



**Hysterical Jogging Society Route**

In 1986, the Irvington Historical Society and the Irvington Hysterical Jogging Society (not a typo) collaborated to create the first map of Historic Irvington sites. The running man pictured here emerged from that project. Signs were posted at key turns and map numbers corresponded with historic structures. Very clever!

"The original map featured three trails... We were picky about distances and created a 1-mile, 2-mile, and a 3-mile trail. Parts of the trail overlap. Fitness, especially running and jogging, was very popular at that time, and the distances mattered to people," remembered Anna Chase, one of the original Hysterical Joggers. That tradition continues with this updated version offering that same set of trails. The geographic area and the types of sites have expanded, but the same great community is showcased.

The northern portion features Audubon Circle, Ellenberger Park, and Pleasant Run Parkway. The south loop offers Irving Circle, the Kite Oak, the Bona House, and the Bona Thompson Center. Whether you ride or walk, you'll find shaded, curvy streets, interesting structures, and both loops cut through Irvington's business districts where multiple bike racks allow you to stop for refreshments. Safety Tip: Take care along Washington Street and with your bike access.

**Penny Trail and Pleasant Run Trail**

An official "Indy Trail," 6.9-mile Pleasant Run Trail connects Ellenberger, Christian, and (Zee)feld Parks. The trail passes over railroad crossings, past old industrial parks, and through multiple historic neighborhoods. A variety of wildlife can be spotted along the path, and benches are offered at several locations. Safety Tip: The Pleasant Run Trail utilizes city sidewalks, crosses some busy streets, and has irregular surfaces. Beware of hills and narrow curved stretches along the way. Pay attention to signs indicating the path at English, South Eastern, and Keystone Avenues.

The Penny Trail runs from Ellenberger Park to Brookville Rd. Ultimately, you will be able to ride from the Irvington portion to Greentield and on to the 1.50-mile National Road Heritage Trail. Along the trail you will find interesting buildings, benches, green space, refreshments, and art. Safety Tip: The trail offers a safe route without crossing Steelhead Ave. The connection between the paved trail and the Pleasant Run Trail is unimproved. This map will assist you in planning your route.

Find details and descriptions of all the Marion County trails at [indianatrails.com/marion-county](http://indianatrails.com/marion-county).

**Pleasant Run Run**

Take the opportunity to run or ride in solitude the 5 mile Pleasant Run Run route. This primarily flat grade runs through beautiful tree-lined Historic Irvington with homes of varied architectural styles; the Pleasant Run Golf Course, once the estate of James Pissette; and portions of the parkway system designed by George Kessler. Opportunities for refreshment can be found on 10th street or along Washington St. Safety Tip: Some of this route does not have special lanes for walkers or riders and these are busy streets. There is no solitude during the actual Pleasant Run Run which precedes the Irvington Halloween Festival each October. The course is filled with spectators, cow bells, and runners. Halloween is the best time to be in Irvington! Check [irvingtonhalloween.com](http://irvingtonhalloween.com) for details about this year's event.

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We wish to especially thank Paula Schmidt for her leadership and the team for their tireless efforts to expand the original bicycle map into a multi-media cultural, community and fitness directory.



# Discover



## IRVINGTON

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For more than 60 years, Community Hospital East has been committed to the delivery of easier, more convenient and more affordable healthcare on the east side of Indianapolis. As a landmark institution on Indianapolis's east side, Community East is renewing its commitment to the community by investing in a few facility, to be complete in 2020. Community Hospital East is pleased to support Irvington's commitment to better health and its cultural heritage by making this map possible.

Irvington is a great place to discover or foot – and that's a healthy fact. Studies have found that a neighborhood's walkability increases the value of homes and businesses alike. And medical research confirms that walking may be the simplest way to improve health – maintaining a healthy weight, helping to prevent heart disease and diabetes, strengthening bones, and lifting spirits!

Discover Irvington, a two-square-mile community dense with architectural, historic, artistic, and natural surprises. By walking or biking the Pennsy or Pleasant Run Trails or just strolling along the winding, shaded streets, you can uncover over 60 such treasures. Think of this as a treasure map in which we've identified 25 works of art, 14 green spaces, and 52 historic spots for you to hunt for and enjoy. Find additional sites and expanded descriptions on the digital version at [www.DiscoverIrvington.com](http://www.DiscoverIrvington.com). Spend time with us and enjoy the community.

