

15 FESTIVALS

you love and didn't know about



Festivals of all kinds will take place across the state in the upcoming months. Check out some interesting events Hoosiers have celebrated for years that you might not have heard of before.

Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival

June 10 – June 17

More than 70 bluegrass bands gather in Morgantown to perform. Festival admission includes a tour of the Blue Grass Hall of Fame Museum, a traditional bean supper, and live entertainment all day.

Smoke on the Square

June 16 – June 17

This smoked BBQ competition draws professional teams from across the Midwest. Food vendors and showings of *The Sandlot* will all be held in downtown Franklin.

Shipshewana Quilt Festival

June 21 – June 24

Quilt enthusiasts and first timers can gather to celebrate the art of quilting at this Shipshewana festival. The event will be packed with workshops, classes, and vendor shows.

Hendricks County Ribfest

June 24, 4 – 10:30 p.m.

This Avon cookout competition lets local restaurants compete for bragging rights to “best ribs.” A fireworks and a hot air balloon glow will be on display in the evening.



JUNE



JULY

Three Rivers Festival

July 7 – July 15

Visitors can savor food, enjoy Fort Wayne community, and participate in family fun. Events include a Raft Race, Children's Fest and midway rides.

Hagerstown Flying Circus

July 18, 2 – 8 p.m.

This free event showcases vintage aircrafts and professional flying skill. Families can get up close and personal with pilots and their planes at this Hagerstown spectacle.

Circus City Festival

July 15 – July 22

Downtown Peru transforms into an amusement park filled with rides, games, and fun. More than 200 young people perform circus acts throughout the week.

Bacon, Blues and Brew

July 28 – July 30

Serving local brews, local foods and playing lots of blues music. This Batesville Music and Art festival will have lots of company and entertainment to go around.

Marshall County Blueberry Festival

Sept. 1 – Sept. 4

This Plymouth tradition provides visitors the chance to taste sweet blueberry treats, play at the carnival, partake in the corn hole tournament and enjoy live entertainment all day.

Marshmallow Festival

Sept. 2 – Sept. 5

Once home to one of the largest marshmallow factories in the country, this gooey Ligonier festival offers community marshmallow roasts, a bake off, and games for all.

Montgomery Turkey Trot

Sept. 7 – Sept. 10

Spectators from across the state can stop by Montgomery and watch turkeys race against one another. Festivities include carnival rides, live entertainment, a flea market and more.

James Dean Festival

Sept. 21 – Sept. 24

This Fairmount festival celebrates the life of James Dean, featuring free showings of his classic films. Enjoy the James Dean look-alike contest and dance competition.



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER

Heartland Apple Festival

Oct. 7 – 8, 14 – 15

Stop by Beasley's Orchard and experience fall at its best. Hayrides, pumpkin picking, an 8-acre corn maze and more.

Covered Bridge Festival

Oct. 13 – Oct. 22

Located in Rockville, visitors can find vendors selling homemade crafts, apple butter and a Hog roast. Don't forget the main event – visiting the historic covered bridges.

Indiana Renaissance Faire

Oct. 7 – 8

Nobles, knights, and a full-contact jousting fill up this Noblesville festival. Visitors can find artisan shopping, food vendors, music and magic.