

# SITE ATTRACTIONS

## 1) Site of the French Lick Dairy

In the early days of the French Lick Springs Hotel, it was located adjacent to a thriving dairy. The dairy supplied all the milk, cheese, butter and ice cream to the hotel's kitchen.

## 2) Valley Links & Golf Learning Center

The first course built on the French Lick Springs Hotel property was The Links at French Lick, formally a historic Tom Bendelow design. Bendelow has constructed over 700 courses throughout the country.

## 3) Pete Dye Course

To the left is the road leading to the new Pete Dye Course. The cleared area you see at the crossroads is the future site of the irrigation lake for the course. It will be 17 acres in size and hold enough water to irrigate the course, even in the event of 120 days of extreme drought.

## 4) Joe Louis Bridge

Located to your right, is a bridge named in honor of Boxing Legend Joe Louis. Louis trained and stayed at the Waddy Hotel, which was located on a site just beyond the bridge where the Artie Smith cabin is located. Smith came to West Baden as a member of the Joe Louis boxing entourage. He took a liking to the area, settled and built a home here and remained lifelong friends with Louis, whom he often called "Baby Boy."

## 5) West Baden Baseball Field

To your right was the site of the West Baden Bicycle Track, 1/3 mile in length, it housed bicycles and pedestrians in the upper story and pony carts on the ground floor. The bicycle track was taken down by wind in 1925. Inside the track were baseball fields; where fans could watch professional teams in training, most notably The Chicago Cubs and The Chicago White Sox.

## 6) Brick Drive at West Baden

You are riding on the original brick street to the West Baden Springs Hotel, installed when the hotel was built in 1902. In the early 1900s, over half of the streets in the towns of French Lick and West Baden were made of bricks, numbering in the millions.

## 7) West Baden Bowling Alley

West Baden had its own bowling lanes in the early years as well. Local lore has it that an illegal casino flourished behind the pins.

## 8) Sunken Garden at West Baden

Site of the Hygeia and Apollo Mineral Springs. French Lick Springs Hotel was known for Pluto Water and West Baden for Sprudel Water. The composition of the water was almost identical, possibly coming from the same vein of water!

## 9) Monon Railway Station

The first rails into the Valley of Springs were built in 1887. Just outside the entrance arches at the West Baden Springs Hotel are remnants of the rails and the foundation of the Monon Depot.

## 10) National Bank at West Baden

Originally built as part of a 1917 restoration of the Hotel by Lee Sinclair's daughter Lillian Sinclair-Rexford. The story is that the bank was originally in the lobby of the West Baden Springs Hotel. However, after repeated complaints that local farmers were tracking mud into the lobby, the bank was relocated.

## 11) Lower Golf Course

To the right is what remains of the original West Baden Springs Hotel Golf Course. This course, like The Links at French Lick, was designed by Tom Bendelow and was part of the 27-hole Golf Complex.

## 12) West Baden Springs Hotel

Built in 1902 by Lee Sinclair, the hotel offered golf on two courses, horseback riding, billiards, bowling, baseball, swimming, hiking on scenic trails, bicycling, moving picture theatre and an opera house. Ads touted the resort's mineral baths and Sprudel Water as broad-spectrum cures.

The domed atrium, once billed as the "Eighth Wonder of the World," was the world's largest self supporting dome until the Houston Astrodome was built in 1968. The hotel was closed during the Depression and since that time has served as a hospital, a monastery and a college. The hotel closed in 1984 until its restoration by Cook Group Inc. It re-opened in 2007 after being closed as a hotel for 75 years.

## 13) Nature's Beauty

This portion of the trail system will put you in touch with the natural beauty of southern Indiana. Enjoy the wildlife and many varieties of trees and plants as you wind your way to The Stables at French Lick.

## 14) The Stables at French Lick

Featuring over 11 miles of trails, 29 Saddle horses, pony rides and a few animals you can pet. Be sure to visit the gift shop and make your reservation for a ride today!

## 15) Peter the Great

Located to the right is the gravestone of Thomas Taggart's prized trotting horse, "Peter the Great." The horse was purchased in 1917 at a price of \$50,000, unheard of in those days. The Stone was relocated here during the first phase of the restoration. The horse's remains are buried at Mt. Airie, site of the Pete Dye Course.

