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Located in the heart of vibrant downtown Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail is an ideal way to experience all the city has to offer. The trail links five cultural districts flush with museums, theaters, shops, restaurants, hotels, and parks. It also features engaging public art specially commissioned for each of the neighborhoods through which it passes.

The route is comprised of a core downtown loop with a northeast spur that heads out along Massachusetts Avenue, where it connects to the south entrance of the famed [Monon Trail](#). Another spur takes off from the southeast corner along Virginia Avenue through the Fountain Square Historic District, where it connects to the [Pleasant Run Trail](#). This section of trail, from the intersection with Pleasant Run Trail north to Prospect

Street, is an on-road separated bike route. A small spur from the southern midpoint of the downtown loop leads to the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts football team. The southwestern section of the trail includes a connection to White River State Park and the [White River Wapahani Trail](#). The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, NCAA Hall of Champions, and Indiana State Museum can all be found in this southwest section.

Turning north from the southwest end of the downtown loop, visitors will come to a bridge overlooking a scenic 1-mile canal. Wide ramps from the bridge lead to the canal loop. The canal path is heavily used by pedestrians and is therefore not recommended for bicyclists. The northern section of the loop features a stunning combination of the Indianapolis Central Library, American Legion Mall, and University Park. Artful signage and seating document history along this stretch of the trail. The canal can also be accessed from the northern end of the loop.

Throughout, the trail is clearly identifiable with tinted concrete pavers, providing visual continuity. There is no official start or end point to the trail, increasing its utility, as it is fully accessible along its entire route. Visitors will also find bike-share stations located along the trail. During winter, snow is removed, allowing year-round use of the path.

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail is a great example of an urban trail network that offers residents and visitors biking and walking options for work or play.



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States: Indiana

Counties: Marion

Length: 9.1miles

Trail end points: White River State Park at W. Washington St. and N. California St. to Monon Trail at E. 10th St. and Lewis St. (Indianapolis)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available in White River State Park (801 W. Washington St.) on the western end of the trail, where you will also find a visitor center with restrooms. Note that there are parking fees. From I-70 take Exit 79A for West St. Head north on S. Missouri St. Go 0.8 mile and continue onto S. West St. In 0.2 mile turn left onto W. Washington St. In another 0.2 mile turn right at the traffic light onto Schumacher Way to enter the parking lot for White River State Park. The visitor center and trail access are to the right in the parking lot.

Metered on-street parking and garage parking are also available throughout the city.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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