

Central Indiana Existing New York Central Depots

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The railroad depot, the railroad office from big cities to small hamlets is the place where the traveling public to the local merchants interacted one on one with representatives of the railroad. Depot types included passenger only, freight depots and combination where both passenger and less than carload freight was handled. In the 60 plus years that most have seen a train stop at the platform, most no longer serve the railroad, having been sold and repurposed.

Francis H. Parker's book, *Indiana Railroad Depots: A Threatened Heritage* (Ball State University 1989) points out that nearly 25% of Indiana's railroad depots in 1976 were lost by 1986. An informal survey conducted in preparation of this list identifies an additional 30% were lost in the intervening almost 40 years. In the 50 years since the 1976 survey half of the depots have been lost. Still today the local railroad depot is still a threatened species.

Below is a list of known New York Central System including Lake Erie & Western (which was sold to the Nickel Plate in 1922) depots in existence in Central Indiana. Please respect private property and remember that railroad property is private property. All photos by Seth Lakin except as noted. Parker's book was used as an invaluable starting point for this list.

Indianapolis:

Indianapolis Union Station (below, Bus tour visit)

Headhouse built 1887

350 S Illinois St, Indianapolis

East 7 miles 15 min

GPS 39.762528, -86.159944

Served all Indianapolis railroads

Mixed commercial use, including hotel



Agusta (below)

Built 1896

250 ft N of 71st St, E side Purdy St

Northwest 14 miles, 20 min

GPS 39.883056, -86.236750

Indiana West Division (Chicago) MP 119

Residence



Castleton (right, John Fuller photo)

Built 1909

6725 E 82nd St, Indianapolis

East 7 miles 15 min

GPS 39.904889, -86.051083

LE&W Indianapolis-Michigan City MP19

Commercial use



North Central Indiana:

Hobbs (no photo)

825 Park Dr, Noblesville

North 36 miles, 40 min

GPS 40.057417, -86.020583

LE&W Sandusky-Peoria MP204 (original)

Moved to current location used

for NKP Express tourist railroad



Arcadia (right)

Built 1876

109 W South St, Arcadia

North 45 miles, 45 min

GPS 40.174667, -86.021889

LE&W Indianapolis-Michigan City MP 31

Museum/Library/NKP Express depot



Tipton (left)

Built 1902

100 W Erie St, Tipton

North 55 miles, 1 hour

GPS 40.290222, -86.041417

LE&W Indianapolis-Michigan City MP 39

LE&W Sandusky-Peoria 206

Railroad use, Variation of standard

LS&MS/LE&W brick & stone depot

Tipton Freight house (no photo)

119 N East St, Tipton

North 55 miles, 1 hour

GPS 40.283083, -86.037639

LE&W Indianapolis-Michigan City MP 39

Retail use, unrecognizable as freight house

Kokomo depot/office/freight house (Craig Berndt Photo, below), Built 1916, 500 N Buckeye St, Kokomo
North 60 miles, 1 hour 10 min, GPS 40.490083, -86.132694, LE&W Indianapolis-Michigan City MP 54, Restaurant



East Central Indiana:



Shirley (Bus Tour visit, right)
Built 1893
402 Railroad St, Shirley
East 46 miles, 50 min
GPS 39.892000, -85.577944
Springfield Br MP 32, Michigan Br MP 181

Muncie Freight House (No Photo)
Built 1920, 800 S Liberty, Muncie
Northeast 70 miles, 1 hour 10 min
GPS 40.187513, -85.389657
Ohio Div (Cleveland) MP 229
Lumber company storage

Anderson (Bus Tour visit, right)
Built 1887
29 E 15th St, Anderson
Northeast 51 miles, 55 min
GPS 40.101278, -85.678583
Ohio Div (Cleveland) MP 247,
Michigan Branch MP 154
Now a dance studio



New Castle (no photo)
Built 1910
Indiana Ave at S 16th Street,
New Castle
East 58 miles, 1 hour
GPS 39.929175, -85.365809
LE&W New Castle Br MP 84
Railroad use



Wilkinson (John Kleinfelter Photo left)
8259 W 650 S, Knightstown
East 44 miles, 45 min
Springfield Br MP 109
GPS 39.837248, -85.542374
Moved from 6 miles NW
Residence

Cambridge City (no photo)
Built 1914
120 S 3rd St, Cambridge City
East 65 miles, 1 hour 5 min
GPS 39.809389, -85.172556
LE&W New Castle Division MP 97
Residence

Parker City (no photo), 206 Main St, Paker City
East 80 miles, 1 hour 15 min, GPS 40.189347, -85.204310
Ohio Div (Cleveland) MP 219

Southeast Central Indiana:

Fairland (Bus tour visit, right)
Built 1909
102 W Washington, Fairland
Southeast 33 miles, 35 min
GPS 39.586111, -85.862639
Indiana Div (Cincinnati) MP 89
Office



Shelbyville (Bus tour visit)
Passenger Built 1949 (left),
201 E Washington, Shelbyville
Southeast 36 miles, 40 min
GPS 39.524861, -85.772167
Indiana Div (Cincinnati) MP 82
Vacant

Shelbyville (Bus tour visit)
freight built 1903 (right)
201 E Franklin, Shelbyville
Southeast 36 miles, 40 min
GPS 39.524972, -85.772267
Indiana Div (Cincinnati) MP 82
Storage



South Central Indiana:
Franklin (Bus tour stop, left))
370 E Jefferson, Franklin
South 21 miles 30 min
GPS 39.481028, -86.050583
FF&M Branch MP 12
Depot moved to current location along PRR
Louisville Branch from about 6 blocks north
Ice cream and candy shop

Southwest Central Indiana:



Martinsville (Left)
Built 1881
400 S Jefferson, Martinsville
Southwest 27 miles, 35 min
GPS 39.423537, -86.427015
FF&M Branch MP38
Storage

Greencastle (right)
Built 1908
6 Depot St, Greencastle
Southwest 39 miles, 45 min
GPS 39.653944, -86.867972
Illinois Division (St Louis) MP 39
Railroad use



West Central Indiana:

Veedersburg (no photo)
Built 1880
116 First St, Veedersburg
West 65 miles, 1 hour
GPS 40.111950, -87.261195
Peoria & Eastern MP 65
Museum, originally a L shape joint P&E/C&EI depot the C&EI portion has been removed.

Lebanon Freight depot (right)
510 W Pearl St, Lebanon
Northwest 27 miles, 30 min
GPS 40.046000, -86.472694
Indianan Div (Chicago) MP 138
Storage



Frankfort (right)
258 Bunnell St, Frankfort
Northwest 43 miles, 50 min
GPS 40.282472, -86.516417
Lake Erie & Western MP 234
Railroad use



Crawfordsville freight depot (left)
Built 1912
512 Wallace Ave, Crawfordsville
Northwest 44 miles, 45 min
GPS 40.036278, -86.894972
Peoria & Eastern MP 43
Commercial use

Lafayette (left)
200 N Second St, Lafayette
Northwest 62 miles 1 hour 5 min
GPS 40.419472, -86.896139
Indiana Division (Chicago) MP 174
Lake Erie & Western MP 225
Standard LS&MS/LE&W brick and
stone depot
Moved from two blocks south,
used as
offices, Amtrak Station, city bus
depot.

