

## Events/Festivals/Activities



## PERU/MIAMI COUNTY

Welcome to Peru/Miami County, Indiana, rich with history, breathtaking scenery and endless opportunities that will create memories to last a lifetime. Where else could you ride an elephant, sit in the cockpit of a historical aircraft, see a breathtaking circus performance, play a round of golf, enjoy wine tasting, take in history of the Miami Indians, Cole Porter and other historic sites all in one day. Miami County is "Where the fun begins"!

The Mississinewa, Eel and Wabash rivers wind their way through Miami County and offer great fishing and canoeing opportunities. These rivers are some of the few places in Indiana where bald eagles and river otters are still a common site.

Start your day with a stroll along our beautiful Riverwalk located on the banks of the Wabash River in downtown Peru. If biking is more your style, take a ride on the Nickel Plate Trail, a paved scenic trail that highlights some of Miami County's picture perfect country side or check out the historic bike trails.

If that's not enough, the Mississinewa Reservoir offers great hiking and horseback riding trails as well as fishing, boating, swimming and camping. See the beautiful natural Seven Pillars and walk through history on the Frances Slocum Trail.

What better way to spend a day than on one of our four golf courses. Rock Hollow, Leaning Tree, Peru Municipal and Indiana Oaks are each a challenge in their own right and you won't want to leave without a chance to play them all. Now if it is disc golf you enjoy, we have Honey Bear Hollow, Maconaquah Park and Mississinewa Park.

People from all over the country venture to Miami County to experience our unique festivals. Events like the Cole Porter Festival, July 4th Celebration and Soap Box Derby, Bunker Hill Festival, Hoosier Festival, Amboy Fall Fest, Converse Homecoming Days, Macy Fall Fest, Miami County 4H Fair, Mexico Community Garage Sale, Oktoberfest, Chili Cookoff and our Downtown Christmas Open House provide enjoyment for all seasons.

The Circus City Festival is a tribute to our circus heritage. For nine days beginning the third week of July, the children of Miami County perform feats in a three ring circus that will leave you on the edge of your seat. There are food vendors, crafts, games and rides throughout downtown to enjoy during Circus City week. The last day of the festival features the largest circus parade in the country.

If you are a real circus fan, you will want to visit the International Circus Hall of Fame, located at the old Hagenbeck-Wallace Winter Quarters. The Hall of Fame features a circus museum full of memorabilia from many of the old American circuses. In the month of July, they feature a big top circus with acts from around the world.

From May to September, we have our Farmer's Market which offers local produce, herbs, honey, local crafts and homemade baked goods.

Stand nose to nose with 24 legendary American aircrafts at the Grissom Air Museum. Sit in the cockpits and learn the basics of flight and navigation. Climb the five story alert tower for a bird's eye view of the historic planes.

If you like to get your heart racing, from April to October, come see racing at Miami County Speedway and Bunker Hill Dragstrip. In August, the SCCA race will be at Grissom.

The Miami County Museum is one of the largest in the state featuring artifacts and memories from Miami County's beginning to our recent past. See a stage coach from movie star Tom Mix, Cole Porter's 1955 Cadillac, a unique Miami Indian collection and much, much more. Visit Cole Porter's birthplace and burial site not far from the museum.

The dining and shopping opportunities in Miami County are unique. Enjoy your dinner in a vintage railroad car or a special lunch in one of our many family owned restaurants. Visit our apple orchards where you will find along with row after row of apple trees, a petting zoo, gift shop and Christmas shop. In the fall, enjoy a hay ride and a bonfire with local entertainment. See how wine is made and enjoy sampling the local wines of our region at Oak Hill Winery and also try the hard cider and wine at McClure's Orchard.

Enjoy a play with local talent at our Ole Olsen Theatre at the Depot. They will make you laugh or make you cry, but most definitely will allow you to spend the next couple of hours being entertained. Enjoy bowling at Riverside Fun Center, play Bingo at the Miami Indian Headquarters or go see a movie at a new five screen state-of-the-art Roxy Movie Theater.

You can also see our PCS Fine Art gallery filled with paintings, pottery and sculptures from local artists. We have many talented artists that will amaze you with their paintings, drawings, jewelry, pottery and so much more.

