

Bicentennial Travels

My family and I traveled to places this year in Indiana to celebrate its 200th birthday. Each place told us about Indiana's history. I learned that Indiana is not just a state, but a place that has been important for many people.

At Falls of the Ohio State Park, I learned about things and people that lived in this area many years before Indiana was a state. We found fossils with shells, plants, and maybe even some animals printed onto them. When we went inside the museum, we also saw arrows, bows, and spears from the Native People who were here before America was discovered by Europeans.

While we were at Prophetstown State Park, I learned about the Battle of Tippecanoe. I will always remember when we went to the Tippecanoe battlefield and monument. There, we learned about people who died in the battle from Tecumseh's and William Henry Harrison's armies who bravely and confidently fought for the land. Seeing these things made me feel grateful to live where I am right now, because if I was around when the war was happening, it would have been frightening and depressing.

At the State House in Indianapolis, I learned about Indiana's law system and important people like Jonathan Jennings who was the first governor. I saw that parts of the State House are made of Indiana limestone. Inside the building, there was a floor with fossils in it, a stained glass roof, and a library floor made of glass! These things were unique and enjoyable to me. I was also interested to watch our representatives voting in Indiana's House of Representatives.

It was fun to celebrate Indiana's birthday by traveling. In the future, there might be a new state park to explore, or maybe Indiana's first female governor-me!

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