### ANNUAL IRVINGTON EVENTS

**DISCOVER IRVINGTON**  
June: Saturday before Father's Day

**FARMERS' MARKET**  
June to October: 2nd Sunday

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**  
May through September

**GARDEN TOUR**  
June: Last Sunday

**BENTON HOUSE BOOK SALE**  
July: Last Friday to Sunday

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
August: 1st Sunday

**HOME TOUR**  
September: 3rd Sunday

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL**  
October: Saturday before Halloween

**HOLIDAY FAIR AND BAZAAR**  
Weekend before Thanksgiving

**HOLIDAY MERCHANTS' OPEN HOUSE**  
December: 2nd Friday

**LUMINARIA**  
December: Sunday before Christmas



THE COLORS INDICATE WHETHER THEY ARE HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITE, GREEN SPACES OR ARTS.

Full descriptions at [discoverirvington.com/321-2/](http://discoverirvington.com/321-2/).

FOLLOW THE NUMBERS TO FIND EACH LOCATION ON THE MAP.

- 1** Various Locations  
**SIGNAL BOXES**  
Foundations East's signal box project makes streets, tunnels, and driveways in Irvington easy to navigate. Examples show a variety of artists and styles.
- 2** 6070 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy. N. Dr. **FRANK MCKINNEY "KIN" HUBBARD HOUSE**  
A popular writer, humorist and artist, first remembered for his syndicated cartoon, Abe, which featured a grumpy, grumpy character and a dog.
- 3** 3100 E. New York St. **KIN HUBBARD MEMORIAL PARK**  
Green space adjacent to the Pleasant Run Trail featuring seating, spring, fountains and oaks.
- 4** 5050 E. Washington St. **EMERSON COLLEGE PARK**  
Memorial to Hilton U. Brown, Jr., killed during WWI. He was the son of longtime general manager of the Indianapolis News.
- 5** Washington St. & Emerson Ave. **WILLIAM FOSTER HARKER**  
One of Indiana's foremost artists and "pearl" of the Irvington Group, best known for his landscape paintings.
- 6** Various Locations  
**AMERSON CENTER & WILSON-PARKER CENTER**  
Two centers associated with Eastside pioneer families. Did you know there are about 100,000 cemeteries and burial grounds in Indiana?
- 7** 371 S. Emerson Ave. **POLLEY HOUSE**  
Home of Irvington Group artist, Frederick Polley.
- 8** 416 S. Emerson Ave. **HUGHES-FERRILL HOUSE**  
Second Empire style built in 1875 by William Horner. Originally built as a residence.
- 9** 246 S. Butler Ave. **WHEELER COLLEGE MANSION**  
This tablet commemorates Butler University's Irvington campus, 1875-1928. Butler moved to its current campus 7 miles northwest.
- 10** Various Locations  
**COMMUNITY GARDENS**  
Community gardens provide garden space to city-dwelling residents or opportunities to rest in shade during your travels. Some offer picnic tables.
- 11** Various Locations  
**SCULPTURE**  
Sculptures ranging from busts to garden art.
- 12** 312 S. Downey Ave. **BENTON HOUSE AND GARDEN**  
French Second Empire style home built in 1873 by Nicholas Demer, became the home of Allen Benton, president of Butler University in 1890. Its garden is a "botanical treasure" displaying scores of historic plants.
- 13** 317 S. Downey Ave. **HJWE-KINGSBURY HOUSE**  
Georgian Revival style built in 1904 by Dr. Will David Howe, professor of English Literature at Butler University.
- 14** 303 S. Downey Ave. **KATHERINE MERRILL SPANGLER HOUSE**  
Craftsman Tudor Revival, c.1904 built by Katherine Merrill Spangler, professor and chair of English Literature at Butler University.
- 15** 304 S. Downey Ave. **ELIJAH JOHNSON HOUSE**  
Craftsman-style with flared wood single-sided walls and behest clipped gable roof. Home of Dr. Elijah Johnson from 1904-45.
- 16** 5350 University Ave. **BONA THOMSON MEMORIAL CENTER**  
The only surviving Butler University building, now home to the Irvington Historical Society.
- 17** 5432 University Ave. **GEORGE W. WATSON HOUSE**  
Built by a Civil War veteran in 1860. Provided Greek Revival style home to the Watsons. Situated on the north side of the street.
- 18** 5470 University Ave. **BLOUNT-WELLS HOUSE**  
Italianate style built in 1872.
- 19** 209 S. Downey Ave. **SEYMOUR HOUSE**  
Built by A. Johnson in 1860 for his children. Could attend Butler. The Seymour House is 1217 S. 1928.
