

# The Wabash Walker

**The Wabash Walking Weekend 1998 - A Weekend of Discovery**

Second Annual

August 8 & 9

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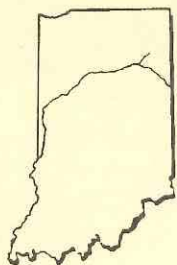
## The Wabash?

### Wabash History

As the last glaciers of the Ice Age melted in Indiana, they carved out a unique waterway that is now known as the Wabash River, with a massive valley large enough to carry rivers several times the size of the present one. The Miami Indians of this area once called the mighty river Wah-ba-shik-a, meaning pure white. It was named for the color of its waters flowing across bright limestone beds in the river's upper areas. The French traders had their own term for the river; they knew it by the name Ouabache. It is best remembered as the primary fur trade route from the St. Lawrence River and Lower Great Lakes Region to the Gulf of Mexico. During this time, many battles were fought for control of the Wabash River. These many conflicts made several men and women famous, for example George Rogers Clark (the "Revolutionary War Hero of the West"), "Mad Anthony" Wayne, Tecumseh, The Prophet, and William Henry Harrison (the President of "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" fame). These men fought the battles and gave breath to the stories that were told. These stories created American heroes and shaped the nation. A hundred and fifty years ago, the river provided much of the water for the longest canal in the country: the Wabash and Erie. The most tangible remains of this rich cultural heritage can be seen, heard, and learned by visiting the communities along the Wabash River.

The "Walking Weekend" was created to inform and entertain all participants about the nature and history of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor.

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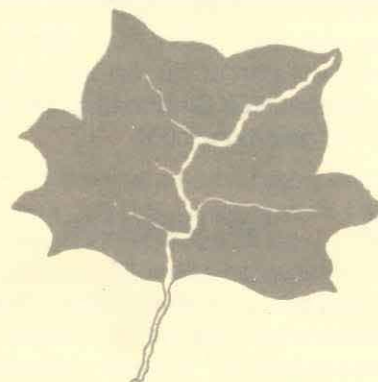
Tours of geological importance



Historical walks and talks



Nature walks and hikes



## CASS COUNTY

### 1 Round and Round We Go

Riverside Park, 1 hour. Childhood reminder experience. Come and visit the historical Dentzel carousel; relive a childhood memory or create a new one. Sit along the Eel River among the old yet beautiful canopy trees of this wonderful neighborhood park. Have fun with the many recreational opportunities. Great for a picnic! Great for all ages! Dogs on leashes welcome. Open both Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



### 2 To the Depths of the Quarry

France Park, 2 miles, 1 hour. Have fun, hiking & biking around the old stone quarry located in the heavily wooded France Park along US 24, four miles west of Logansport. This is an opportunity for exploration of the recreational attributes of an old stone quarry. France Park was once a stone mining operation but due to local efforts it is now a park with a beautiful lake and an extensive trail system. Bring the family and enjoy the day. Suitable for all ages. Dogs on leashes welcome. Fee for park entrance only. The tour starts at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tour guides will meet you at the park entrance.



## CARROLL COUNTY

### 3 Towpaths and Lime Kilns

Sponsored by the Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc., this narrated one mile, one and a half hour easy trail walk will leave from the "dock" in Canal Park and proceed to the entrance of Canal Park Annex. At that point the canal boat "turnaround" will be explained. Busy times began in 1857, when the canalside Hubbard & Harley Lime Kilns were constructed. Shipments of plaster and whitening products from six massive kilns went by canal as far as New York City. To the north, Founders Point, the tip of the trail "loop" highlights the entrance of the fresh water from the Stone Company diversion pipe and commemorates the vision shared by the canal group's founders. The return trip will feature a stop at the site where the ornate 1874 Camden Iron Bridge will be relocated. This walk is led by Dan McCain, Delphi Historic Trails Chairman, and is offered at 9 a.m. on Saturday.



