

# CORVETTE INDY 2018 SOUTHERN INDIANA TOUR

## Scenic Drive from Morristown, Indiana to Rising Sun, Indiana

**SATURDAY, JULY 21**

**Note: Odometer readings may vary. Once your variance has been identified, you can adjust accordingly.**

### Odo

### Route instructions and Notes of Interest

First section from Morristown to Metamora is about 1 hour and 10 minutes

**0.0 Set trip odometer to 0. Turn on headlights.**

Turn right out of Kopper Kettle parking lot on to US 52 East.

2.6 "Gwynneville"

6.6 "Arlington"

13.3 "Rushville"

**14.4 Straight at Stop Light on IN 44 East. Stay on IN 44 East to Connersville.**

- There is a stop sign a block before the stoplight.
- Go straight.
- There is an area to pull over and regroup, if necessary, after the stop light.

**Rush County Courthouse (1896) on right. Start of the scenic section. Entering the "Roller Coaster." Traversing rolling hills characteristic of this part of the state caused by the erosion glaciers.**

15.0 Flatrock River and East Hill Cemetery on right. **Cemeteries are often called Marble Orchards on sports car rallies, such as a direction to "Turn right at the Marble Orchard".**

21.9 "Glenwood"

26.2 **Note the old stone farmhouse on the left behind a big pine tree. Very unusual and old, perhaps 100+ years. Constructed of river bottom limestone with fancy black ironwork on the front porch.**

30.3 "Welcome to Connersville"

30.9 Right at Light onto IN 121 South (“Grand Ave.”).

**Start of driving section:**

- **Do not let tires get off pavement in any of the many turns.**
- **Tire sidewalls can be cut by sharp edges on the asphalt.**

31.4 You are passing on the left the remains of the old Whitewater Canal (the shallow ditch on the left). The Whitewater Canal, was built between 1836 and 1847, and spanned a distance of seventy-six miles and stretched from Lawrenceburg, Indiana on the Ohio to Hagerstown, Indiana. In November 1847 the Whitewater Valley flooded and many sections of the canal were washed out. The section between Harrison and Lawrenceburg was never rebuilt. This effectively ended the canal era in Lawrenceburg after only eight years of service, and only a few months after the canal was finished to Hagerstown. It was ten months before the canal was again operational north of Harrison.

On the right is “Elmhurst Mansion, built 1831, and home to Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln.

32.0 This road follows the Whitewater Canal, **Whitewater Valley Historic Railroad** and the West Fork of the Whitewater River (on the extreme left) all the way to Metamora.  
**Some unique hill towns along the way.**

35.3 “Nulltown”

37.4 “Alpine”

41.3 “Laurel”

42.1 **Marker on the right for Whetzel Trace (old trail) and Toners Tavern Site (1816-23) where pioneers gathered to start west.**

46.2 **Stop. Left on US 52 East.** Look very carefully both ways before turning!  
**Dangerous intersection!**

47.5 Cross and stone structure at top of hill on the left. **Norman style. “Mount Metamora”.**

47.9 Continue past IN 229 and across the bridge to the restored historic canal town of **Metamora. You will find antique and gift shops, restrooms and restaurants along with an actual working section of the Whitewater Canal. An operating grist mill and wooden bridge covered aqueduct are a few of the features.**

We will spend about 1 hour in Metamora then join your group for the next section of the tour.

48.3 “Metamora”

48.9 Right on Columbia Street into the historic canal town. There is parking at various points, including a pay lot as you turn onto Columbia. **Plan with your group leader when you will meet to leave Metamora and continue your drive.**

\*\*\*\*\*Second section from Metamora to Rising Sun is about 1 hour and 30 minutes

\*\*\*\*\*Leave Metamora heading west on US 52. **Turn on headlights.**

0.0 Left on IN 229 to Oldenburg. **Reset trip odometer to 0 at the intersection.**

Start of the Challenge Section! **Great roads with many, many curves and very picturesque.** Follows the top of a ridge.

