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Groups will find authentic windmills at the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville.



Group-friendly restaurants are located throughout Noble County.

# Hoosier neighborhoods

## Return to the past with the museums of Noble County

Noble County is poised as a perfect hub-and-spoke locale in the expert opinion of Sarah Thomas, the executive director of the county's convention and visitors bureau. With a call, e-mail, or visit to the Web site, tour planners have access to ideas for visits to Noble County and its neighbors. Along with group-friendly accommodations and restaurants, groups will find interesting museums and attractions.

"Noble County is close to Interstates 69, 80, and 90 and is very group appropriate," she said. "We have a strong rural tourism base, charming Midwestern towns, and thriving neighbors — it's a great mystery tour."

At the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville, groups will discover the story of wind-generated power. Open April through November, the museum offers guided tours. Inside an 1880s barn, groups will find interactive displays and exhibits. Outside, visitors can follow a meandering path, which is lined with 52 restored windmills.

In Albion, the Old Jail Museum is located inside an ornate 1876 Second Empire/Gothic Revival jail. Although the building once housed desperados and wrongdoers, today the cell blocks of thick Indiana limestone are full of local memorabilia. Groups should call ahead to schedule a tour.

A block from the museum, groups will find the courthouse, an elegant building listed on the National Register of Historic

Places. The town is also home to the Black Pine Animal Park, a sanctuary for exotic animals. With a new location in 2007, the park welcomes groups for tours.

The Luckey Hospital Museum in Wolf Lake features the collection of physician Dr. James Luckey. In this community hospital, groups will find medical equipment dating back to the 1700s. Tours are given by ladies who worked as nurses — and come with hospital-appropriate snacks such as gelatin, broth, and tea.

In Ligonier, groups can explore the Indiana Historic Radio Museum. Located inside a 1920s-era filling station, groups will find more than 400 radios from 1920s to the present. The Ligonier Historical Museum reflects the Jewish heritage of the town's founders.

This Ole House Memories Museum is

located on Fashion Farm, a family-owned complex in Ligonier that also features a restaurant, greenhouse, and Pumpkin Fantasyland during October. While visiting the museum, groups can also enjoy a home-cooked meal and shopping in the garden and gift shop.

Nearby communities, including Fort Wayne, Auburn, and Nappanee, offer an array of group-friendly options. With less than an hour's drive, groups will find Amish Acres, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, and the World War II Victory Museum.

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