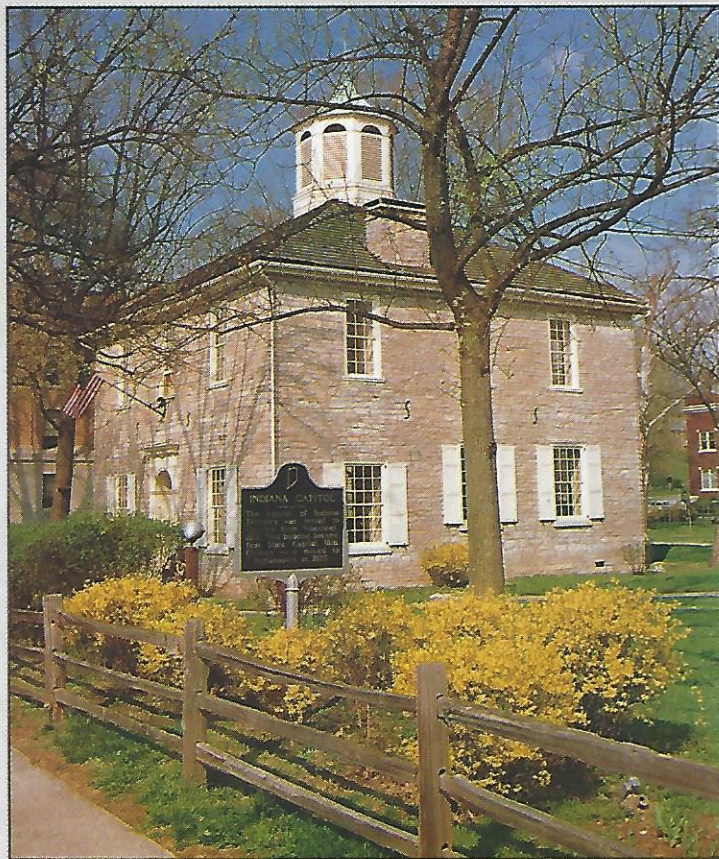


Welcome to historic
CORYDON
and Harrison County, Indiana

Experience our small but special Southern Indiana Community, unequalled countryside, historic sites, friendly shops, festivals and unspoiled recreational spots.



**Indiana's First State Capitol
1816-1825**

Open 9 am-5pm Tuesday - Saturday
1-5 pm Sunday
Closed Monday Admission: Free
(812) 738-4890



**CORYDON 1883
SCENIC
RAILROAD**

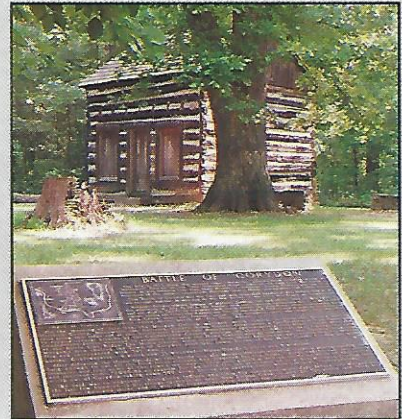
Enjoy a 16 mile excursion. Special events include train robberies and Santa Express. Times vary. (812) 738-8000.

**BATTLE OF
CORYDON CIVIL WAR
SITE**

Site of Indiana's only Civil War battle, one of a few fought on Northern soil.

**SUMMER BAND
CONCERTS**

Entertainment Friday evenings at the Bandstand on the Square featuring a variety of musicians.



OLD SETTLERS DAY

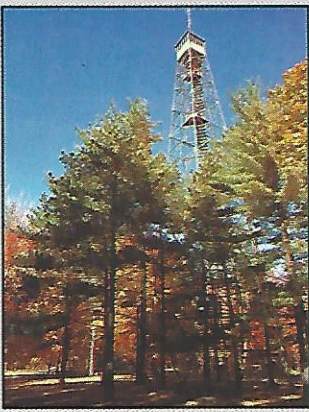
Sample pioneer living on the Fourth of July. Other popular events include the Popcorn Festival in May, Antique Autofest and Halloween on the Square, both in October.

For information about Historic Corydon, IN, tune to Corydon Station Old Capitol Country A.M. 1550 WOCC.



