

About Indiana, Pennsylvania

Indiana, PA is a quaint Western Pennsylvania town nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, known for its smalltown charm and connection to native son actor Jimmy Stewart. Indiana is home to the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and features a walkable downtown with a spirited student presence and access to the City of Pittsburgh. All of this with Indiana County also being nicknamed the “Christmas Tree Capital of the World” and offering outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and other water sports.

Key Features

Indiana is special: “It’s a wonderful life in Indiana County, PA,” writes the tourist bureau (link below), and that’s certainly true. From the numerous special events and parades, the annual county fair, theatre productions, the many cultural programs sponsored by IUP, an eclectic variety of restaurants and coffee shops, shopping opportunities and more. Indiana also has a robust medical infrastructure including a 160+ bed hospital.

- www.visitindianacountypa.org

Location: In West Central Pennsylvania, about an hour east of Pittsburgh, in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains.

- [Indiana, PA on Google Maps](#)

Ambience: A charming downtown (along Philadelphia Street), featuring shops restaurants and theaters.

- www.downtownindianapa.org

Education: Home of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, serving over 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

- www.iup.edu

Also home to the Indiana Area School District and its approximately 2,800 students across five schools, encompassing elementary, junior high, and senior high levels for students in Indiana Borough and surrounding townships.

- www.iasd.cc

Local Identity: Birthplace and childhood home of Jimmy Stewart, celebrated at the Jimmy Stewart Museum.

- www.Jimmy.org

Outdoor Recreation: Extensive hiking trails, parks for biking, bird watching, swimming, fishing and boating.

- www.indianacountyparks.org