The “Ideal Section”

1.5 miles - of Lincoln Highway, completed 1923, designed and built as a model for road construction. Funded by county, state, and U.S. Rubber Co. Features included 100 foot right-of-way, 40 foot paved width, 10 inch steel-reinforced concrete, underground drainage, lighted, landscaped, bridge, and pedestrian pathways.

For more information, please click here.
The Ostermann Memorial

In memory of Henry C. Ostermann
Vice President and Field Secretary
of the Lincoln Highway Association
killed on the highway in Iowa
June 8, 1920

NOTE: Plans are underway in 2012 to restore this memorial along the “Ideal Section” of the Lincoln Highway. For more information, please click here.
An early alignment of the Lincoln Highway was at one time directly behind the Walgreen’s at this address. While new construction eliminated that stretch of the highway, Walgreen’s elected to save a small piece of the original highway which is now part of this Educational Discovery Stop. Thank you Walgreen’s!
Schererville II
1139 W. Lincoln Hwy/US 30
41° 29’ 26.66” N, 87° 28’ 49.38” W

The post above commemorates the Ideal Section created in 1923. The image below is of a sign that once was posted in the area. Portions of this “ideal section” were still in use until a 1997 reconstruction project.
Plymouth
E. Jefferson & Cleveland Court
41° 21’ 03.93” N, 86° 17’ 52.31” W

Crossroads of America -
Marshall County was organized in 1836, and named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall. At the time, the County was already a busy crossroads—it was in the early 1830s that the Michigan Road was built to connect Michigan City along the southern tip of Lake Michigan to Madison on the Ohio River. The four other major routes that helped to shape Marshall County, and the country, are the Yellowstone Trail, the Lincoln Highway, U.S. 6 and the Dixie Highway.
The former Heminger Travel Lodge built in 1937. Once a neighborhood eyesore, the community has restored the building and it serves as a shelter for women and children. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Warsaw
Chinworth Bridge Trail (US 30 west of Warsaw)
41° 14’ 50.59” N, 85° 54’ 38.06” W

The Chinworth Bridge was built in 1897 by the Bellefontaine Bridge and Iron Company of Ohio. It is a single-span, 140-foot iron bridge, which is the last remaining Pratt through truss bridge in the county. In 1924, US 30 bypassed the bridge and the adjacent land was established as the Tippecanoe Rest Park. The bridge was closed to vehicular traffic in 1975. In 1997, The Chinworth Bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.