ZIMMERMAN ART GLASS COMPANY

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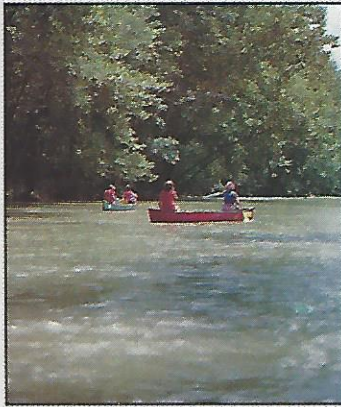


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Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area 24,000 forested acres. Class A Campsites, Olympic sized pool, picnic areas, nature center, hiking and horse trails. Access to Ohio and Blue rivers for boating and fishing. (812) 738-8232

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MARENGO CAVE

Registered U.S. National Landmark of vast and beautiful underground formations. Cavern park includes one of Indiana's largest recreational complexes. Open all year. (812) 365-2705

DOWNTOWN SHOPS

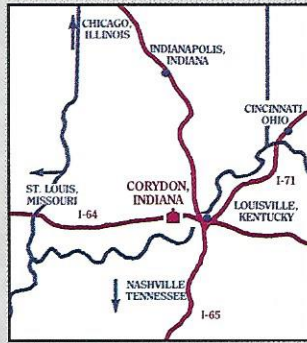
Stroll the historic downtown Old Capitol Square. Visit our specialty shops, antique stores, art mall, fine restaurants and soda fountain!



SQUIRE BOONE CAVERNS & VILLAGE

Tours through caverns discovered by Daniel Boone's brother. Village features pioneer craftsmen and 1804 operating grist mill. Caverns open all year. Village hours vary with season. (812) 732-4381

We're On Your Way...



Easily accessible from several Interstate Highways, Corydon is located 20 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky on scenic I-64. Exit 105 onto State Road 135 South, then onto State Road 337 South (North Capitol Avenue) which leads directly into Corydon.

KINTNER HOUSE INN BED & BREAKFAST

Hideaway for Romantics

Experience charming history and old-fashioned hospitality in this 1873 inn, a carefully restored National Historic Landmark. 15 guest rooms furnished with Victorian and country antiques. Private baths. Some fireplaces. Capitol and Chestnut. (812) 738-2020



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THE COURTHOUSE ON THE HILL

In 1811, an unfinished log house on this site was purchased by Harrison County to serve as its first Courthouse. When the territorial capital moved from Vincennes to Corydon in 1813, territorial officers shared the quarters with the Harrison county officials. Forty-three delegates from the Indiana Territory's 13 counties met in "The Courthouse on the Hill" in June 1816 to draw up Indiana's first constitution. With cramped indoor quarters, the delegates chose the inviting shade of the nearby giant elm tree. Near the elm was a spring with cool water for drinking and an excellent spot to cool their jugs of brandy. The present house was built in 1917 and is a private residence.



*THE CONSTITUTION ELM

In the hot June of 1816, Indiana delegates met under the spreading branches of one of the largest elms of its kind in the world to draft Indiana's first state constitution. This magnificent tree, with a trunk 5 feet across and branches 132 feet from tip to tip, stood 50 feet tall. In 1925, it became a victim of the elm beetle. With limbs removed, the trunk was enclosed by a sandstone memorial erected by the State to mark it as a significant Hoosier monument.



THE WESTFALL HOUSE

This house, directly behind the Elm, is one of the oldest houses in Corydon. Constructed of logs in 1807 by the Westfall family, it was later occupied by Col. Lewis Jordan, who commanded the Corydon Home Guard during the Battle of Corydon in 1863. Today it is a private residence.



THE CORYDON DEMOCRAT OFFICE

Established in 1856, the weekly newspaper the Corydon Democrat purchased its present office from Cora Slemmons Morris in 1911. This building, a fine example of federal style architecture, was built in 1842 by Mrs. Morris' father, Dr. John Slemmons, to serve as his residence and drug store.



HARRISON COUNTY JAIL

Harrison County's first jail was constructed of logs at this site in 1809. Until 1823, the whipping post in front of the jail was used for public punishment. On June 12, 1889, a band of vigilantes known as "White Caps" removed town men accused of burglary and lynched them on the West Bridge. The present building was erected in 1969.



*THE POSEY HOUSE

In 1817, the Posey family built a massive brick house in the shape of a "U". Col. Thomas Posey, son of Indiana's last territorial governor, lived here until shortly before his death in 1863. Although he did not marry, he reared 14 orphaned children here. The Daughters of the American Revolution now operate it as a museum.



