



Metamora

Indiana's Canal Town



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2021 Calendar of Events

Metamora Indiana's Canal Town

MAR

TBA

Mandolin Gathering
@ the Opera Barn

APR

Grist Mill Opens

MAY

1

1838 Days

28-29

Chain Saw Carving Event
(Auction on the 30th)

30

Sunday Memorial Service
2pm @ the Canal Bridge

JUN

5-6

Strawberry Days

JUL

4

Independence Day
Fireman's Festival,
Parade at 6 pm

24-25

Christmas In July

AUG

14

Children's Day -
2nd Saturday

SEPT

4-5

Music Festival -
Sat/Sun of Labor Day Weekend

OCT

1-3

Canal Days

**15-16, 22-23,
29-30**

Haunted Village

**15-16, 22-23,
29-30**

Haunted Train Whitewater Valley
Railroad

NOV

20

Tree Lighting @ 6pm

26-28

Christmas Walk

DEC

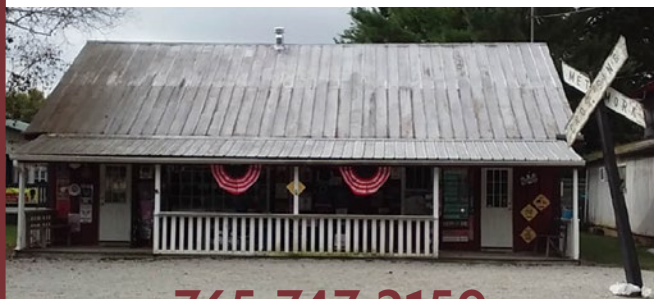
3-5, 10-12, 17-19

Christmas Walk

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Experience Metamora

Experience Canal town history in a village surviving from the late 1800's,

complete with a grist mill, canal boat, and the nation's only surviving wooden covered aqueduct. All this surrounded by dozens of historic buildings filled with quaint shops and restaurants in the beautiful, peaceful setting of the Whitewater Valley, in Southeast Indiana. Located near the center of the Whitewater Canal Scenic byway on US Highway 52.

Enjoy a relaxing family day with a meal, ice cream, a delicious cappuccino, or maybe by observing a fudge making demonstration, with free samples. Railroad history is kept alive by the Whitewater Valley Railroad of Connersville, Indiana. Most weekends they bring their vintage diesel locomotives and passenger cars to the village for passenger service. Tickets can be purchased in the middle of the town for half hour rides on this train.

This village draws people from around the world to experience the historical setting of 1800's Indiana, the canal, and railroad. See the historic gristmill, grinding corn into meal and wheat into flour. Do not forget to take a bag home. Walk along our beautiful canal and observe the only two complete locks remaining of the original 56 locks

of the Whitewater Canal. View our Aqueduct, the only surviving Wooden Aqueduct in the nation and enjoy the charm of by-gone days.

Metamora is full of adventures, visit our Gem Mine, where children both young and old enjoy mining for treasures. Tours are available at the Haunted Tour of Metamora, where you'll hear about the history and folklore of our beautiful village and maybe even capture an image of one of our local spirits. Day historic tours are available by appointment. Just try to make sure your way out of our Get A Clu Escape Room and don't forget to take a stroll down our beautiful scenic walking trails, located at both ends of town. All this while you enjoy shopping for antiques, handmade items along with the unusual and unique items that make Metamora so very special.

There are many annual festivals and events throughout the year, including Canal Days held the first weekend of October, see our calendar of events, including music and special events and performances at our Opry Barn.

An advertisement for Metamora Home. The top half features three large red roses. Below them, the text reads: "Metamora Home", "Distinctive Gifts and Decor for the home," "Hand Blown Glass, Teak Furniture", and "and lots more. Everyday & Seasonal." The address "19028 S. Main St." and phone number "513-502-8293" are listed. The bottom half shows a photograph of the shop's interior, which is filled with various home decor items, including glassware, furniture, and plants.

What is it about Metamora?

HOME COOKIN' IN METAMORA

Metamora has some great cooks and the specialties range from traditional American classics to a European Coffee Bar. But, it does not stop there. You'll find delicious treats like homemade fudge and cookies as well as your old time favorite candies.

