

We've picked the "best of the best" cruisable drives for the Indiana Dunes and Indiana Dunes Country, along with some highlights to enjoy along the way.

THE DUNES AND LAKE DRIVING LOOP

Drive tree-lined roadways and then watch as Lake Michigan and the sand dunes appear before you. You'll also pass historic homes, marshland that explodes with color and great places to stop for a scenic hike.

Start at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 1215 N. State Road 49, Porter, IN

1. Turn right onto State Road 49 North	.8 mi
2. Turn left to take the US Highway 12 exit, then bear right and take eastbound US 12	3.2 mi
3. Turn left onto East State Park Road/300 East	1.2 mi
4. Turn right on Lakefront Drive (Parking available on East State Park Road and Lakefront Drive if you want to stop for a walk on the beach, a picnic at Lake View Picnic Area & Beach Access or walk past the Century of Progress Homes)	.8 mi
5. Turn right on Broadway	.5 mi
6. Turn left on Beverly Drive	1.2 mi
7. Turn right on Lake Shore County Road (Merrivale)	.7 mi
8. Turn right on US Highway 12 West You'll pass Bartlett's Gourmet Grill & Tavern (great food and drinks) and Campstop (bike rentals)	5.4 mi
9. Turn left and get onto the ramp to State Road 49	
10. Turn left onto State Road 49 North to go to Indiana Dunes State Park for a fall hike or drive the scenic road from the entrance to Wilson Shelter	.7 mi
11. Or turn right on State Road 49 South and return to the Visitor Center or continue on State Road 49 South and enjoy a walk at Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve or see its beauty from your car	4.7 mi



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