## 16) St. Ignatius Cemetery

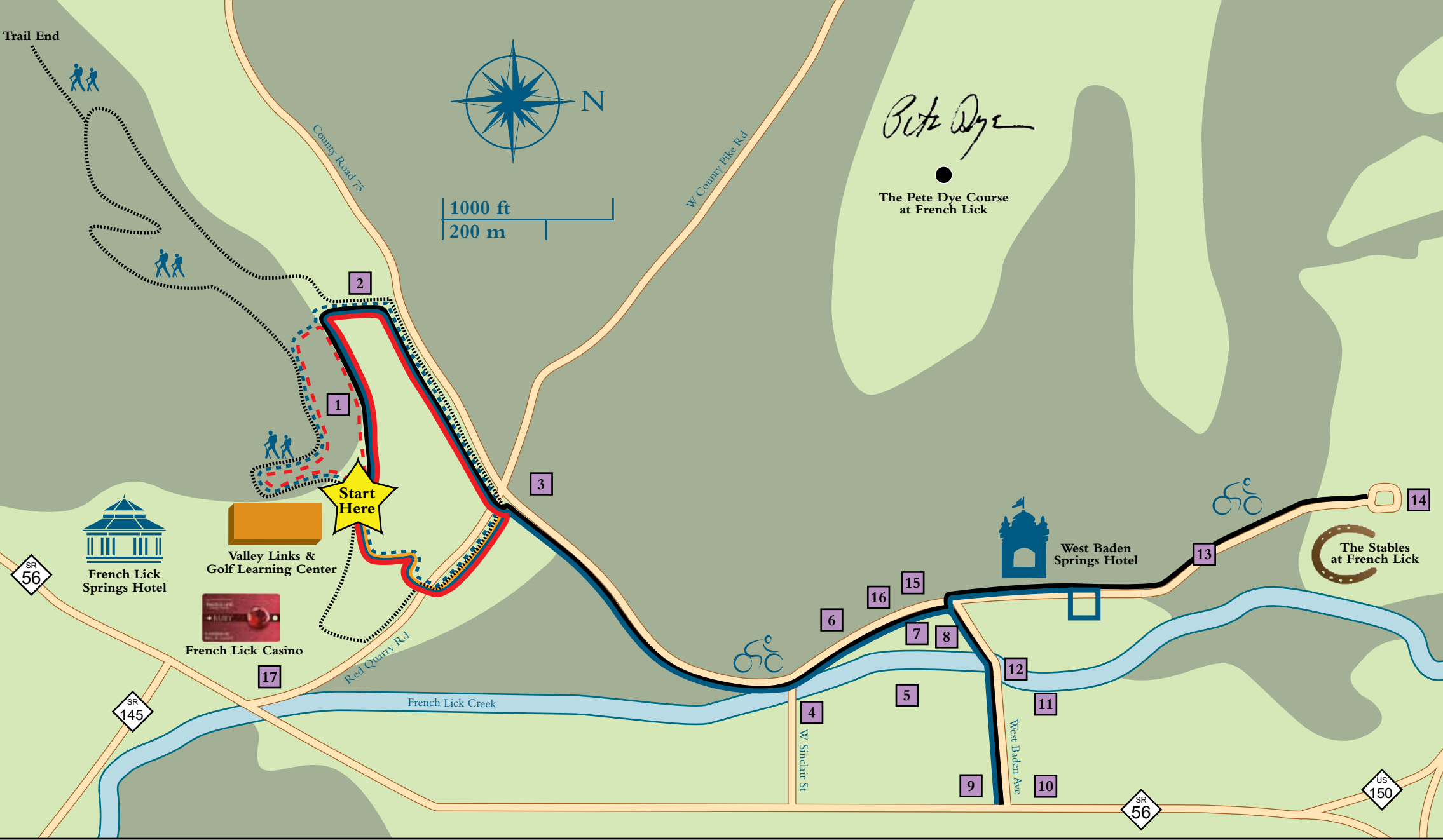
Several of the Jesuit Priests who roamed the halls of the West Baden Monastery are buried here. Mr. Sinclair constructed two churches on the property, a Methodist and a Catholic church, one on each side of the cemetery located on the hill overlooking the brick street.

## 17) Indiana Railway Museum

In 1907, the Southern Railway met the Monon Line in French Lick and the Southern Depot was built. Today it is the home of the Indiana Railway Museum. In the 1930s through the 1950s, as many as, nine trains per day pulled into French Lick and West Baden.

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