Eateries in the Historic Downtown District:

160 Grannies Cookie Jar and Ice Cream

Grannies Cookie Jar and Ice Cream is an ice cream and cookie jar shop in town, but really belongs on the "Attractions" list because of the huge selection of cookie jars-A World Record. The minute you walk in you are greeted by the smell of freshly made waffle cones, made on the premises. They have so many flavors to choose from that you'll probably have to get a few different kinds. You can relax on the back porch and enjoy that wonderful ice cream right down to the Chocolate Kiss in the bottom of the waffle cone.

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Mr. Fudge's Confectionery

Mr. Fudge's Confectionery offers a huge selection of fudge, cookies and old fashioned drinks. If you get there at the right time you can watch Donna in action as she makes the fudge. She makes it look so easy. The atmosphere is that of an Old Fashioned Soda Shop with the checkered floor and ice cream tables.

Mr. Fudge's Confectionery



Across from the Canal Boat Dock

Famous Hand-Made Fudge

Fresh Brittle (Peanut, Pecan & Cashew)
Caramel Apples (Plain and Pecan)
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and our famous...
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(Caramel, Pecan & Chocolate)

Antique Soda Fountain

We Feature Pepsi-Cola Products

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The Snack Bar

The Snack Bar (at Metamora Gem Mine and Luna's Garden Gift Shop) receives food orders both inside or at the walk up window. Menu items include pretzels, nachos, chips, hot dogs or chili cheese dogs, soups, chicken/cheese quesadillas, loaded baked potatoes and sandwiches. All made to order and served hot in a grab and go style. Come in for a free sample of one of the eight flavors of Italian Ice made with real fruit, juice and sugar. Some describe it as a slushy on steroids. Outdoor seating is available and during the cold winter months seating is offered in the heated gem mining area.



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Smelly Gourmet

Looking to experience something different? As you munch on your free sample of family grown gourmet popcorn, you can peruse the menu at the Smelly Gourmet, who specializes in the grilled cheese panini (Italian for "sandwich") sandwich. Definitely not your mama's grilled cheese, with ELEVEN different varieties. From a Reuben to a Greek and even a Spam, served with their special seasoned chips they call "Smelly Chips". Everything is homemade by Smelly himself, right down to the bread which contains a good portion of cornmeal from the Metamora Grist Mill. Finish off your lunch with a cappuccino ("the best this side of the Atlantic").

Eateries in Duck Creek Crossing:

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The Dog House Cafe

The Dog House Cafe serves dogs & burgers with a variety of toppings in a family atmosphere. Friendly service that treats you like family every time. Be sure to shop Family Touch Primitive Treasures gift shop for flags, candles, Fall and Christmas items while you are there.

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Mr. Ed's

Mr. Ed's is very diverse from fudge and candies to antiques, candleberry candles, Watkins products and more. Sharon and Bob also own Salt Creek Antique's on Clayborn Street which is filled with antiques, collectibles and metal signs.

24

Of The Earth Cafe

Of The Earth Cafe offers home cooked seasonal dishes including flatbread pizza, fresh salads, nachos, lunch specials, bakery items, and gourmet tea. Indoor and outdoor seating available.

UNUSUAL & UNIQUE SHOPS IN METAMORA

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Words and Images/ The Train Place

As you enter Words and Images/The Train Place, you'll more than likely be greeted by George, the one who deals with the "Train Place" portion of the name of the shop. If you are lucky, he may start up one of his model trains for you. He has many old lanterns and pieces of railroad memorabilia alongside his cast iron cookware pieces. Gail, George's wife, deals with the "Words and Images" part of their store name, with her collection of interesting titles and her own painting displayed on the walls.

Words & Images The Train Place

19050 Main Street
PO Box 253
Metamora, IN 47030

- ❖ Kerosene Lamps & Lanterns
- ❖ Toy Trains & Railroad Items
- ❖ Old Books
- ❖ Cast Iron Cookware & Kitchen Items

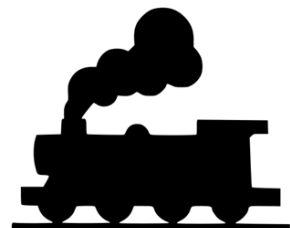
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Saturday & Sunday
Noon to 5:00



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www.metamoralanterns.com



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Village Whimsy

Village Whimsy is a unique shop that is filled with all home made and handcrafted items. This creative mother/daughter team makes jewelry, aprons, signage and much more.