Listen to our local talent from jazz to pizzazz with our String Orchestra, the Swampwater Stompers and Tuxedo Junction or if you like something with a little bit of pop or rock listen to Mark and Troy, No Identity, Hollister Skipdog and Tripphammer. Now if blues is your style, then Jerome Mills Blues Band is the group for you!

Plan your next get away to Peru/Miami County, Indiana where you will find plenty of events, activities and smiling faces and you will see why we believe "Miami County is Where the fun begins".



## RECREATION & PARKS

### GOLF COURSES

**Indiana Oaks (9)** Country Club Rd., Peru ..... 765-473-7312  
**Leaning Tree (9)** Grissom Aeroplex ..... 765-689-9705  
**Peru Municipal (18)** Maconaquah Park ..... 765-473-6806  
**Rock Hollow (18)** CR 250 West, Peru ..... 765-473-6100

### DISC GOLF COURSES

**Honey Bear Hollow Campgrounds (18)**  
 4252 W 200 N., Peru ..... 765-473-4342  
**Maconaquah Park (18)** Peru ..... 765-985-3187  
**Mississinewa State Park (24)**  
 4673 S. 635E. .... 765-473-6528

### PARKS/WALKWAYS/SPORTS

**River Walkway/MiamisFort** West Canal at S. Fremont, Peru  
**Nickel Plate Trail** Trailhead at Wallick Road, Peru  
[www.nickelplatetrail.org](http://www.nickelplatetrail.org)  
**Maconaquah Park** Strawtown Pike, Peru  
**Thrush Tennis Courts** corner of Benton and 3rd St.  
 Weather permitting  
 Contact: Stanley Hall at 765-473-3081

### YMCA Community Center

January- December  
 Contact: Mark Demchak at 765-472-1979  
[www.mcmymca.org](http://www.mcmymca.org)

### Miami Indians BINGO

January – December  
 Contact: John Dunnagan at 765-473-9631  
[www.miamiindians.org](http://www.miamiindians.org)

### Riverside Fun Center

Bowling, billiards and game room  
 765-472-3098

### Skate Park

On West Canal, East of Holman St.



## ARTS & MUSIC

### Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre

January to December  
 The Depot in Peru  
 Plays, Drama  
 Contact: Sunny Holtzlander at 765-244-1347  
[www.oleolsen.org](http://www.oleolsen.org)

### Ballet Arts of Peru

September to June  
 Ballet Arts of Peru  
 Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Pointe, Hip Hop  
 Contact: Debbie Alwine at 765-469-1711  
[www.balletartsofperu.com](http://www.balletartsofperu.com)

### PCS Fine Art Gallery

January to December  
 Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Paintings, Pottery & Sculptures  
 Contact: Connie Cutler at 765-475-2421

### Peru Community Orchestra

January to December  
 String orchestra  
<http://sites.google.com/site/perucommunityorchestra/>

### Roxy Movie Theater– 5 screens

765-460-5322  
[www.roxyperu.com](http://www.roxyperu.com)



## EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

### Orchards

#### Doud Orchards in Denver

8971 N. State Rd. 19 ..... 765-985-3937  
 Open Daily from Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and  
 Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Freshly picked apple varieties, pears, peaches, cider, honey, fruit butters,  
 homemade noodles, hard candies, kettle corn, caramel apples and events  
 in the fall.

#### Hainlen Orchard\* in Converse

1250 E. 5588 N ..... 765-395-3274  
 Open August 1st – January 1st 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday;  
 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday  
 Apples, peaches, pears, apple butter and jams

#### Wine Tasting

January to December

#### Oak Hill Winery in Converse & Bunker Hill

Wine sampling and events  
 Contact: Rick Moulton at 765-395-3632

#### Wine/Hard Cider Sampling

January to December

#### McClure's Orchard in Peru

Apple Blossom Festival in April/Fall Harvest in October. Wine and Hard  
 Cider sampling available, petting zoo, gift shop, Christmas Room  
 Contact: Jerry McClure at 765-985-9000





