indianapolis Star*, created the Raggedy Ann and Andy characters in his children’s books.
- ▶ Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the United States, lived in Indianapolis. His restored home is open to the public.

▶ **Below:** Soldier’s & Sailor’s Monument



▶ **Left:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame

your hands dirty at an archaeological dig and ride the full-size carousel.

Located downtown, the Indianapolis Zoo often earns acclaim for its combination of exhibits featuring the zoo, an aquarium and a botanical garden. The dolphins tend to steal the show here, as the zoo is home to the second-largest fully enclosed dolphin pavilion in the world.

The attraction is just one part of White River State Park, a 250-acre urban state park also featuring the Indiana State Museum with an IMAX® Theater, the NCAA Hall of Champions, and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art — a \$14-million adobe-style museum that houses pieces from notable artists, including Frederic Remington, Georgia O’Keeffe and Charles Russell.

While in the park, you can enjoy a quiet afternoon riding paddleboats or walking along Canal Walk, a renovated 10-block canal featuring gardens, parks and decorative bridges.

For more information contact the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association, visit www.indy.org, or call 1-800-323-4639.



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