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Luna's Garden Gift Shop

Luna's Garden Gift Shop is a must see. This one location offers a unique gift shop with an array of items that range from mild to wild. With six rooms of inventory one can find items such as salt lamps, home décor, handcrafted items, Silver gemstone jewelry, New Age supplies, incense, Herbs, Pocket knives, kids gifts, clothing and more. The Gem Mine and a Snack Bar are also at the location. Outdoor seating overlooking the canal, park and waterfall make it an inviting place to relax. Enjoy playing a game of cornhole, shopping, mining for gems, eating a snack, visiting with a physic advisor or just relaxing on the front porch. There is something for everyone here.

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Martindale Tavern

Take a step back in time and visit the Martindale House on Main Street. After Amos Martindale opened the Martindale House in 1870, it became one of the town's favorite stops for weary travelers. Today the building remains and is being restored as a place for travelers to experience life in the nineteenth century. From the tin shop to the restored tavern; the Martindale House offers hand crafted tin and copperware, antiques, historic cooking, enter the rustic tavern, hear "the latest news" from a Metamora citizen, or get a taste of historic cooking during one the Martindale special events.

ARTISTRY & ANTIQUES IN METAMORA

At the west end of town, commonly know as "Duck Creek Crossing", you'll see many old log cabins. Many of these cabins host businesses that focus on hand crafting the merchandise that they sell. Some host primitive décor items and antiques so be sure to visit each one to find that special gift or treasure for your home.

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Wood Shack

For over 30 years the Wood Shack has offered hand crafted wood items to include signs, furniture, jelly cabinets and more. The best jelly can be found here and he accepts custom orders for many wood working projects.

56

Woodworks Etc.

Woodworks Etc. also has been here for over 30 years with beautiful wood furniture handcrafted by the owner Ron Colvin. His store is filled with many country décor items and reproduction antiques.

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Button "N" Bows

Other creative business owners handmade merchandise. Button "N" Bows has two cabins in Duck Creek and welcome sport fans and all craft-minded folks. Many sports related hand made crafts and home décor items can be found there. They also carry American Girl Doll clothing and comical signs.

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Frosty Mornings Primitives

Frosty Mornings, in Duck Creek, offers hand made items and lots of seasonal home décor items as well.

75

Mystic Mouse

Cindy, at the Mystic Mouse, creates dream catchers, aromatherapy candles and seasonal decorations.

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Get a Clu Escape Room

Decipher clues to escape within 1 hour. Open seven days a week. Please book 24 hours in advance or call us at 513-519-7746 to make sure we get your booking.

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Metamora Gem Mine

Pan for over 100 types of gemstones and fossils with our sluicing system. Gift shop offers numerous items from mild to wild as well as beautiful gem specimens and jewelry.



Whitewater Valley Railroad

The Whitewater Valley Railroad bill themselves as a rolling history museum. They are a non-profit educational organization operating vintage railroad equipment between Connersville and Metamora. The Railroad is completely staffed with highly trained (no pun intended) and well qualified professional volunteers who love the railroad (read "adult children with wonderful toys to drive") who present a fun history lesson while you are traveling with them.



The Grist Mill

Whitewater Canal State Historic Site is part of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites Organization. We have a canal boat & a working Grist Mill (Canal boat is not running until further notice).

Whitewater Canal Hiking/Bike Trail

The Whitewater Canal Hiking/Bike Trail starts at the east end of Metamora and is a great way to enjoy a bit of the Whitewater Valley while getting a little exercise. About 2 ½ miles long, wildlife has been seen along the route, including bald eagles, blue heron, pileated woodpeckers and many other species.

Salt Creek Ranch

A short distance west of Metamora is the Salt Creek Ranch horseback riding stables, with several hundred acres and over a hundred horses for the equine-inclined.

Whitewater Canoe Rental

Whitewater Canoe Rental offers canoeing, kayaking, tubing and rafting 8 miles west of Metamora on US Highway 52.