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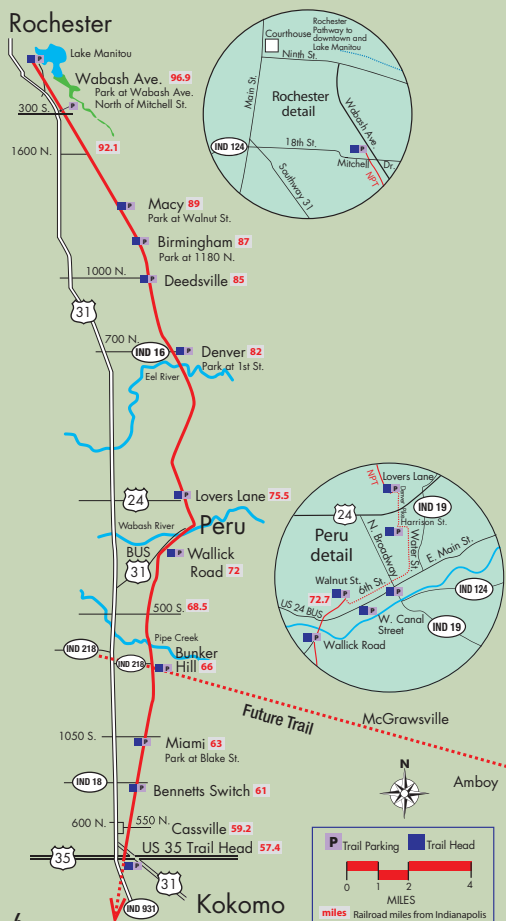
## INDIANA



### Cities and Towns in Miami County

	Population	% of County	Miami County, Indiana
Amboy	381	1.0%	Named for the Miami Indians and organized in 1834.
Bunker Hill	880	2.4%	
Converse	983	2.7%	County Seat: Peru
Denver	478	1.3%	Largest City: Peru
Macy	206	0.6%	Square Miles: 375.6
Peru	11,320	31.0%	Population (2012): 36,486
Mexico	851	2.3%	Population per sq. mile: 96.4

### NICKEL PLATE TRAIL



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### Miami County 4H Pancake and Whole Hog Sausage Day

Last Saturday in February

From 7 am to 7 pm at the Miami County 4H Fairgrounds.

For more information, call 765-472-1921.

### Miami County Speedway

April to October

Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru

Micro Sprint Racing

Contact: Norm and Julie Bailey at 765-475-9705

[www.miamicountyspeedway.com](http://www.miamicountyspeedway.com)



### Bunker Hill Dragstrip

April to October

Bunker Hill Dragstrip in Bunker Hill

Drag Racing

Contact: 765-689-8248

[www.bunkerhillrace.com](http://www.bunkerhillrace.com)



### Miami County Farmer's Market

May to September

Old Firehouse at corner of Main and North Miami streets

Herbs, organic produce and plants, honey, goat soap, baked goods and local crafts

Contact: Bob Radel at 765-469-5222

### Grissom Air Museum

Media Day-March 1st

Open House-April 4th

Open April-October

[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)

### Armed Forces Day

Grissom Air Museum

May 16th

Free admission for military and their families

[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)



### Memorial Day

Peru Courthouse – outside

11 am – Guest Speakers

Contact: 765-472-3901

Grissom Air Museum-May 23-24



### Circus City Metric

#### Century Bicycle Ride

1st Weekend in June

Ride distances 17, 32, 50, 65

from Peru to Cassville

Contact: Steve Wagner

at 765-472-1289



### Cole Porter Festival

1st or 2nd Weekend in June

Downtown Peru

Music, Theatre, Tours, Food, Car Show

Contact: 765-473-9183

[www.coleporterfestival.org](http://www.coleporterfestival.org)



### Converse Fair

1st or 2nd weekend in June

Harness Racing, Entertainment,

Food, Truck Pull, Lawn Mower Race

765-395-3256



### GUS Fly In

at Montgomery Aviation-Peru

June 20th

Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00

Free Shuttles to Grissom Air Museum

Support Down Syndrome of Indiana

[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)



### Miami County 4H Fair

3rd or 4th Full Week in June

Miami County Fairgrounds, Peru

Exhibits, Food, Entertainment,

Tractor Show

Contact: 765-472-1921

[www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/miami](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/miami)

### Bunker Hill Festival

4th Weekend in June

Downtown Bunker Hill

Food, Music, Booths

Contact: 765-461-3135



### Relay for Life

May or June

Peru Riverwalk

### July 4th Celebration

Maconaquah Park in Peru

Kid's games, food, music, Soap Box Derby

and fireworks at dusk

Contact: 765-472-2400

[www.cityofperu.org](http://www.cityofperu.org)