Downtown Delphi of 1840

### 4 The Walk of Yesterday

Hosted by the Delphi Preservation Society, Inc., this walk is approximately 1.5 miles (2 hours). This walk will leave from Courthouse Square Monument at the corner of Main and Washington Streets. The walk highlights historic points east along Main Street and back on Monroe and Franklin Streets. Of special interest will be the beautiful homes near downtown, the Opera House, Holt and Reinhart's Hall, the Crosby Hotel, and the grand architecture of Delphi's era of development from 1830 through the "Golden Era". View the many historic buildings and learn the interesting lore which made this community's fascinating history. This walk is led by C.E. Gerard, DPS Historian and is offered at 3 p.m. on Saturday.



### 5 Locks and Paper Mills

Hosted by Delphi Historic Trails, this 2 hour, 1.4 mile easy trail walk will leave from Trailhead Park, 1 mile southwest of Delphi on SR 25. The hike begins by crossing the suspension bridge and follows the Robbins Trail to Sunset Point, where Deer Creek meets the Wabash River. Then along the Vanscoy Towpath Trail past the 1839 Irish Canal Construction Camp (archaeology site) and on to the Obear Millrace Trail. See also the Rinehart Paper Mills, Lock #33, and the lockkeepers house sites. The tour is led by Dan McCain and begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday.



## TIPPECANOE COUNTY

### 6 Museums at Prophetstown

Museums of Prophetstown, 1.2 miles, 2 hours. Volunteers from The Museums at Prophetstown will provide walking tours of sites where three museums will be located: The Wabash Valley Living History Farm, The Prophetstown Prairie Center and the Woodland Native American Cultural Complex. Participants should meet at the Prophetstown Historical Marker on State Road 225 East, just south of Battle Ground, near the one lane bridge across the Wabash River. Don't forget to come prepared, bring your walking shoes because this walk crosses approximately 300 acres of ground. Umbrellas recommended for heat or rain! Two tours available on Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Museums At Prophetstown, Inc.



### 7 Garden Walk

Clegg Botanical Gardens, located near 400E and 200N, is one of the loveliest areas of our county. It is on the banks of the Wildcat Creek and the beautiful wildflowers ravines and natural surroundings make it a wonderful place to enjoy the outdoors. Jim Peterson, manager of the gardens, will host a tour at 1:30 on Saturday (1 hour). Self-guided brochures are also available at the site.



## 8 Centennial Historic Neighborhood

Located near downtown Lafayette, beautiful churches, public buildings and stately homes make this neighborhood unique. The Centennial Historic District was recently recognized as a significant Indiana State Landmark area. Dick Nagel and the Neighborhood Association have arranged for tours at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tours will start at the Historic Loeb House Inn, 708 Cincinnati Street and last for about one hour.

## 9 Fort Ouiatenon

Fort Ouiatenon was a 1700s French trading post and the earliest fortified settlement in what was to become the State of Indiana. It is now a county park with a reconstructed blockhouse that has a museum and trading post gift shop. Come and learn its fascinating history and the archaeology that will let us share in their experiences. Leslie Dotson of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association will be your interpreter. The Fort is located 4 miles south of West Lafayette on South River Road. The one hour tour will be on Saturday at 3 p.m.

## 10 Tippecanoe Battlefield

This is the site of the 1811 battle between Tecumseh's Native American confederation and the United States' forces led by William Henry Harrison. The conflict of these two cultures is an integral part of our country's history and to understanding the development of Tippecanoe County and the State of Indiana. This National Historic Landmark is in a ninety-six acre county park with a museum, gift shop and nature center. Cindy Bedell of Tippecanoe County Historical Association will be your interpreter. The Battlefield is located in the town of Battle Ground, 7 miles north of Lafayette. The one hour tour will be on Saturday at 10 a.m.

## WARREN COUNTY

## 11 Early Trading Post

Zachariah Cicott Trading Post Park. 1.5 hours. A slow walking tour of an area adjacent to the Wabash River that was once an important regional trading post and is now a Warren County Park. Several archeological digs have taken place here in the past few years. The Trail of Tears passed by this site and a marker commemorates that sad event in Indiana's history. There is also a loop trail that passes through a second-growth woods with a variety of trees, wildlife and flowers. Tour led by John Henry of the Warren County Park Board and Warren County Historical Society. Suitable for school age children to adults, especially history buffs. Dogs on leashes welcome; wear comfortable hiking shoes. From Attica, go east on IN 28 to CR 500 East. Go north across the Wabash to Independence Road and east one quarter mile. Meet in the parking lot. The walks will begin at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Picnicking is permitted.

