

—Lake County Indiana Maps Pathfinder Bibliography—

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Introduction to Pathfinder

This is a pathfinder bibliography of maps of Lake County, Indiana, that are digitized and available online to view for free. This pathfinder is strictly focused on county-wide or county-regional maps and plat maps. This list does not include city or town maps. Some city and town maps are available on the websites listed in the second section, others can be found on various sites by searching Google. There were too many digitized city and towns maps to list them all, separate pathfinders should be made that focus on specific areas, cities, and towns. This list also does not include state maps that show Lake County, those can also be accessed on the websites listed in the second section or through a Google search.

The first section is two resources, RandyMajor.Org and the Lake County GIS hub. The first resource can be used to look up township, range, and section coordinates on a Google Maps layout. The second resource can be used to look up modern property ownership and divisions in a Google Maps layout.

The second section is general map resources for looking up Lake County, Indiana, and other maps. These can be useful for looking up state maps, which will include Northwest Indiana, though not in detail. These resources can also be used to look up city, town, local, and other historical and environmental maps. I highly recommend spending time searching those sites. The search portals should open up to all maps tagged as including Lake County, IN, but by all means check out all the other available maps. This also includes some helpful links to Porter County maps.

The third section is the maps specific to Lake County, IN. This runs from 1840 to 2019 with gaps, especially in the second half of the 19th century. Many of the maps include property delineations and list plot ownership, like the Hardesty Map of 1874 and the later plat maps.

Finally the last section are a few maps specific to railroads, including abandoned and former lines and historic maps which might be useful. Many of the county maps also list the railroads on them as well.

Researchers can use the old maps and plat maps in comparison to the modern maps to look up genealogical information, property locations, historical sites, and to see how the land has changed over time. They can do this by locating property or a site on the old maps, noting the township, range, and section, and then looking those coordinates up using the RandyMajors.Org website which overlays on Google Maps. Or by tracing the evolution of the property or historical site map by map to see how it changes. You can use the modern day and current GIS hubs to find out who currently owns the property and its current divisions. Many of these maps

can be found on multiple websites and in different locations online. I highly encourage researchers to explore using these resources and others, to be creative, and to discover more cool maps and old history!

1. Township, Range, Section Maps - GIS Maps - Current Local Government Maps:

- Township, Section, Range Maps - RandyMajor.Org - A Research Hub: [Section Township Range – shown on Google Maps](#).
- Lake County Surveyor's Office GIS Hub - Parcel Viewer Site and Map PDF's: [Lake County Indiana GIS Hub](#).

2. General Map Website Resources:

- Indiana State Library, Lake County Maps Search Portal - [Indiana State Library: Lake County Maps](#).
 - Porter county maps - [Indiana State Library: Porter County Maps](#).
- David Rumsey Collection, Lake County Maps Search Portal - [Search Results: All Fields similar to 'Lake and County and Indiana' - David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#).
- Rosalie Pfister's Ainsworth, Indiana Blog, Maps and Land Ownership - [Ainsworth, Indiana: Land Ownership](#)
- Steve Spicer's Miller History Website - [Miller Beach Pages](#).
- Internet Archive, Lake County Maps Search Portal - [Internet Archive: Digital Library of Free & Borrowable Texts, Movies, Music & Wayback Machine](#).
 - Porter County Maps - [Internet Archive: Digital Library of Free & Borrowable Texts, Movies, Music & Wayback Machine](#).
- Porter County, Indiana, Gen Web Maps - [Porter County, Indiana, GenWeb - Maps](#).
- Big Ten Academic Alliance, Lake County Maps Search Portal - [Place: Indiana--Lake County / Resource Class: Maps - Big Ten Academic Alliance Geoportal Search Results](#)

- Lake County Indiana Government Website Maps and GIS Index - [Maps and GIS Index](#).
- Indiana Memory, Hosted by the Indiana State Library, Lake County Maps Search Portal - [Search Results - Collections Hosted by the Indiana State Library](#).
- Lake County, Indiana, LiDar Maps Portal (Link not a download) - [LiDAR data download](#).
- IU Digital Collections, Indiana Historic Maps, Lake County, IN - [Indiana Historic Maps // Digital Collections](#).

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