Begin at the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU), where you can eat, get a haircut, watch a movie, shop, bank, bowl, study and much more! Hourly parking is available in 2 nearby lots. Enter the IMU from the circle drive off 7th Street. Inside the revolving doors is the lobby for the Biddle Hotel. Stairs from the hotel lobby (and the elevator behind the stairs) lead to the Mezzanine level’s large relaxing East Lounge.

On the Mezzanine level at the end of the hall is the 2-floor IU Bookstore, which offers textbooks, supplies, IU-themed clothing, and gifts. Across from the Bookstore is Sugar & Spice, a popular spot for snacks and coffee. Walking further down the hall brings you to more options for eating: The Market at the Union (hot entrees and sides, Pizza Hut, Sakura Sushi, and more) and Burger King on this level and Dunn Meadow Cafe (healthy offerings including a salad bar and sandwiches) downstairs.

A few steps away is the Back Alley where you can bowl, play billiards, and have fun in the arcade. The IU Outdoor Adventures rents camping and other outdoor equipment. Ask them about their discounted group getaways like whitewater rafting!

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Continue heading east on 7th Street and you will arrive at Woodburn Hall, one of the many academic buildings on campus. Behind Woodburn Hall are several woodland paths and bridges that will take you to other academic buildings, including Ballantine Hall and the Chemistry building.

A few steps away down 7th Street is the Fine Arts Plaza. Next to Woodburn Hall on your right is the Lilly Library, which contains rare books, manuscripts, and special collections such as the complete original television Star Trek scripts. Behind the Lilly Library are walkways leading to the Bryan House (the IU President’s residence) and the Musical Arts Center (MAC). The world-class Jacobs School of Music hosts opera, jazz, ballet, and other performances there. Some of these events are free!

At the center of the Fine Arts Plaza is Showalter Fountain which features a two-ton sculpture illustrating “The Birth of Venus.” Behind the Showalter Fountain is the IU Auditorium, which marks the end of 7th Street. High-profile lectures, Broadway musicals, nationally touring bands, and a myriad of other performances happen here. To the left of the IU Auditorium is the Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Arts which offers degrees in Studio Art and History of Art. Inside, the Grunwald Gallery showcases cutting-edge student work.

The next building on your right as you walk away from the Auditorium is the IU Art Museum, designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei. The museum’s internationally known collections include works by Stuart Davis, Pablo Picasso, Jaune Quick-To-See Smith, and Andy Warhol. At night, its 70 foot LED-powered Light Totem emits jewel-toned rays into the dark sky. Angles Cafe and Gift Shop on the 2nd floor offers coffee and unique gifts.