## 12 Flora and Geology of Fall Creek

Fall Creek Gorge Potholes. 1.5 hours. Water from melting glaciers running over sandstone began the creation of this beautiful small gorge. Fall Creek has become home to a number of rare plant species. Come discover the power of water and the beauty of natural Indiana. Suitable for school age children to adults. Wear comfortable walking shoes, water-proof if possible. Bring binoculars as we may see some birds. Property owned by The Nature Conservancy. Meet across from the small electrical power station on US 41, 1.8 miles northwest of the SR 28 turn to Williamsport. Tour led by Susan Ulrich, Sycamore Audubon Society and Indiana Nature Conservancy member. Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

## 13 Indiana's Tallest Waterfall

Williamsport Falls. The Williamsport Falls has a drop of nearly 100 feet. If the season has not been too dry, be prepared to be soothed by the hypnotic sound of falling water. Located right in historic downtown Williamsport. Take SR 28 to flashing light by the County Courthouse and turn south on Monroe St. Go through the town and watch for turn behind fire station, 1/2 block after crossing the RR tracks. No dogs please, but don't forget your camera! Suitable for all ages. Self guided.

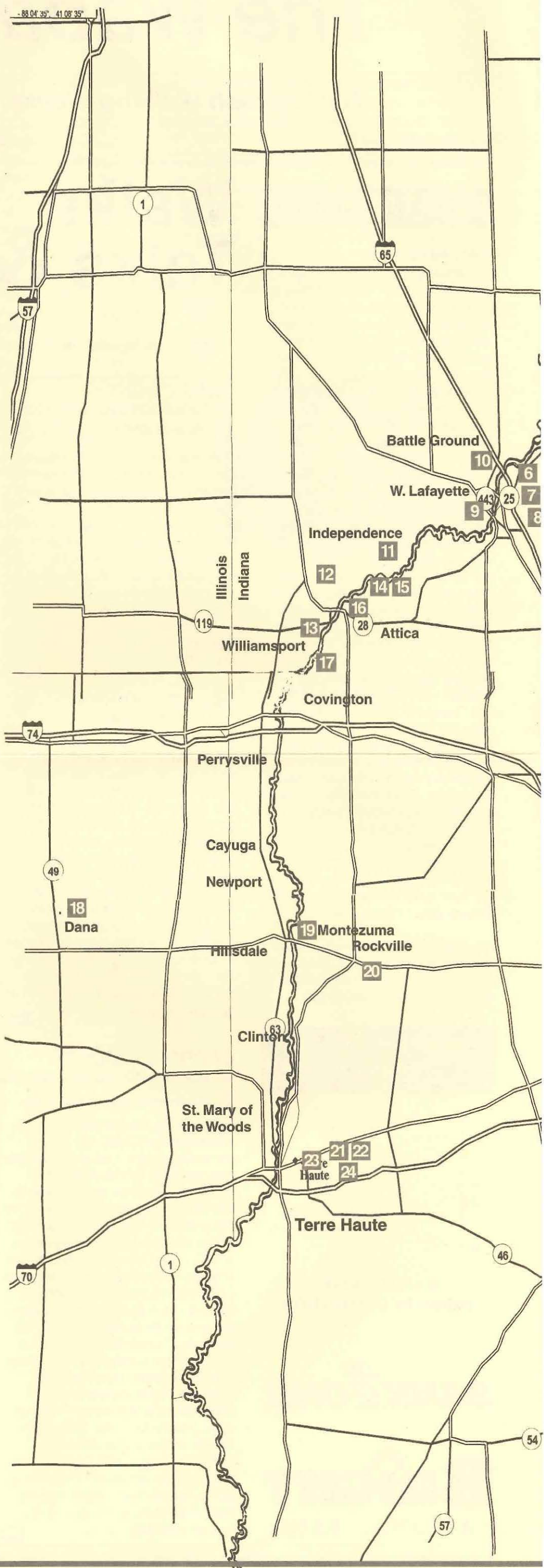
## FOUNTAIN COUNTY

## 14 The Burial Pit

The Fix Farm Homestead. 1 hour. Come explore the Fix Farm Homestead and take a step back in time. Imagine yourself living in an old log cabin, working your very own farming homestead. Now imagine living near the very site where 200 of the 400 Irish immigrant canal workers who died during a cholera epidemic were buried in a large pit. Visit the exact burial site and learn why and how these brave individuals worked and died while making a contribution to the Wabash Heritage Corridor. Tour begins at the Fix Farm located 2.9 miles north of Attica. Drive North on Perry Street following the Railroad tracks to the Fix Farm, a large white house on the left. County road 325 E entrance in on the right adjacent to farm. Tour available every hour from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## 15 Underground Railroad

Bethel Church, 1 hour. Leisurely tour the old Bethel Church to discover its many hidden secrets. Along with the historic Bethel Church this tour will allow you to explore the surroundings and discover many historic and unique headstones which date back to the 1840's. You will also have the opportunity to visit one of the many sites that was once used by the Underground Railroad. Come listen to the story of the Underground Railroad and how it lead many of our fellow Americans to freedom. The Bethel Church is located east of Attica on Bethel Rd. From the Fix Farm follow 325 E, take a left onto Bethel Rd. 3 miles north, church is on the right. Tour available from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



