

Leave the Car Behind

For uninterrupted autumn-leaf displays, you might want to leave the road behind and take to the water, rail, or trails, to see some of the best sights along shorelines, within the Hoosier National Forest, or in Orange County's own back yard.

- **Patoka Lake:** Rent a boat from Patoka Lake Marina or board the Voyager for one of the Fall Foliage Tours. You will enjoy countless little coves and inlets to wander into, each one offering a burst of fall colors. While on the lake keep your eyes peeled for bald eagles, ospreys or hawks!

Patoka Lake Marina: 1-888-819-6916 or www.patokalakemarina.com

- **Indiana Scenic Railway:** Whether young or young at heart, let the sound of the train whistle blowing get you excited for this 20 mile round trip through the Hoosier National Forest. Experience beautiful scenery the way those of the past did, by rail. Take in the colors of fall and enjoy your hour and forty-five minute ride.

Indiana Scenic Railway: 1-800-74-Train or www.indianarailwaymuseum.org

- **Bicycling and Hiking:** Lace up the walking shoes and stroll numerous hiking trails found in French Lick West Baden, the Pioneer's Mother's Memorial Forest or at Patoka Lake. Bike rentals are available at the French Lick Resort and multiple mountain bike trails are available with maps located at the French Lick Resort or Visit French Lick West Baden Visitors Center.

French Lick Resort: 1-888-936-9360 or www.frenchlick.com

Visit French Lick West Baden: 1-877-422-9925

- **Horseback Riding:** Enjoy a horseback trail ride at The Stables at French Lick Resort or The Ranch. The crunch of the leaves underfoot and the smell of last night's campfire lingering will enhance the already autumn air!

The Ranch: (812) 936-4484 or www.wilstemgustranch.com

French Lick Resort: 1-888-936-9360 or www.frenchlick.com



Check out www.visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com for a full listing of fall activities happening all season in French Lick West Baden.

For more information about the area, please feel free to call us at: 812.936.3418.

Fall Foliage Spectacular

Southern Indiana drives dazzle in autumn...

Nights are longer and cooler and the leaves seem to have been painted with brilliant hues of red, gold and orange. Pumpkins adorn farmers markets and Indian corn hangs from stalks. Nature is celebrating autumn.

The hills and valleys of Orange County in Southern Indiana are alive with the fall foliage for which this area is famous. This natural beauty attracts visitors for end of Summer and Fall outings. Enjoy these scenic driving routes that will put you on course to see some of the finest fall foliage imaginable.



● **Route 1-Forests, Streams and Quaint Hometowns**

Enjoy Orange County and its kaleidoscope of colors by escaping to the back roads of French Lick, West Baden, Orleans, and Paoli. Start out with a short journey through the center of French Lick West Baden viewing the historic hotels of the French Lick Resort. Head East out of town on Indiana State Road 56 and make your way to Ames Chapel Road/N 550 W. Experience the abundance of nature along the twists and turns of your scenic drive. Once in Orangeville, take advantage of the pull off on N 500 W and view the Orangeville Rise, a large running spring (second largest in Indiana) and major tributary to the Lost River. Take a small detour and turn right onto 350 W to make a stop at Wesley Chapel Gulf, a rare and more subterranean view of the Lost River. Enjoy the scenic Amish homes set against the beautiful hills of Orange County. PLEASE REMEMBER to share the road and drive slow as Amish horse-drawn carriages are abundant in this area! Also, don't forget to look for "Fresh" or "Homemade" products for sale along the way. Venture into the quaint little town of Orleans by continuing with your drive. Stop to have lunch, shop, or visit the renowned farmers market happening every Saturday through October. Continue South on SR 37 into Paoli. Shop and dine on the square and view Paoli's newly renovated Greek Revival Courthouse.