PLACES TO STAY

If your day of eating, shopping and activities has worn your out, or just to simply relax for an evening in the quaint village, you might want to check into one of the several B & B's or overnight Inns located right in the village.

All provide comfortable private accommodations for an overnight or weekend stay. Check the website www.MetamoraIndiana.com for more details, or just stop in and meet the Innkeepers and see the rooms (if they are not currently occupied).

Many of our businesses are on trip adviser, if you would like to research them further.



The Metamora Inn

The Metamora Inn has five rooms. Karen serves up an amazing breakfast for the guest.



The Cat & the Fiddle

The Cat & the Fiddle, at Duck Creek Crossing, has a very large second floor room, with an amazing balcony.



The Loft

The Loft, located above Of The Earth, in Duck Creek, is one of the newest and beautiful B & B's.



Connie's Cottage

A beautifully decorated private cottage, with private driveway, located in the center of the historic district.



Banes Suite

The Banes Suite, a private, very spacious and luxurious suite for two, is attached to the Smelly Gourmet.



Camping

Primitive and electric available sites for camping are available directly across Highway 52, at the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway.



The Metamora Inn

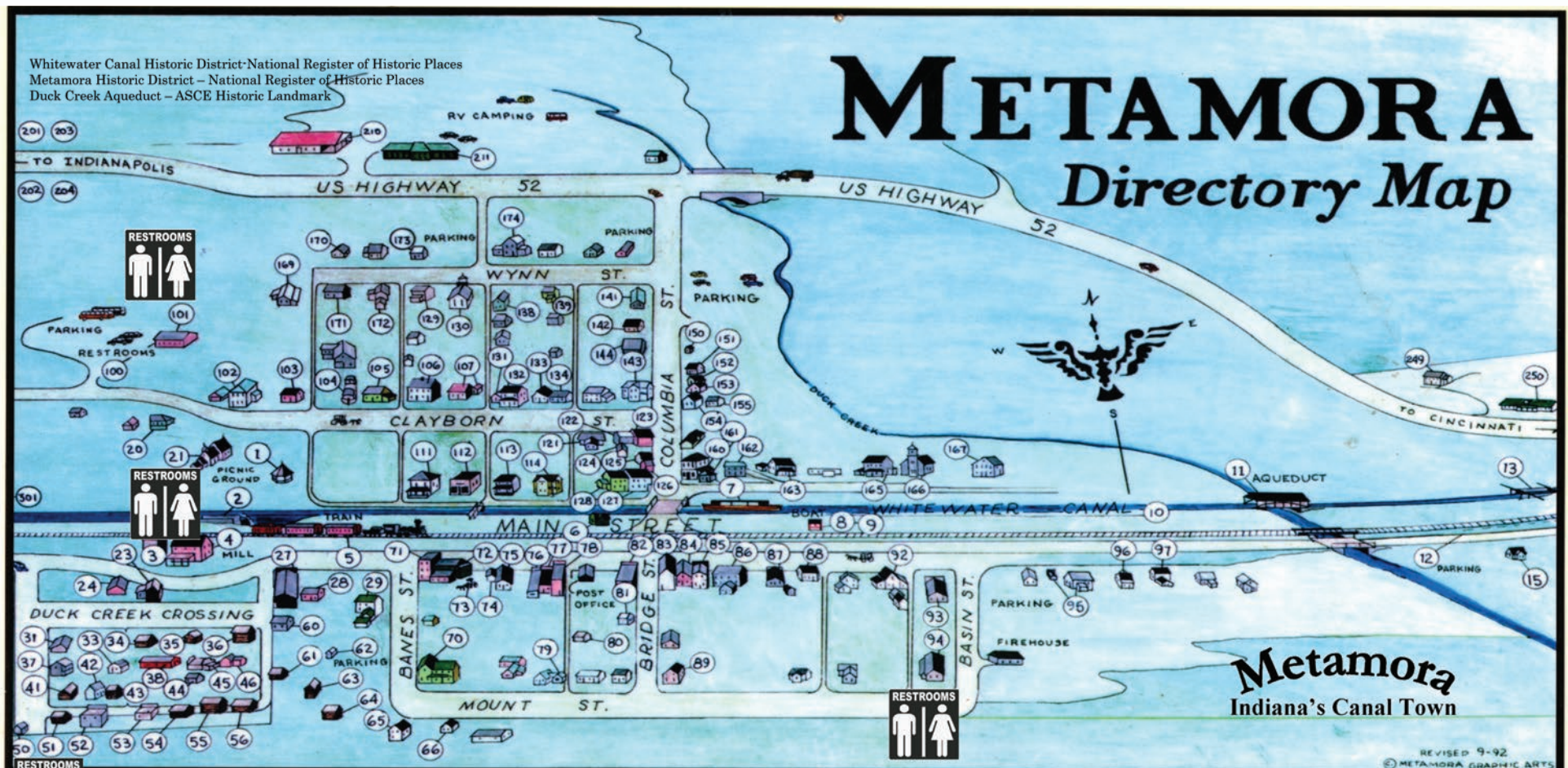
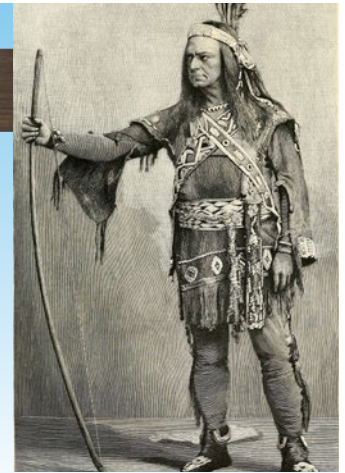
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Did You Know?