## VERMILLION COUNTY

### 18 Ernie Pyle's Hometown

The Ernie Pyle State Historic Site will offer guided walking tours of historic Dana, Indiana, the childhood home of the famous World War II journalist, Ernie Pyle. During the urban stroll, an interpreter will share short histories of several structures from the present and the past in this picturesque small town. The walk will be about two miles long and will take about an hour and a half. The tour will start at the Ernie Pyle State Historic Site at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call (765) 665-3633.



## PARKE COUNTY

### 19 Get Ready to Trade

Montezuma, 1 hour self-guided educational exploration of the settlement of the Miami Indians and the important trading post of the 1800's. Montezuma, which is on US 36 and is nestled in the beautiful Wabash Valley, thrived because of its transportation advantages offered by the canal, waterways, the Wabash river, and the emergence of two railway lines. Explore the old town of Montezuma where the Wabash and the Erie canal once operated. This tour is suitable for all ages. Dogs welcome on leashes.



### 20 Hometown Tour

Billie Creek Village, 1 hour. Two tours are offered: the Herb and Bird tour, guided by author Judie Hanson, and the Covered Bridge tour, guided by Doug Weisheit. The Covered Bridge tour gives a full history of the bridges and buildings of the Village, and is given in a horse-pulled wagon. Fun for all ages! Meet at the Inn, which is 1 mi. east of Rockville on US 36. Dogs on leashes allowed. Tours offered both Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.



## VIGO COUNTY

### 21 Starry, Starry Night

Dobbs Park and Nature Center, on the east side of Terre Haute. Join in to learn about some of the summer constellations and their myths. In this one hour program you can make a star clock to take home and further your study of the lights of the heavens. Saturday only 8 p.m.



### 22 Nature, Its Creatures, Its Environs

One of the first urban forests established in the U.S., Terre Haute's 105 acres of Dobbs Park and Nature Center provides an education not available in a classroom. Five different trails provide over 3 miles of a variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. East on Poplar Street, near US 46. Stop at the Nature Center for information and trail maps. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.



