

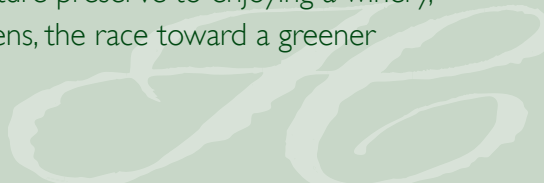


the
green
spree
planning guide



*Sometimes it feels like a race to the finish.
Who will win, Mother Earth or earthly beings?*

Learn ways you can help save and sustain our planet; find out what happens when you do—and don't—reduce, reuse and recycle; and enjoy the greener side of living with a variety of stops along the Green Spree. Mix and match our destinations with your interests on this unique tour developed especially for nature enthusiasts and those who enjoy the greener side of life. From volunteering in Hendricks County's only state nature preserve to enjoying a winery, apple orchard and beautiful gardens, the race toward a greener tomorrow can start today.



Planning your Green Spree tour is *easy!*



Custom-design a tour for your guests... and let us do the work!

Simply select your top-choice destinations, contact us by phone or e-mail, and leave the rest up to us. We'll make arrangements with each of your selected destinations, prepare your schedule for the day based on your selections and determine a per-person cost. We will make sure every detail is in place—from what time you will arrive to payment arrangements for each location—and provide you with a single invoice for your payment.

No longer does planning a tour mean multiple phone calls, multiple invoices and multiple details to plan. We'll take care of those. Your only responsibility will be to ensure your guests enjoy themselves on the tour!

On a budget?

Talk to us about getting the most tour for your money. Prices vary depending on your destinations, tour length and group size.

There is no additional cost for us to coordinate your tour. It is our thanks to you for exploring the beauty and unique destinations the Green Spree has to offer.

Enjoy your tour!





three *simple* steps

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reduce, reuse, recycle

Ray's Trash Service and Recycling

What happens to those recyclable newspapers, aluminum cans and office documents you set out to the curb each week? How are they processed and repurposed? How does recycling preserve our environment? Find out at one of the state's largest recyclers.

- Length: Up to 1 hour

Twin Bridges Landfill

Despite our best intentions, not everything can be recycled. What happens to the rest of the trash from our homes and businesses? Find out with an insider's tour and educational session at a working landfill. Start at the Waste Management log cabin, where you will learn about solid waste management from one of the landfill's experts. Then take a motorcoach tour of the active face of the landfill.

Discover ways the landfill produces methane gas to heat homes and ways the landfill is giving back to its community by providing public amenities—including a golf course, soccer and softball fields, archery range and Boy Scouts cabin—on its property. Visit the landfill, its wetlands and gas plant, and community amenities on this one-hour tour.

- Length: Up to 1 hour



buy local, eat organic



Beasley's Orchard

Adults and kids alike will enjoy this fun outdoor destination known for its homegrown apples and other fresh produce. Tour the orchard or pumpkin patch (or both!), enjoy the annual fall Corn MAiZE Adventure, and add a hayride for an extra treat! After your tours, pick up a few apples (13 varieties to choose from—all grown on site), fresh pie, fresh bread, home-grown produce, and Indiana-made jams, jellies and butters in the farm market.

Wash down your treat with fresh apple cider. Enjoy a cookie and cider with the apple tour or a small pumpkin, cookie and cider with the pumpkin tour. Groups of all sizes—from 5 to 150 people—and all ages will enjoy this fun, outdoor, educational adventure that emphasizes the importance of buying locally.

- **Tours are available August through October. The market is open year-round, and groups are always welcome.**
- **Length: 1 hour**

Chateau Thomas Winery

This local winery was founded in 1984, after its owner, Dr. Charles R. Thomas, a local former physician, became increasingly passionate about his wine-making hobby. He traveled to Napa to study under famous winemakers and brought his passion and expertise home to Plainfield. This award-winning winery doesn't take anything lightly. Dr. Thomas prides himself on making and selling wines that have richness, dimension, elegance and texture. Taste for yourself as you sample seven international wines, including one that was voted Best in the Nation. Learn more about the six "S"es and take home a souvenir wine glass as a memento. There are multiple tour options for groups; you're sure to find one you simply can't resist.

- **Length: 1 hour**



buy local, eat organic (continued)

Endangered Species Chocolate

Learn about the history of chocolate (and the Endangered Species variety), see how it's made and shipped, and learn about the company's unique approach to producing the sweet treat on this tour for the tasteful. Featuring 100% organic and fair-traded cocoa, Endangered Species Chocolate is produced in Indianapolis and wrapped in colorful wrappers that remind chocolate lovers of species currently listed as threatened or endangered on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species list. Be inspired to help conserve animals confronting universal struggles and make up to three squares of your own chocolate.

- Length: 1 ½ hours

Hobbit Gardens

Aspiring organic gardeners and those interested in ecologically sustainable gardening will enjoy touring these gardens and year-round greenhouse featuring more than 250 herbs and perennials. Tour guests can enjoy custom classes and workshops, too. After the tour, stop by the gift shop, Earth Gatherings, and admire or purchase pottery, art, jewelry and wood carvings created by area artists.