The Town of Metamora was named after the popular 1829 play, *Metamora, or the Last of the Wampanoags*. It was commissioned by and originally starred Edwin Forrest (of Astor Theatre Riot fame). *Metamora* was written by playwright John Augustus Stone in response to a contest sponsored by Forrest, takes place in Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1677 and tells a fictionalized version of the story of Metacom (called King Phillip by the colonists), leader of the local Wampanoag tribe.



Attractions

Map#	Name
1	Gazebo
2	Lock 25
4	Grist Mill
5	Whitewater Valley Railroad
7	Ben Franklin Canal Packet Boat
10	Whitewater Canal
11	Duck Creek Aqueduct
15	WCSHS Barn/WCT Trailhead
31	Metamora Haunted Tours
74	WVRR Ticket Office
82	Museum of Oddities
111	Metamora Gem Mine
127	Get a Clu Escape Room
WEST OF TOWN	MPA Opry Barn
WEST AT US 52	WCT Feeder Dam Trailhead

For information on lodgings
and attractions in the area
Visit:
www.FranklinCountyIN.com

Food & Drink

Map#	Name
24	Of the Earth Cafe
27	Dog House Cafe
29	Smelly Gourmet
73	Shish Kebabs (seasonal)
76	Gold Diggers Family Diner
86	Martindale Tavern
87	Mr. Fudge's Confectionery
111	The Snack Bar
128	Canal Town Diner
160	Granny's Cookie Jars & Ice Cream Parlor
46	Mr. Ed's

Lodging

Map#	Name
24	The Loft
29	The Banes Suite
37	The Cat & the Fiddle BnB
79	Connie's Cottage
174	The Metamora Inn
210	The Whitewater Canal Gateway Park Campground

Shops

Map#	Name
23	Prairie Winds Mercantile
24	Of The Earth
27	Family Touch Primitive Treasures
28	Unique Creations
29	The Smelly Gourmet
31	The Wood Shack
34	Adorn Your Door
41	Buttons 'N' Bows
42	Frosty Morning Primitives
43	The Wooden Melon
44	Tom and Monica's
46	Salt Creek Antiques
51	Buttons "N' Bows
52	Now and Then
53	Wyatt's Antiquities & Lost Treasures Found
54	Circle R Candle Company
55	Cindy Lou's
56	Woodworks Etc.