4.2 “Peppertown”

9.2 **Note view of church spires ahead. “Oldenburg”. Village of spires. Settled by Willima George of Pennsylvania in 1817. Named for Duke of Oldenburg, Germany.**

9.4 “Oldenburg”

9.5 **Note Sisters of Ste Francis Micaela Farm on the left run by sisters of the local convent. Oldest and largest brick barn in Indiana. Note German Street signs in town!**

9.6 **Drive along Haup Strasse.**

**The weekend is the Annual Freudenfest (German Festival) held in the town of Oldenburg and beginning Friday evening lasting through Sunday morning, the town is expected to be full of people. This little town swells up by many thousands of people and parking is challenging. We expect that all the street parking is FULL and all local fields are FULL of cars/trucks. We will not be able to stop since there is no parking available for our group.**

9.9 **Turn Left at T intersection and continue on IN 229 South out of Oldenburg.**

11.7 “Batesville”

12.4 **Drive in right lane crossing I-74 and continue through Batesville. Follow the signs for IN 229 through town. There is a left then right turn coming through the center of Batesville.**

13.1 **Stop and turn left. Stay on IN 229**

13.2 **Stop and turn right. Stay on IN 229**

13.3 **The Sherman House Restaurant & Inn – notable Batesville restaurant.**

13.6 **Left at Stop (“Middlebury St”) and continue on IN 229 South**

13.7 **Right at Stop and continue on IN 229 South**

22.0 **Left on IN 48 East at Stop. Cross traffic does not stop.**

25.9 **Stop. Continue straight onto IN 48 East. Cross traffic does not stop.**

30.3 **Stop. Continue straight on IN 48 East.**

32.7 **Stop. Right on IN 101 South towards Milan.**

35.1 **Stop. Turn left and stay on 101 South.**

87.6 “Milan”.

**The Milan 1954 Boys’ basketball team was team was the inspiration of the movie “Hoosiers”. Milan beat powerful Muncie Central in the 1954 Boy’s Final of the Indiana High School Basketball tournament at Butler’s Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with the famous shot by Bobby Plump at the final horn to win 32-30. Muncie Central had won 4 previous state championships and was expected to repeat. Most of the filming of “Hoosiers was done in Knightstown, just east of Indianapolis on US 40 in their historic old gym and at the old school in Nineveh. If you look west you can still see “1954 State Champs” written on a water tower.**

38.9 **Railroad track. Look right (west) and see old Milan Water Tower in the distance that says “State Champs 1954”.**

44.0 **Left at Stop sign onto US 50. Cross traffic does not stop.**

**Normally a dual lane divided highway, the road is under construction and is single lane with two-way traffic and 45 MPH speed limit. Watch out for Indiana State Troopers on US 50!**

### 49.3 Right on IN 262 at yellow flasher.

**\*\*See ALTERNATIVE ROUTE next page to skip this section.\*\***

The most challenging section of our drive:

- most technical and thrilling for sports car enthusiasts.
- 16 miles to Rising Sun.
- Generally going downhill as the road follows a creek to the Ohio River.
- Very dangerous road,
- no guard rails next to pavement,
- off camber turns and patches.
- Be careful going downhill with brakes and your momentum.
- Several "Slide Area"s.
- **Stay in your lane**
- **Narrow road with two way traffic – cars, trucks and motorcycles**
- **Do not follow close – leave room to see road repairs and dips**
- **There are blind curves – and could have on-coming traffic**
- **Remember: Stay in your lane**

### 63.3 "Rising Sun"

### 64.3 Left on IN 56 East (High Street)

### 64.6 Right on 6<sup>th</sup> Street

64.7 **Left on Rising star Drive** into casino property. The Lodge is the stand-alone hotel on the left.

### 64.9 **Lodge on Left. You have arrived!**

**\*\*\*\*\*ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.**

It is approximately 17 miles to the casino using this route.

**49.3 Continue on US 50 East to IN 56 South Scenic By-way.**

(The Rising Star casino is on IN 56.)

**58.2 Stop Light. Right on IN 56 South.**

- Follow signs for IN 56 through Aurora to Rising Sun.

**66.1 Left onto Rising Star Boulevard** into Casino property.

**66.6 Hotel on Right. You have arrived!**

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## Scenic Drive from Rising Sun, Indiana to Belterra Resort

SUNDAY, JULY 22

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The route uses IN 56/IN 156 West. Approximately a 30 minute drive.

Many views of the Ohio River on the left during the drive.

0.0 **Clear odometer. Turn on headlights.** Proceed to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

0.1 Right on 6<sup>th</sup> Street

1.2 Left on High Street/IN 56 West

0.5 Left on Main St/IN 56 West

0.6 Right on South Walnut/IN 56 West

3.1 IN 56/IN 156 split. Continue straight on IN 156 West. **Do not turn and follow IN 56 West.**

22.3 Arrive at main entrance for the Belterra Resort.

There are 2 options for parking, chose which is best for you:

1. A large parking garage offers a short walk into the casino and restaurant.
2. Surface parking is also available via the main entrance with a longer walk to the casino.

**Brunch at the "The Buffet" restaurant**