- Length: Custom to fit your schedule



Traders Point Creamery

Your group will enjoy a private tour of this working organic dairy farm, getting up close to the animals and watching and learning about the daily processes of farm life. Add a private tasting of fresh creamery products—including cheeses, yogurt and/or milk—or homemade ice cream in your favorite flavor, or treat your group and do all three: enjoy a complete sampling of fresh creamery products, take the private tour, and end with irresistible homemade ice cream.

- This tour requires walking at length. Handicap accommodations are available.
- Length: Between 1 and 2 hours, depending on tour options

enjoy the *greener* side of life



Avon Gardens

Novice and seasoned gardeners will enjoy five acres of gardens and water features in this little piece of paradise. Admire hundreds of mature plant species, including hard-to-find collector specimens, while a tour guide explains the differences and teaches tips for caring for plants. This is a beautiful location to connect with nature and enjoy a quiet walk along the nature trail.

- Length: 45 minutes

Burnett Woods

Tucked inside one of the fastest-growing communities in Indiana, these 68 acres of peaceful woodland are awaiting your arrival. Each season brings new beauty to the nature preserve, with wildflowers, wildlife, gorgeous fall leaves and snow-covered treetops. For a unique twist, take time for some voluntourism and turn your group tour into an opportunity to help maintain or restore this natural property.

- Length: Custom to fit your schedule

Frazee Gardens and Landscape

Creating beautiful gardens doesn't have to be harmful to the environment, as this garden and shopping destination exemplifies. Learn from landscape and greenhouse experts what this business is doing to reduce its environmental impact, sign up for a custom class or workshop, then check out its extensive inventory of high-quality annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, outdoor living accessories, gifts and more.

- Length: Custom to fit your schedule



enjoy the greener side of life (continued)

Hilltop Orchids

This hidden gem is like nothing you've seen around Indiana! The family-owned and operated business boasts more than 65,000 orchids! No matter what time of year you visit, your eyes will be delighted. Even in winter, you'll see at least 500 orchids in bloom in the greenhouse. Learn the experts' tips for growing and caring for orchids—here at Hilltop Orchids or in your own home—and then take your pick of a variety of breeds and colors to purchase and enjoy for yourself at home.

- Length: Up to 1 hour

McCloud Nature Park

Reconnect with nature as you stroll down hiking trails, amid expansive prairie land, along crystal-clear creeks and through glacial ravines that more than 90 different species of birds and a diverse wildlife population call home. Stop by the nature center for art and interpretive exhibits, nature programs, greenhouse and bird watching. Learn more about the environment you're experiencing there with one of more than 100 programs provided through the nature center:

- Length: 30 minutes to 1 hour



Soy Creations Candles

Discover why soy candles are better for the environment than the paraffin-wax variety and find new ideas for using them at this hands-on, demonstration event.

You'll make your own natural vegetable soy candle to keep as you learn how clean, healthy and fragrant soy candles can freshen any room or outdoor living space.

- Length: 1 hour and 15 minutes

recharge with a great meal



Round out or split up your day with one of Hendricks County's unique, local dining options. Here are a few of our most popular:

Choose the popular **Mayberry Café** in Danville for a step back in time to the simpler life depicted in the old favorite, "The Andy Griffith Show." The home-cooked haven is a tribute to the show, complete with memorabilia, cast photos and autographs. Reruns play on televisions in the dining area all day long.

If catfish is your preferred catch, don't miss **Frank & Mary's** in Pittsboro. Famous for its one-pound catfish dinners, the restaurant features a tavern and family dining, so group members of all ages will find something to enjoy in this small-town setting.

Support local farmers and orchards as you enjoy big servings of sandwiches, soups and more at the **Bread Basket Café and Bakery** in Coatesville. Eat in the cozy dining area or enjoy a catered boxed lunch at nearly any other tour destination.



Certified Black Angus steaks, pastas and evening specials make **Green Street Family, Friends & Spirits** in Brownsburg a local favorite. Tenderloins, burgers and salads round out the menu, and a private dining room is perfect for group gatherings.

Have it delivered! Catered boxed and buffet lunches can be delivered to nearly any of our tour destinations!

more Green Spree benefits

Still not quite ready to commit? Consider this...

Hendricks
County is
located just 10
minutes west of
Indianapolis!

Distances from Major Cities in the Midwest

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bloomington, IN • 47 mi. | Columbus, OH • 169 mi. |
| Branson, MO • 495 mi. | Detroit, MI • 285 mi. |
| Chicago, IL • 185 mi. | Evansville, IN • 173 mi. |
| Cincinnati, OH • 110 mi. | St. Louis, MO • 244 mi. |

Complimentary Services

In addition to making all arrangements for you, we also offer:

Custom Itinerary Planning • Tour Gift Bags

All-Inclusive, Per-Person Rates • Familiarization Tours

Help the environment just by purchasing your ticket!

\$2 of each Green Spree tour ticket sold will be donated to the Central Indiana Land Trust, an organization that preserves natural areas, improving air and water quality and enhancing life in our communities for present and future generations. Learn more at www.ConservingIndiana.org.





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