FIRST STATE OFFICE BUILDING

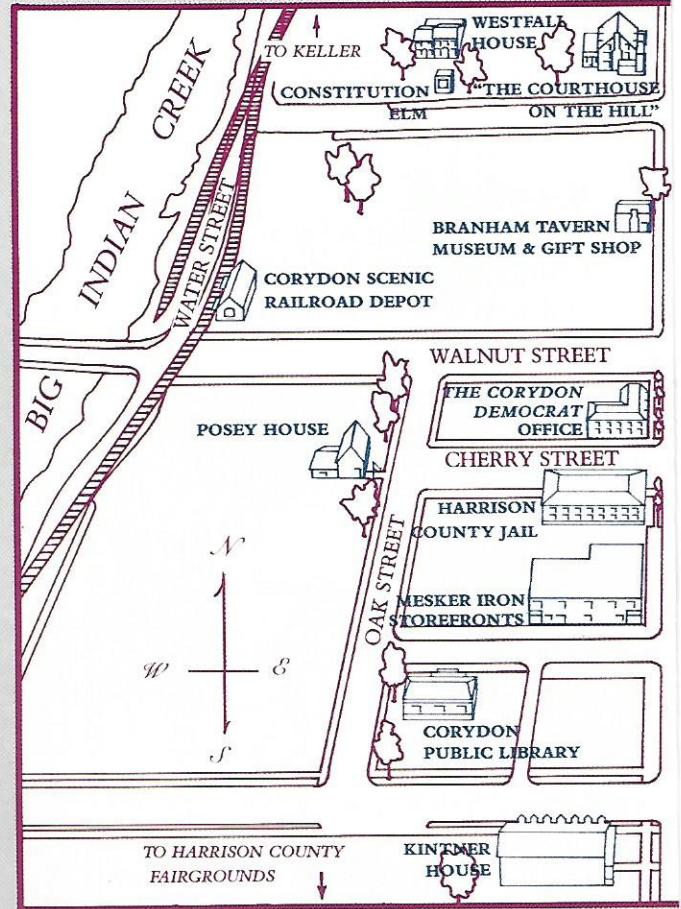
Built in 1817, this brick building was rented to the State of Indiana for offices while Corydon was capital (1816-1825). The east room was occupied by the State Auditor and the west room by the State Treasurer. The cellar under the west room was used as the Treasury Vault, where the money, in silver, was kept in strongboxes. Formal State Balls were held here, the furniture being moved in to the yard on such occasions. Today it is a private residence.



*THE KINTNER HOUSE

The original Kintner House stood at the northwest corner of Capitol Avenue and Beaver Street. The hotel was used as headquarters by Gen. John Morgan, a Rebel Raider, after he captured Corydon on July 9, 1863. This building burned shortly after the Civil War, and a new hotel was erected one block south. It was operated by the Kintner family and was the town's leading hotel for many years.

Historic Corydon, In



BRANHAM TAVERN

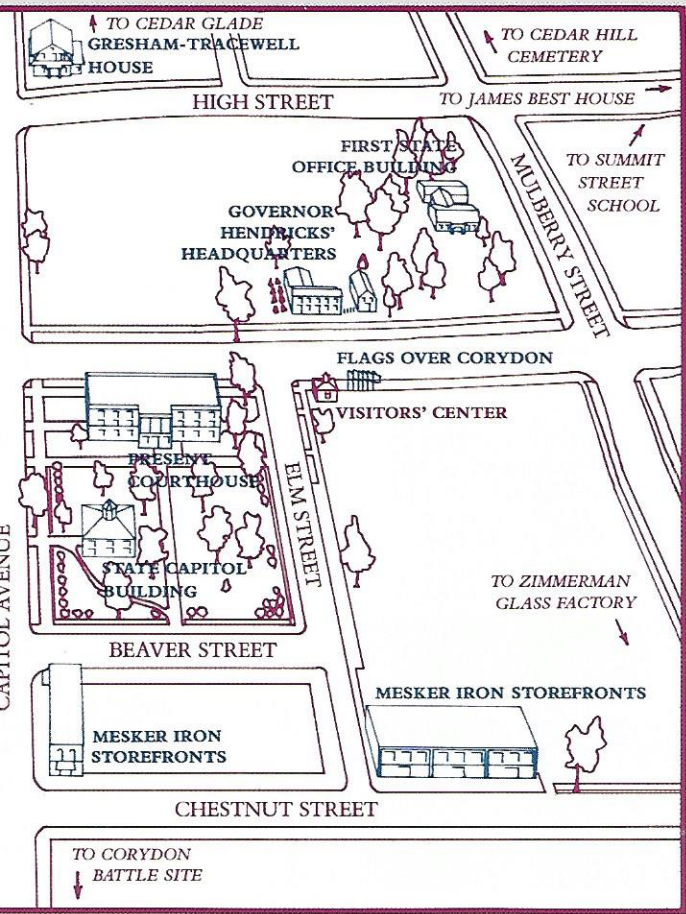
This two-story log structure was built by Gov. William Henry Harrison in 1800. William Branham was licensed to keep a tavern here on April 4, 1809. In October 1821, the Indiana Gazette announced that one Eleazor Goodwin opened "a House of Public and private entertainment . . . at the old stand formerly occupied by William Branham. . ."