### Mexico Community Garage Sales

1st Saturday in July

Uptown Mexico

Games, food, community garage sales

Contact: Lester Walten at 765-985-2628

### Circus City Festival

3rd Full Week in July

Downtown Peru

Ten performances of the finest youth

circus in an air-conditioned, three-ring

arena, Parade, Rides, Food

[www.perucircus.com](http://www.perucircus.com)

Contact: 765-472-3918



### E.W.C.C. Woodcarving Festival

3rd Weekend in July

Borderman Gym in Converse

Wood carvers demonstrations

[www.ewcc.worldpress.com](http://www.ewcc.worldpress.com)

Contact: 765-395-3943



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### International Circus Hall of Fame

3rd full week in July  
State Road 124 in Peru  
Professional circus,  
Big Top entertainment,  
performing circus animals,  
Elephant rides, museum full  
of circus memorabilia  
[www.circushalloffame.com](http://www.circushalloffame.com)  
Contact: 800-771-0241



### Sports Car Club of America

1st Weekend in August  
Grissom Aeroplex in Peru  
Club Racing  
Contact: 800-770-2055

### "Warbird Cruise In" Car Show

Grissom Air Museum's Air Park  
August 1st  
Classic Cars and Classic Planes  
[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)



### Converse Town Rummage & Garage Sales

1st Weekend in August  
Uptown Converse  
Contact: 765-395-3448

### Denver Days Festival

Thurs-Sun 2nd Weekend in August  
Downtown Denver  
Parade, Food, Car Show, Entertainment  
Contact: 765-985-2341



### Hoosier Heritage Festival

3rd Weekend in August  
Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru  
An interactive event celebrating our  
agricultural heritage with antique  
tractors, engines and equipment  
Contact: 765-438-3835  
[www.hoosierheritagefest.com](http://www.hoosierheritagefest.com)

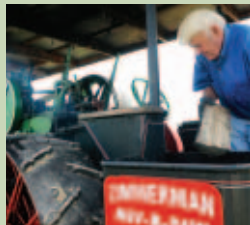


### Miami Nation of Indians: Days at the Pillars

4th Weekend in August at 7 Pillars  
Displays & living history, drum/dance/songs  
flint knapping, crafts, food, Miami language,  
finger weaving, and beading.

### Mississinewa Triathlon

2nd Weekend in September  
Mississinewa Park in Peru  
Swim, Bike, Run Triathlon  
Contact: Larry Brown at 765-473-6528



### Labor Day at Grissom Air Museum

September 5th  
[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)

### Amboy Fall Fest

3rd Weekend in September  
Downtown Amboy  
Games, Face Painting, Bake Sale, Car Show, Parade, Karaoke  
Contact: 765-395-7242

### Cole Porter Classic

**5K, 15K Run and a 5K Walk**  
1st Weekend in October  
Start at Circus City Building, run  
along Nickel Plate Trail  
Contact: Jim Yates at 765-469-5066



### Oktoberfest

1st Weekend in October  
Riverwalk in Peru  
Entertainment, Chili Cook-off, Beer/Wine Tent,  
Food, kid's activities  
Contact: 765-472-1923

### Veteran's Day

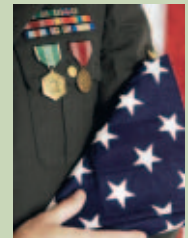
Peru High School  
11 am – Guest Speakers  
Contact: 765-472-3901

### Grissom Air Museum Veteran's Day

November 7th  
[www.grissomairmuseum.com](http://www.grissomairmuseum.com)

### Quigley Jazz Fest

2nd Full Weekend in November  
Peru High School Auditorium  
Swing Choir, Vocalists, Big Band, Jazz Band,  
Jam Session  
Contact: Tom Gustin at 765-469-0905



### Downtown Christmas

**Open House**  
2nd or 3rd Wednesday in November  
Downtown Peru  
Parade, Shopping, Prizes, Food,  
Entertainment, Santa House  
Contact: 765-472-1923



### Christmas in Converse

1st Thursday in December  
Converse at Jefferson Street, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Converse Business Alliance – Find us on Facebook  
Contact: Lindsay Baker at 765-517-1902

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*Please contact the Chamber Office with  
any additions or changes by calling 765-472-1923*