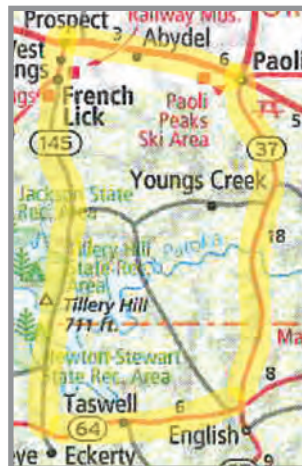
ROUTE 1: Start your journey by heading east on highway 56 from French Lick West Baden. Turn left onto county road W200N (3rd county road on the left). W200N turns into N500W. Continue on N500W to stop sign. At stop sign turn right onto W510N. Turn onto county road W540N, which is the first road to the right. W540N turns into W500N. Continue until reaching county road N100W, on the left. Follow to stop sign and turn right onto W700N and follow into town. Once in town, turn left onto 6th street and right on Washington street. At stop light take a right onto state road 37 south into Paoli. Once in Paoli, go 1/4 way around the square to the stop light, continue straight through light which is hwy 56/150 west, into French Lick West Baden.

Approximately 35 miles 

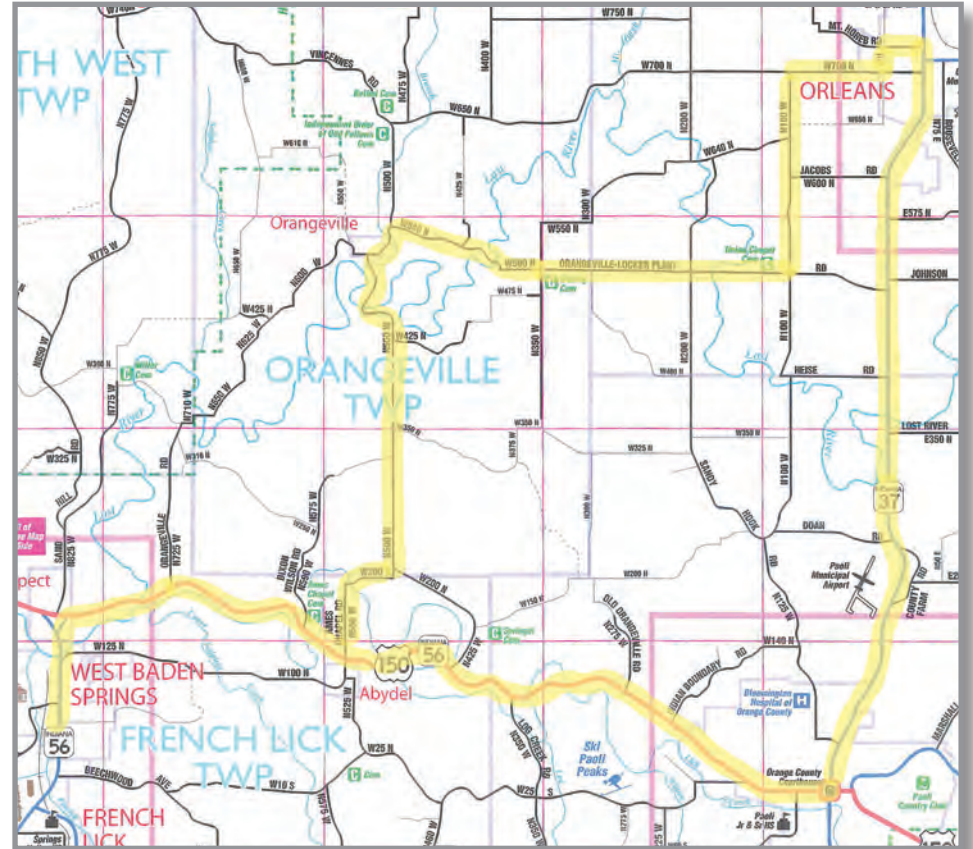
● **Route 2- Lands and Lakes**

Add more scenery to your drive by continuing on SR 37 South past Paoli into the Hoosier National Forest. Make sure you stop first at the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest which features 88 acres of the last-old growth forest of its kind. On the last leg of your route, don't forget to leave yourself enough time to stop at Patoka Lake right off SR 145 and 164, one of Indiana's last pristine reservoirs. Enjoy unspoiled views and the new interpretive center. You may even see some of the areas raptors when you wander to the waters edge.

ROUTE 2: Continue on SR 56/ US 150 E to second stoplight in Paoli. Turn Right onto SR 37 South and continue to SR 64 W. Take SR 64 West to 145 N back into French Lick. Approximately 70 miles



(Route 2)



(Route 1)

 Drive with caution. Watch for horse-drawn carriages and farm equipment.

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Don't miss out on all the fun fall events and activities happening in beautiful French Lick West Baden, and all of Orange County.

Visit us at www.visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com for more information.