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WORTHY OF PRAISE – VOLUME III
Where to stroll this spring...



CLAY TERRACE:

I was skeptical about an open-air mall – oops, I mean, “outdoor life-style center” – in a city where, during the gray and cold half of the year, nobody wants to go outside. But our family has come to embrace this Simon Mall venture, through ALL the months of the year, as one of our favorite stomping grounds. Obviously it’s wonderful on a nice spring, summer or autumn evening to stroll the broad sidewalks with the kids, but surprisingly enough, the winter months are just as pleasant. With a chill in the air, lights on the trees, music playing and fire pits blazing, Clay Terrace takes on more of a ski-village look and attitude, than a shopping plaza a stones throw from U.S. 31. Not only is it a successful retail area, but a successful execution of urban planning and design. Bravo! **HIGHLIGHTS:** *Paradise Café, Three Chairs, Z Gallerie and Kincaid’s*

Located: U.S. 31 & 146th Street in Carmel
Website: www.simon.com (Search malls in Indiana)



THE MONON TRAIL:

There’s nothing like a visit to the Monon Trail on the first day of truly warm temperatures in Indy. After months of cabin-fever, Indy residents make this green space abuzz with joggers, strollers, bikers, and roller bladers. Another great exercise in urban planning, the Monon Trail links many parts of the city now in a pedestrian friendly manner. The Broadriple crossing is the original hub and from there you can venture south into the downtown area or north up through Nora and Carmel. This *may* be the week to get out there with 70’s in the forecast! **HIGHLIGHTS:** *Arts Park at the Indianapolis Art Center access point, Broadriple Village, Canterbury Park & Bub’s Burgers in Carmel*

Located: Almost everywhere! Visit website for a map of the Monon
Website: www.indygreenways.org/monon



THE CENTRAL CANAL:

I’d be willing to bet that there are some suburbanites out there that have never taken the time to explore the canal downtown. Sure, you may have driven BY the White River State Park on your way to the zoo or Victory Field, but are you aware of the labyrinth of walking paths that border our downtown water-way connecting some of our most beautiful cultural centers and parks? Plan a Saturday afternoon and go see this spectacular space. Your city views can come from a tandem bike, buggy or paddle boat (all can be rented after Memorial Day). This is an absolutely beautiful, and often overlooked space! **HIGHLIGHTS:** *Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial, NCAA Hall of Champions, Eiteljorg & Indiana State Museums and the White River Gardens*

Located: Near Washington & West Streets downtown – visit website for a map
Website: <http://www.in.gov/whiteriver/>

Now get out there and enjoy this city!

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