Shops

Map#	Name
61	Connie's Cabin
72	Antiques & Uncle Junque
75	Mystic Mouse
77/78	Words & Images/ The Train Place
84	A One of a Kind
85	Two Sparrows
88	Village Whimsey
92	Metamora Home
93	The Canal Shops
94	Frank & Diana's
15	St. Jerome Library Bookstore
111	Luna's Garden
123/124	Cat & The Fiddle Shop
125	Jackie B's
160	Granny's Cookie Jars & Ice Cream Parlor

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

Camping

Whitewater Gateway Park - Metamora
Franklin County Park - Brookville
Brookville Reservoir/Whitewater Memorial Park - Brookville & Liberty

Canoe Livery

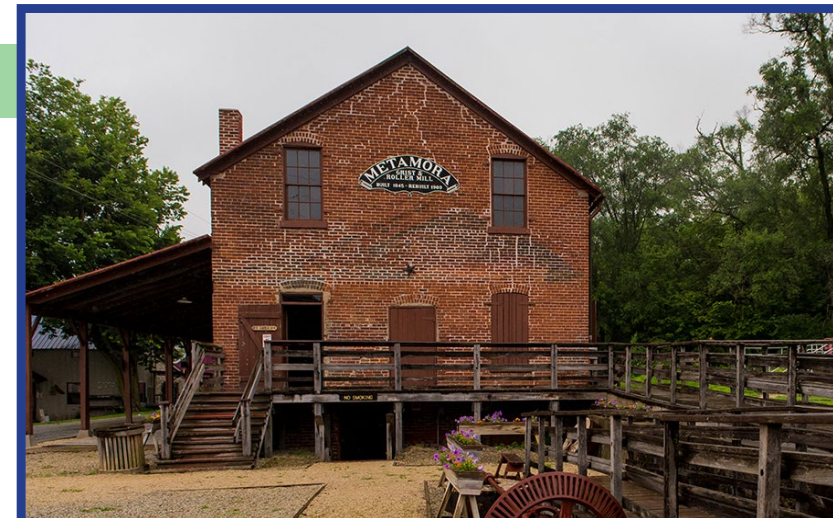
Whitewater Canoe Rental - Brookville
Morgan Canoe - Brookville

Zipline

Brookville

Horseback Riding

Salt Creek Ranch - Metamora



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May & October Specials Thursday and Friday during the month departing at 10 am for Metamora. Exciting spring and fall trips. Call for info.

Twilight Limited Train To Dinner Every 1st & 3rd Friday, May – October. Travel to the Laurel Hotel for a delicious meal such as Pan Fried Chicken. Price includes train ride, meal, tax and tip. Reservations required. Departs Grand Central Station at 6 pm.

Overland Limited Wild West Excursions - Every third Saturdays - May – October. All aboard with a western twist. Bandits, marshals, robber barons, fancy and some not so fancy women.

Canal Days Limited First full weekend of October. Hundreds of outside vendors, artists, craftsmen, and thousands of visitors make this a great event.

Ghost Train of Metamora Weekends in October. In conjunction with the Haunted Village of Metamora, this event departs from Metamora and travels along the Whitewater River into the neighboring hills and woods. This is family friendly, meaning no blood and gore. Reservations are recommended. Limited tickets will be available in Metamora. Call for information.

Pumpkinliner Visit the pumpkin patch and get a pumpkin. Call for details.

Santa Claus Limited Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The Polar Express™ November – December. Only licensed event in the Tri-State area. Limited seating. Reservations required.



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Call Whitewater Valley Railroad about all train excursions. group rates, special school rates and charters are based on the requirements of our customers.

Gift Shop/Train Store open during regular office hours.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is an operating railroad museum dedicated to the preservation of a historic branch line railroad, to the restoration of railroad equipment, and to the conduct of railroad educational programs operated by trained volunteers.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a Not For Profit 501c3 Organization

HAV-A-BITE



DINER

When you come to Metamora make sure that you stop at the little restaurant on top of the hill on US 52 called Hav-A-Bite.

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3rd Saturday of the
month

Metamora
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West of town
Where US 52 crosses the
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Live music is an integral part of many events in Metamora, Indiana's Canal Town.

Many folks come to Metamora to enjoy all the live musical events that are ongoing throughout the year. From the Music Festival, that is always held on Labor Day weekend, to the Acoustic Final Fridays open mic there are many good tunes and toe tapping happening here. Metamora Performing Arts sponsors many music and other events throughout the year at the Opry Barn. Many enjoy the Grist Mill Jam and Bluegrass Family Night. Please refer to the town's website or Facebook for times and details of artist performing. The Cat & the Fiddle host musical events often and post the calendar of events on Facebook.