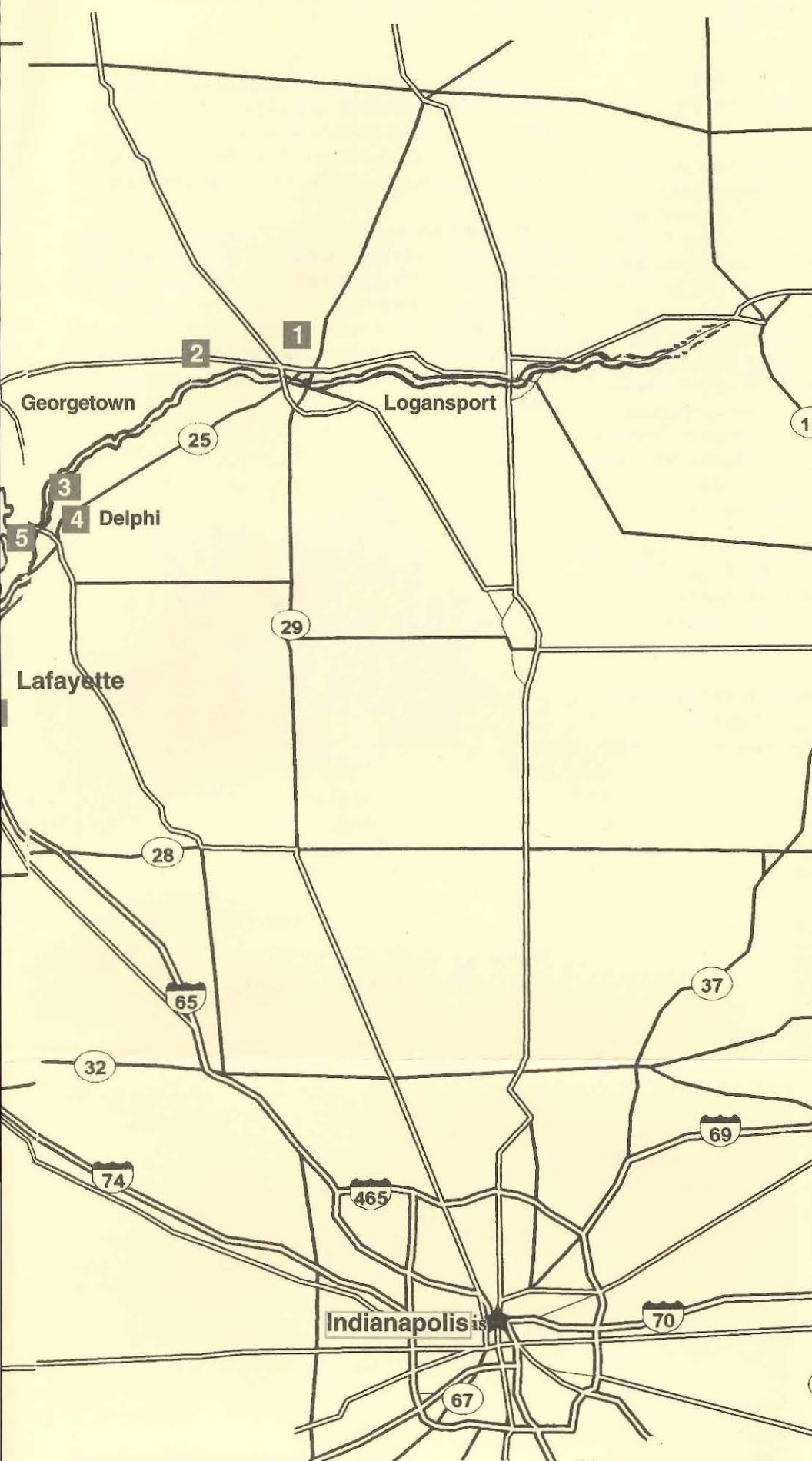
### 23 Rhythm By The River

Enjoy a scenic walk along the Wabash through the wide open space of Fairbanks Park. Be as inspired as Terre Hautean native Paul Dresser was when he penned *On the Banks of the Wabash* (his relocated home sits within the Park). Relax by the newly repaired fountain, which lights up as the sun goes down. Wander around the columns which graced the former Federal Building from 1887-1933 and feel a bit of Terre Haute's history. First Street, approximately 4 blocks south of the Vigo County Courthouse. Saturday and Sunday all day.



### 24 In Like Flint - Knapping That Is

The Native American Museum at Dobbs Park and Nature Center, on the east side of Terre Haute, showcases historical and prehistorical treasures from various Eastern Woodland Native American cultures. The Museum invites you to take part in a workshop to learn the basics of flint knapping. Create your own arrowhead and make a necklace. Children are welcome but must be supervised by their parents. Museum hours: Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. Workshop: Saturday only 11 a.m.



