

# Your Road Trip Itinerary Through Indiana on US Route 6

Get ready to hit the road and discover some of Indiana's hidden gems along US Route 6! Starting in **Hammond** and ending in **Butler**, this budget-friendly road trip is packed with plenty of sights, history, and small-town charm. Buckle up road warriors, history buffs, and adventure seekers—we've got you covered with this guide to make your trip unforgettable.



## Stop 1: Hammond

Kick off your adventure in **Hammond**, a city full of industrial history and cultural vibes. Here's what to do in Hammond before you hit the road again:

- **Wolf Lake Memorial Park**

Perfect for stretching your legs before the drive ahead. Walk around, breathe in some fresh air, and take in scenic lake views.

- **Indiana Welcome Center**

Learn about the history of The Region and snap a selfie with quirky artwork inspired by "A Christmas Story."

Pro tip: Grab a coffee or snack nearby for the drive ahead.



## Stop 2: Valparaiso

A short drive down Route 6 brings you to **Valparaiso** (or "Valpo," as locals call it). Known for its vibrant downtown and welcoming atmosphere, there's plenty to explore here.

- **Valparaiso University & Chapel of the Resurrection**

Visit this architectural wonder! The Chapel is stunning and makes a perfect quick stop for photos and reflection.

- **Downtown Valparaiso**

Discover charming local shops, affordable eats, and plenty of photo-worthy streetscapes. Check out Don Quijote Restaurant for budget-friendly Spanish-inspired dishes.

- **Taltree Arboretum & Gardens (Now Gabis Arboretum)**

Just a bit outside Valpo, this arboretum is a peaceful retreat perfect for a stroll before you hit the road again.

Quick tip: Don't forget to pack a bottle of water and some snacks to stick to your budget during the drive!



## Stop 3: La Porte

Head east on US Route 6 to **La Porte**, a quaint city with a rich history and plenty of natural beauty.

- **La Porte Historical Society Museum**

If you're a history buff, this stop will delight you. Explore exhibits showcasing artifacts from La Porte's storied past.

- **Pine Lake**

Enjoy a relaxing moment by the water! Great for a short break to soak in nature or have a picnic.

- **Downtown La Porte**

Take a slow drive or walk through the historic downtown area, dotted with classic architecture and antique shops.

Looking for a sweet treat? Stop by **Mucho Mas!** for a gourmet coffee and pastry.



## Final Stop: Butler

Complete your road trip in the small town of **Butler**, Indiana. Though quieter, it has a cozy Midwest charm that makes it worth the ride.

- **DeKalb County History Museum**

Wrap up your trip by learning more about the area's role in Indiana history. Fun fact: This county is known as the "Hub of Transportation Heritage."

- **Downtown Butler**

Walk through town and enjoy the slower pace. Chat with some locals for the real Hoosier experience.

- **Dinner Stop**

You made it! Reward yourself at a local diner or grab-and-go spot before heading home.



## Final Notes for the Journey

- **Budget Tips**

Pack a cooler with drinks and snacks to cut back on food expenses. Look for affordable motels or family-run B&Bs to stay overnight if needed.

- **Photo Opportunity**

Keep your phone or camera ready! The landscapes along US Route 6 are filled with picturesque fields, charming towns, and photo-perfect sunset backdrops.

- **Enjoy the Road**

Remember, a road trip isn't just about the destination. Take your time, explore each stop, and soak in everything Indiana has to offer!

Thanks for road tripping with us! If you loved this itinerary, share your road trip photos and tag us with #IndianaRoute6Adventures. Safe travels!