Strawberry Days

Strawberry Days on the first weekend of June features two afternoons of live music by the tent where the Merchant's Association of Metamora serves up strawberry shortcake with all the fixings.

 fb.com/MetamoraStrawberryDays

The Music Festival

The Music Festival has been held for over 20 years on the Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend and offers two days of music at the Back Porch at Lane's End, near the Duck Creek Aqueduct. This event is free of charge and features Folk/Americana, Bluegrass, Blues, and other acoustic genres performed by regional groups. Over the years the event has grown as the shops of Duck Creek Crossing have hosted a stage with two days of music in their area west of the Grist Mill, and other shops through town have scheduled musicians to perform at their locations. The event is made possible through the support of Metamora businesses, sponsors from throughout the area, and the generosity of the bands who perform. This festival is organized by Metamora Performing Arts.

 fb.com/MetamoraMusicFestival

The Metamora Christmas Walk

Over four weekends The Metamora Christmas Walk experience is enhanced by carolers, who are groups from local churches and organizations such as Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. A donation is made by the Merchant's Association of Metamora to each participating group, which is used to support their projects in their home communities.

 fb.com/MetamoraChristmasWalk

Metamora Performing Arts

Metamora Performing Arts was reactivated in 2013 to be the performance oriented organization in town. In 2014 the building in the old Canning Factory complex at the west end of town was rented and began hosting shows as the Opry Barn. Bluegrass shows are held monthly from March to November, featuring regional talent, plus some bands from as far away as upstate New York.

Other shows offered have been plays, acoustic music showcases, Hee Haw Tributes, radio theater, and blues.



www.MetamoraMPA.org



fb.com/metamoraperformingarts

Metamora Mandolin Gathering

In late March the Metamora Mandolin Gathering is held, which is a day of workshops capped off with an evening show.



fb.com/MetamoraMandolinGathering

SongFarmers of Metamora

MPA joined WoodSongs Front Porch Association's SongFarmers effort and sponsors SongFarmers of Metamora, a group to encourage community based music events that are inclusive of all levels of talent. This group holds the monthly Grist Mill Jam from April through September, and the Acoustic Final Friday open stages from March to September.



fb.com/SongFarmersMetamora



Exploring the Whitewater Canal Trail

The canal was built in the 1830's, opening the Whitewater River valley for commerce and industry, and establishing new communities. Several towns, like Metamora, were platted right along the canal. The canal provided access to markets for agricultural products and supplied hydraulic power for mills and factories that made flour, lumber, paper, and more. Eventually a railroad was built on the canal's towpath creating an even more efficient transportation corridor: The canal's water flow continued to provide power for the mills.

Along the trail to the Twin Locks:

Visitors to the Metamora section of the trail can park near the historic gristmill in "downtown" Metamora and walk to the Duck Creek Aqueduct, or you can park in the lot near the aqueduct. As you travel along this 3-mile section of the Canal trail from Metamora to the Twin Locks, you will see a combination of historic structures and natural scenery that is truly exceptional.

Metamora Grist Mill

This mill has been restored and is functional. Corn meal that is ground here, using the hydraulic power from the canal, is available for purchase by visitors. Power from the canal was used to operate mills like this one for decades after the railroad replaced canal boats for hauling freight. The trail follows the canal about 0.4 miles Eastward along Main St. to the covered bridge aqueduct.

Duck Creek Aqueduct (& Parking)

Across the road from the parking lot is an aqueduct, which is basically a bridge that carries water over the creek. The design of this aqueduct is unique. It is the only covered bridge aqueduct in the United States. The Indiana Historical Site maintains this structure. It also operates seasonal horse drawn canal boat trips that go through the aqueduct.

Lock #24

A short distance down the trail you will pass Lock #24: This restored structure shows how canal locks worked. Locks are used to raise or lower canal boats so they can follow the level of the surrounding countryside. Locks were often the location of water powered mills like the historic grist mill in Metamora. Lock #24 was previously the site of woolens mill, and the group of building that developed around it was known as "Millville."