- 20** 151 S. Downey Ave. **WILLIAM WATSON HOUSE**  
Built by George W. Watson, known for its field stone foundation, porch and chimney. Utilizing stone from Pogue's farm.
- 21** Various Locations  
**CHURCHES**  
Churches of diverse architectural styles and denominations are throughout.
- 22** 110 S. Downey Ave. **PARSONS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Built in 1879 by disciples of Christ Church to house their spirit of Christ. Expanded, shifted to commercial interests in 1935.
- 23** 59 N. Hawthorne Ln. **RECKER HOUSE**  
One of two houses in Indiana designed by Gustav Guller. Built by Carlos Recker in 1850.
- 24** 5237 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy. S. Dr. **HIBBEN HOUSE**  
Major Revival home, designed by Thomas E. Rickson Jr. in 1928 for his sister, Rebecca, architect of the Irvington Group.
- 25** 5317 Lowell Ave. **WHEELER HOUSE**  
Arts and Crafts home and studio, built in 1912 by Carlton and Edith Stehle Wheeler. Remnants of the Irvington Group.
- 26** 306 N. Irvington Ave. **PORTER HOUSE**  
Queen Anne home built in 1891 by the city council, and Marion County sheriff, who sponsored the evidence to purchase Elmhurst Woods for a municipal park.
- 27** 5401 E. St. Clair St. **ELLENBERGER PARK**  
Urban parker, George Kessler envisioned a park which would retain the natural beauty of the woodland site of many summer events and one of our many murals.
- 28** Various Locations  
**MURALS**  
One of many murals outside and inside shops.
- 29** Various Locations  
**LUSTRON HOUSE**  
One story ranch houses of mass-produced stamped steel components with a baked-on color finish. Only the concrete foundation was not steel.
- 30** 5602 E. 10th St. **ELLENBERGER HOUSE**  
Italianate style brick home built in 1865 then remodeled as a stuccoed, four-square by John Ellenberger's daughter, Ella.
- 31** 955 N. Campbell St. **"BEECHWOOD" OSSORNE HOUSE**  
Built about 1905, resembling several Gustav Stickley designs. Circular lot was the result of a later subdivision.
- 32** 5505 Pleasant Run Pkwy. **"VALLEY LAKE" BUNGALOW**  
Craftsman-style California bungalows with a raised level in the center were nicknamed "airplane bungalows."
- 33** 345 N. Audubon Rd. **HARRIS HOUSE**  
Wood frame Italianate built about 1880 home to Butler University English chair John Harrison.
- 34** 5720 Lowell Ave. **LAVELLE HOUSE**  
Tudor Revival craftsman house built in 1923, influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style.
- 35** 75 N. Audubon Rd. **THOMSON HOUSE**  
Craftsman-style house with Tudor Revival influences designed in 1911 by Marshall Van Arman.
- 36** 30 N. Audubon Rd. **IRVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/ FOSTER-HOWE HOUSE**  
Jacob Foster's home was incorporated into the south facing portion of the Tudor Revival style church designed by Herbert Reber in 1923.
- 37** 5701 E. Washington St. **AUDUBON COLLEGE**  
Built in 1914 and said to be Irvington's first apartment building. The murals are by Wayne Kimmel.
- 38** 5648 E. Washington St. **DILLINGER WAS HERE**  
June 1933 – John Dillinger is reported to have held up a Haag Drive store at this location.
- 39** 5625 E. Washington St. **IRVINGTON BRANCH, NATIONAL POLICE-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
The present building was opened in the Fall of 2001. It's a historic brick building recording Irvington's original fabric design.
- 40** 5606 E. Washington St. **NATIONAL ROAD INTERPRETIVE MARKER**  
The location of the National Road, later known as US 40, is interpreted with that of Irvington and Indianapolis.
- 41** 5515 E. Washington St. **THE LODGE**  
Flat-top shapred, brick and terra-cotta edifice, completed in 1922. Home to the Irvington Post Office until 1950 and Masonic Lodge 666 (1911-1990s).
- 42** 5505 E. Washington St. **IRVING THEATER**  
Built as a nickelodeon in 1913, the theater currently serves as a venue for live music and community events.
- 43** 51 S. Ritter Ave. **BROWN-LINACAD HOUSE**  
Early example of Stick style architecture built by Eli Brown in 1891.
- 44** 55 Johnson Ave. **IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