### 16 Attica's Old Church Village

The Greek Revival Old Church was built by the Presbyterians in 1848-49. The Federal style house in the complex was purchased by Norman Brown, a local dry goods dealer, and extensively remodeled around the turn of the century with Victorian woodwork, etc. It has been restored to what it might have been. The 3/4 Cape Cod house was a wedding gift to William Brown and his bride and was moved here from two blocks away in the 1950's. Find out how parts of this house were prebuilt and shipped by Wabash and Erie Canal to the area. John Cottrall has restored this village and the garden which will open for continuous tours on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at \$5 per person. 300 block of Main St.

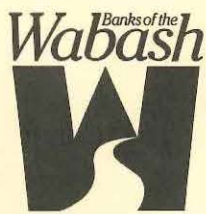


### 17 Another Famous Arch

Sam Miller, the Local Steward, will conduct two guided tours of the North Trail at 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon on Saturday. Meet in the north parking lot and get ready to experience the wonderful variety that only nature can provide through its use of soils, vegetation, and animals. As you wind your way along you will come upon the gateway known as Portland Arch. Cameras are a must. Suitable for adults and school age children. No dogs. Located just outside the town of Fountain between US 41 and Covington.



Come walk with us. You'll love it!



Banks of the Wabash, Inc. is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and promoting the significant historical and natural resources of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. Banks of the Wabash, Inc. works to improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the visitor experiences for guests from outside the corridor. This organization was formed so that citizens living in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor could voice their opinions and concerns about the corridor, and to provide a mechanism to help them work together to achieve common goals. Banks of the Wabash, Inc. brings together a variety of individuals who are interested in conservation, historic preservation, economic development, community education and heritage tourism.

For membership information, call (765) 463-3787 or e-mail your name, address and phone number to [WABASH@hort.purdue.edu](mailto:WABASH@hort.purdue.edu).

Check out the new Banks of the Wabash, Inc. website at <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/wabash>.

*The Wabash Walking Weekend was initiated by students in the Landscape Architecture Program at Purdue University, in cooperation with Banks of the Wabash, Inc.*



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The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission was formed to promote the conservation and development of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources in the corridor by the exchange of information, common goals, and cooperative action of the people and governmental units along the corridor. This helps residents and government to recognize the Wabash River corridor as a 510 mile, 19 county greenway with cultural and natural resources rivaling those of any historic transportation route in the country. The people of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor generally feel their vision of an improved quality of life can be achieved within a generation with commitment.

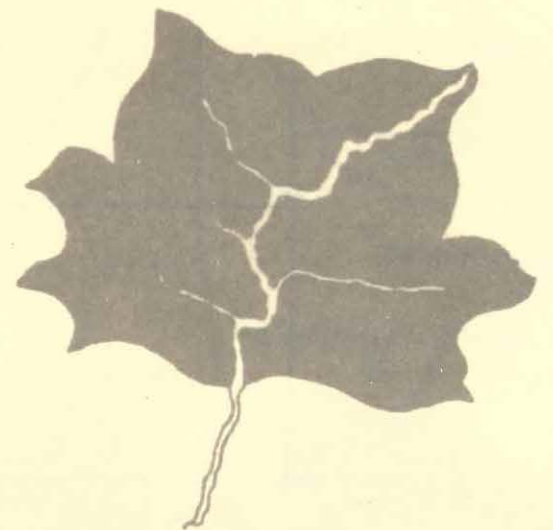
The commission is made up of 19 members, one from each of the counties in the Wabash River corridor. The Indiana Departments of Natural Resources and Commerce (Tourism) are also represented on the Commission.

The newsletter of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, L'Esprit de Ouabache, is available at <http://www.dnr.state.in.us/outdoor/ouabache/index.htm>

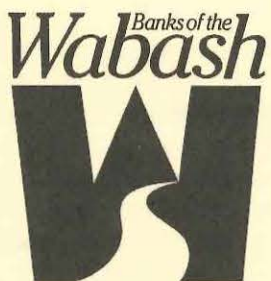
## WABASH RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION

The Wabash River Parkway Commission has as its mission to develop, promote, and coordinate projects, and activities that preserve, enhance, and interpret the beauty, culture, heritage, and recreational opportunities of the Wabash River.

The Commission is based in Tippecanoe County, and consists of representatives from the county, Lafayette and West Lafayette governments, and park boards. Also represented on the Commission are several community and conservation organizations. The Commission coordinates its activities with the adjacent counties along the Wabash.



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