

# get out of town



## Walk this great beach

Think summer vacation and you might think sandy beaches, a private lake, a pool and splash pad, parks, putting greens and green space. Think of a private furnished home; no shared walls or cramped spaces. And think, all of this is only 60 miles from downtown Chicago. Beachwalk Resort in Michigan City, Ind., offers families a great getaway with no airplane ride required.

The 167-acre resort has 135 homes ranging in size from single-family one-bedrooms to houses that sleep 18. The large homes and amenities make Beachwalk a popular destination for family reunions. In fact, during the summer months, visitors can almost always find an impromptu



The Beachwalk Resort offers kids the chance to get close to nature.

### Resources

- Washington Park Zoo  
(219) 873-1510  
[www.washingtonparkzoo.com](http://www.washingtonparkzoo.com)
- Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall  
(219) 879-6506  
[www.premiumoutlets.com](http://www.premiumoutlets.com)
- Curious Kids Museum  
(269) 983-CKID  
[www.curiouskidsmuseum.org](http://www.curiouskidsmuseum.org)
- Billy Boy's Blueberry Barn  
(219) 872-7477  
[www.billyboysblueberrybarn.com](http://www.billyboysblueberrybarn.com)

equipment or rent it there. Basketball, with hoops that can be adjusted to the height of players, is especially popular. Or, meet up with

bean-bag tournament or pick-up baseball game happening in the resort's central park. Beachwalk provides guests with unlimited use of tennis and basketball courts. Guests can bring their own

other little kids at the playground in Cason Park. Some families seem to live in the outdoor pool. Between sandcastle-building contests and scavenger hunts, the fishing pond and paddle boat rental, outdoor movies and live concerts, visitors can stay busy from morning till night without ever leaving the resort grounds.

Although guests are welcome to play and swim in Beachwalk's centrally located Lake Kai, the private access to one of Lake Michigan's best beaches is the real draw. Every home comes with a wagon for loading beach gear. Then it's just a short walk to the Boardwalk and the famous dunes.

Sitting in the turnaround on Beachwalk Lane, eating ice cream from the resort's Club Deli and watching kids return from the beach, it's easy to forget you are just a stone's throw from the bustle of the big city.

Beachwalk Resort's main office is at 208 Beachwalk Lane, Michigan City, Ind. (219) 879-7874 or (800) 814-7501, [www.beachwalkresort.com](http://www.beachwalkresort.com).

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