In 1928 this limestone Tudor Gothic replaced the original brick church. Marion County's first Girl Scout troop.
- 45** 115 S. Audubon Rd. **JULIAN-LARKY HOUSE**  
Italianate style built in 1873 by prominent abolitionist George Washington Julian, brother of Irvington co-founder Jacob Julian.
- 46** 231 Good Ave. **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF IRVINGTON**  
Organized 1887 descendants of many of the original African-American congregation still worship here.
- 47** 5802 University Ave. **OBERHOLZER HOUSE**  
Queen Anne / Colonial Revival style home of Hedde Oberholzer whose death ended the influence of the Klan in Indiana.
- 48** 5751 University Ave. **MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN HOME & SCULPTURE**  
Established 1889 as a temporary haven for children in need. Currently a community high school.
- 49** 251 S. Audubon Rd. **DEMETERUS BROWN HOUSE**  
Home to a professor of Greek, acting president of Butler University and director of the Indiana State Library.
- 50** 350 S. Audubon Rd. **ALFRED J. GEEVES HOUSE**  
Remodeled Second Empire style home reputed to be one of the original 25 houses in Irvington.
- 51** 5543 Bonna Ave. **The CC's V-5B**  
Part of the original Irvington Progress District and the site of a redevelopment project along the Pennsy Trail.
- 52** 5506 University Ave. **IRVINGTON PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN-NEIER RESIDENCE**  
Marion County's kindergarten provided early childhood education to Irvington children from 1935 to 1945.
- 53** 5631 University Ave. **EUDORIS JOHNSON HOUSE**  
Victorian Gothic built in 1876 by Eudoris Johnson, Marion County Deputy Auditor, Indianapolis city comptroller, and the 2nd of Irvington co-founder Sylvester Johnson.
- 54** 5703 University Ave. **IRVING CIRCLE PARK**  
Irvington's first school used the park for a playground. Currently the venue of concerts and other events.
- 55** 316 S. Audubon Rd. **WILLIAM F. KAESSER HOUSE**  
Home of Irvington's first group artist William Kaesser who founded the Indianapolis Art League.
- 56** 370 S. Audubon Rd. **BELZER HOUSE**  
Queen Anne style, c. 1895. Home of "Chief" Francis Belzer, a nationally recognized pioneer Boy Scout leader.
- 57** 325 S. Audubon Rd. **hwy/E HOUSE**  
Purchased by Rev. Robert L. and Elizabeth Howe in 1924 so their children could attend Butler University.
- 58** 359 S. Ritter Ave. **INGLESBY-CRANE BUTLER HOUSE**  
Built in 1876 by Rachel Inglesby Crane. Butler was a resident in the late 1880s and in 1910.
- 59** 400 S. Ritter Ave. **IRVINGTON ICE & COAL CO.**  
Constructed in 1914. Housed the "Irving Ice & Coal Co. KILL OAK  
A bur oak between 300-400 years old and recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a habitat garden of over 60 species of Indiana native wildflowers.
- 61** 802 S. Kitley Ave. **INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDROME**  
That sound of engines is the Speedrome! Founded in 1941 by the Sexton family the fifth of a mile oval track featured mainly budget cars until 1951, when Figure 8 racing was introduced.
- 62** 5802 Brookville Rd. **HARTMAN HOUSE**  
Built in 1842. Represents a long tradition of conservation and rehabilitation.
- 63** 6301 E. Washington St. **PENNSY TRAIL GARDEN**  
Limestone cuts reused as stone benches and steps welcome the Pennsy Trail users. The adjacent garden features native plants.
- 64** 601 N. Millington Ave. **PLEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE**  
Built on land once the estate of James Dissette, founder of American National Bank. Opened by the City in 1922.
- 65** 6414 E. Washington St. **IRVINGTON PLAZA**  
Built in the mid-50s and among the first shopping centers in Indianapolis designed for the motoring consumers.
- 66** 5405 E. Washington St. **GEORGE W. JULIAN SCHOOL**  
Built as the Irvington School on a portion of land James Dissette in 1903. Designed by Herbert Feltz in a classical style, named for George W. Julian in 1930.
- 67** 4900 Julian Ave. **THOMAS CARR HOWE HIGH SCHOOL**  
In 1928, McGuire & Shook provided a design that was finally constructed in 1939 – serving the educational needs of Irvington area since.