*GOVERNOR HENDRICKS' HEADQUARTERS

This two-story federal style brick house was built in 1817. William Hendricks made the house his headquarters and home while he was governor of Indiana (1822-1825). In 1841 Judge William A. Porter acquired the house, which remained in his family until the state secured it and opened it to the public in 1975.

Indiana Walking Tour



*THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

This foremost of Corydon's landmarks is constructed of rough blue limestone which was quarried locally. The walls are 2 1/2 feet thick on the first floor and 2 feet thick on the second floor. The building is 40 feet square. It was completed in 1816 at a cost of \$3000, of which \$301 was paid with the salvage value of "The Courthouse on the Hill." The House of Representatives occupied the lower room, the Senate Chamber and the Supreme Court the upstairs. When the legislature was not in session, the County and District courts utilized the building. The capital was moved to Indianapolis in 1825.



*THE PRESENT COURTHOUSE

On February 24, 1928, Harrison County laid the cornerstone for a new three-story courthouse which was dedicated May 4, 1929. Harrison County is unique in that original records and documents, mostly handwritten, dating back to Corydon's inception in 1808, have been preserved and protected in this building.



*FLAGS OVER CORYDON

The flags now on display are the beginnings of what will eventually be 35 flags that will fly every day in Corydon. The flags are arranged chronologically from east to west. Each flag represents a major event in our nation's history, and each flag at one time flew over this area.



*THE GRESHAM-TRACEWELL HOUSE

Lawyer Walter Q. Gresham (Civil War General, Fed. Judge and Secretary of State) lived here in the 1860s. The house was also the boyhood home of Robert Tracewell, Comptroller of the U.S. Treas. under Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson.

OTHER INTERESTING SITES CLOSE TO OUR DOWNTOWN

*CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

Cedar Hill Cemetery contains the graves of soldiers from the American Revolution and all succeeding wars, including graves of confederate soldiers from the Battle of Corydon. Many black slaves are buried here; some have marked graves, but many others are buried in graves marked only by a rough creek stone slab. The earliest established burial date is 1807, the year before Corydon was officially founded.

CEDAR GLADE

This stately house, built in 1808, was used as a refuge during Morgan's Raid in 1863 because it was the farthest point from the battle. Ironically, cannonballs fired over the town fell in the yard. The McGrain family has maintained the property as their private residence since 1849.

SUMMIT STREET SCHOOL

Built in the 1890s for the education of black children, the grade school was housed in one room and the high school in the other. High school students were integrated into the white school in the 1930s and grade school children in the 1950s. This may be the oldest former black school building still standing in Indiana.

*THE HARRISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Harrison County Fair is the oldest continuous fair in Indiana, dating from 1860. At the southwest corner of the fairgrounds is a spring marking the location of the first permanent home in Corydon. A natural amphitheater is nearby. Harness race horses can be seen exercising on the half-mile track. The property is privately owned by the Harrison County Agricultural Society, Inc.

KELLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Farm wagons made in Corydon by Keller Manufacturing Company were shipped to every state of the Union and seven foreign countries. The first wagons from the Keller factory were sold in 1901. Since 1942, the company has developed an extensive line of household furniture. Keller furniture is sold throughout the U.S.

THE JAMES BEST HOUSE

Built in 1904, this house became the childhood home of actor James Best, who is well known as Roscoe P. Coltrane, sheriff on the television series Dukes of Hazard.

*THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

This ornamental wrought ironworks handcrafts everything from napkin holders to park benches, plus custom orders. Open 10am-7pm weekends and holidays, May-October. Located on High St. across from the Constitution Elm.

*OPEN FOR VISITORS

*THE CORYDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

In Corydon's State Capital days, residents were obliged to borrow their reading matter from the lending library in Jack and Sarah Jamison's tavern on Chestnut Street. A Harrison County Library existed from 1839 to 1878. The present library, financed by the Carnegie Fund, was built in 1914. During the interim, various libraries were made available, including a McClure Working Men's Institute Library. The library has an extensive genealogy section.



*MESKER IRON WORKS

Downtown Corydon has on many of its store fronts a display of architectural iron from the George L. Mesker and Company Iron Works of Evansville, Indiana. This type of ornamental iron was in vogue during the 1890s. Examples of its use can be seen on the north side of Chestnut Street and on the Square.