The Park Road Rest Area

The Park Rd. rest area is right along the railroad track, just a few hundred feet from Milepost 51. Railroad mileposts such as this one are reminders that the railroad also used this historic canal corridor. Amazingly, canal boats operated here just a few years during the 1840's and 1850's. Repeated floods that damaged the canal and the greater speed of the railroads quickly led to the installation of railroad tracks on the canal's towpath. Railroads carried freight and passengers for the 120 years. For the next mile, you will have a panoramic view of the Whitewater valley as you travel along farm fields with woodland hillsides in the distance. Seasonal changes make this an interesting and enjoyable walk throughout the year.

Milepost 50- End of the Tracks

This location is 50 miles from Cincinnati, Ohio. The track that ends here are part of the Watcher Valley Scenic Railroad, which maintains the track and still operates a limited schedule of train rides. The next half mile of train goes through a woodland area. The forest here is young. The trees along the trail have grown up since the railroad stopped running in the 1970's. Even so, the trail has a feel of a woodland tunnel. Watch for trees that the beavers have been chewing on. You could also see a wide variety of birds including wood ducks, herons, woodpeckers, and many others.

River Overlook

Stop for a few minutes to enjoy this beautiful view of the Whitewater River. Even today the river continues to attract many admirers who enjoy the recreation that it offers as seen by a private campground that borders the trail. Use extra caution along this section of trail- a few vehicles use it to access land-locked property.

Twin Locks Area

About 750 feet past the road crossing, you will see a side trail to the left. This side trail takes you past Lock #23. As you walk you will see the stone wall of the lock and then get a view of the entire lock from water level. Compared to Lock #24, the condition of Lock #23 shows how much work is involved in restoring and maintaining a canal lock. For your safety, and to help preserve this historic structure, please do not climb, or stand on the walls of the lock. After you return to the main trail you will pass milepost 49. In another 500 feet, you will reach Lock #22. This is called Twin Locks, because it is unusual for two locks to be this close together. Generally, locks are 1 to 3 miles apart on this section of the canal.

This is the end of this section of the Canal Trail. Eventually, the trail will continue all the way to Brookville. But for now the trail is not open beyond this point.

Laurel Feeder Dam Trail

When completed, will cover 4 miles, from US 52 trailhead, just West of Metamora, to the Laurel Feeder Dam. The feeder dam is a small dam on the Whitewater River used to divert water ("feed") into the canal. Phase 1 of this section, about two miles long opened in October 2019. It ends at Dam Rd. which is a narrow gravel country road. Along this section, you will visit two historic canal locks as you travel along the canal in a quiet woodland setting. Phase 2, planned for completion in 2021, will complete the trail to the feeder dam.





Village Whimsy

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We take pride in offering High Quality, Hand Crafted Candles and Home Décor. We hand pour each candle and offer over 200 fragrances Along with handcrafting the majority of our Décor. We Look forward to your visit!

54 Duck Creek Crossing



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700 Acres of Wooded Trails
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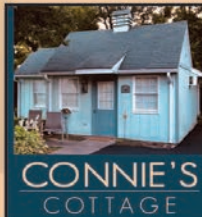

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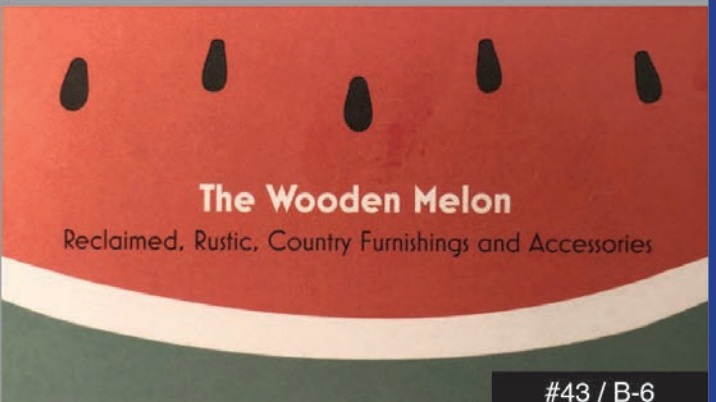


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