



John Performing at an Outdoor Concert

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SEYMOUR
And Jackson County

Small Towns, Historic Tracks!

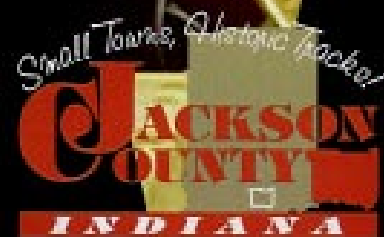


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Downtown Seymour, the Inspiration for John's Hit Song "Small Town."





Mellencamp on Stage



Southern Indiana Center For The Arts



Dakota Ridge Restaurant



Rockford United Methodist Church

John Mellencamp And Jackson County, Indiana

We are proud to have this singer/songwriter/artist as a native and that his boyhood memories of Seymour inspired his famous song "Small Town."

In fact, many of John's songs paint a descriptive picture of the people, places and things here in our small town in middle America. His songs have motivated visitors from 48 states and three countries to come to Jackson County to see the roots of their favorite celebrity.

We have prepared the following chronology of milestones in John's life in Seymour and Jackson County, along with a tour map to guide you to these milestones along with some of John's favorite places.

1951 - October 7th, John Mellencamp was born in Seymour, Jackson County, Indiana.

1965 - John became a member of a band named "Crepe Soul."

1970 - John married Priscilla (Cil) Esterline near the end of his Senior Year and graduated from Seymour High School.

1970 - December 4th, Michelle Mellencamp, John's first child was born.

1971 - John formed the band, "Trash" and moved to an apartment in Vallonia.

1973 - John graduated from Vincennes University; worked for the telephone company and then set out for New York City to make his dream a reality.

1976 - October 2nd, John first toured southern Indiana with the "Cougaretties" from Seymour.

1977 - December 16th, John received his first royalty check for \$27.59 from the "Chestnut Street Incident."

1981 - May 23rd, John married his second wife, Victoria Granucci, at his parents' home.

1984 - Cinemax documentary titled "Ain't that America" released, which highlights John's music videos with scenery from and interviews with residents of Jackson County.

1990 - John returned to Seymour to film the movie "Falling from Grace."

1991 - John purchased The Southern Indiana Center for the Arts.

1992 - John married model Elaine Irwin on the grounds of his former log cabin in Jackson County.

1993 - John filmed the "Human Wheels" video in Seymour near the Rockford United Methodist Church.

1994 - John filmed the video "Wild Night" at the Southern Indiana Center for the Arts in Seymour.

1997 - Mellencamp Fan Club held the first "Mellenfest" in Seymour.

1998 - John and Elaine visited fans at the second "Mellenfest" in Seymour.

1999 - VH-1 filmed portions of "Behind the Music," the John Mellencamp Story, in Jackson County.

Please see next fold for tour map and more information.

Rob-Sey Rink



Rockford Place



The Crane Home



Mellencamp in Concert





First Presbyterian Church

Larison's Restaurant



Memorial Hospital Seymour



Governor Whitcomb's Former Home

Welcome To John Mellencamp's "Small Town"

This tour will take you to many of the places that influenced John in his early years and became an inspiration for his music and creative efforts.

1. **Larison's Restaurant**, 200 South Chestnut Street. One of John's favorite hangouts.
2. **Memorial Hospital Seymour**, 411 West Tipton Street. Where a scene in "Falling from Grace" was filmed.
3. **Seymour High School**, Community Drive and West 2nd Street. Where John attended high school. It features the "Wall of Fame."
4. **John's Boyhood Home**, 714 West 5th Street. Where John spent his early years.
5. **Emerson Elementary School**, Elm and West 5th Street. Where John went to elementary school.
6. **First Presbyterian Church**, 301 North Walnut Street. Parts of the video "Rock in the USA" were filmed here.
7. **Governor Whitcomb's Former Home**, 636 North Poplar Street. Served as P.J.'s house in "Falling from Grace."
8. **Jay's Market**, 501 North Ewing Street. Featured in a scene from "Falling from Grace."
9. **Seymour Country Club & Dakota Ridge Restaurant**, 1400 Shields Avenue. Used for a scene in "Falling from Grace."
10. **Rockford United Methodist Church**, 1934 North Ewing Street. Used as background in the filming of the "Human Wheels" video.
11. **The Crane Home**, 772 Willow Drive South. Featured in scenes in "Falling from Grace."
12. **Rockford Place**, 2200 North Ewing Street. A unique restaurant at the edge of town, complete with car-hops. One of John's favorite hangouts.
13. **Rok-Sey Rink**, 7448E County Road 725N. Used for a scene in "Falling from Grace."
14. **Southern Indiana Center for the Arts**, 2001 North Ewing Street. This brick home, built in 1851, was purchased by John in 1991 as a place for county residents to exhibit and learn about the arts. John generously leases it to the county for \$1.00 a year. It has established itself as a regional center for the fine, performing, culinary, architectural, literary and artisan arts. Additionally, it hosts the only permanent exhibit of John Mellencamp's paintings. It was also used in scenes of "Falling from Grace" and the video "Wild Night."

We hope that you enjoy the tour. If you would like the latest information on John Mellencamp, go to the official website: Mellencamp.com where you can find late news, tour schedules, information about movies & videos, fan club information, merchandise and more!

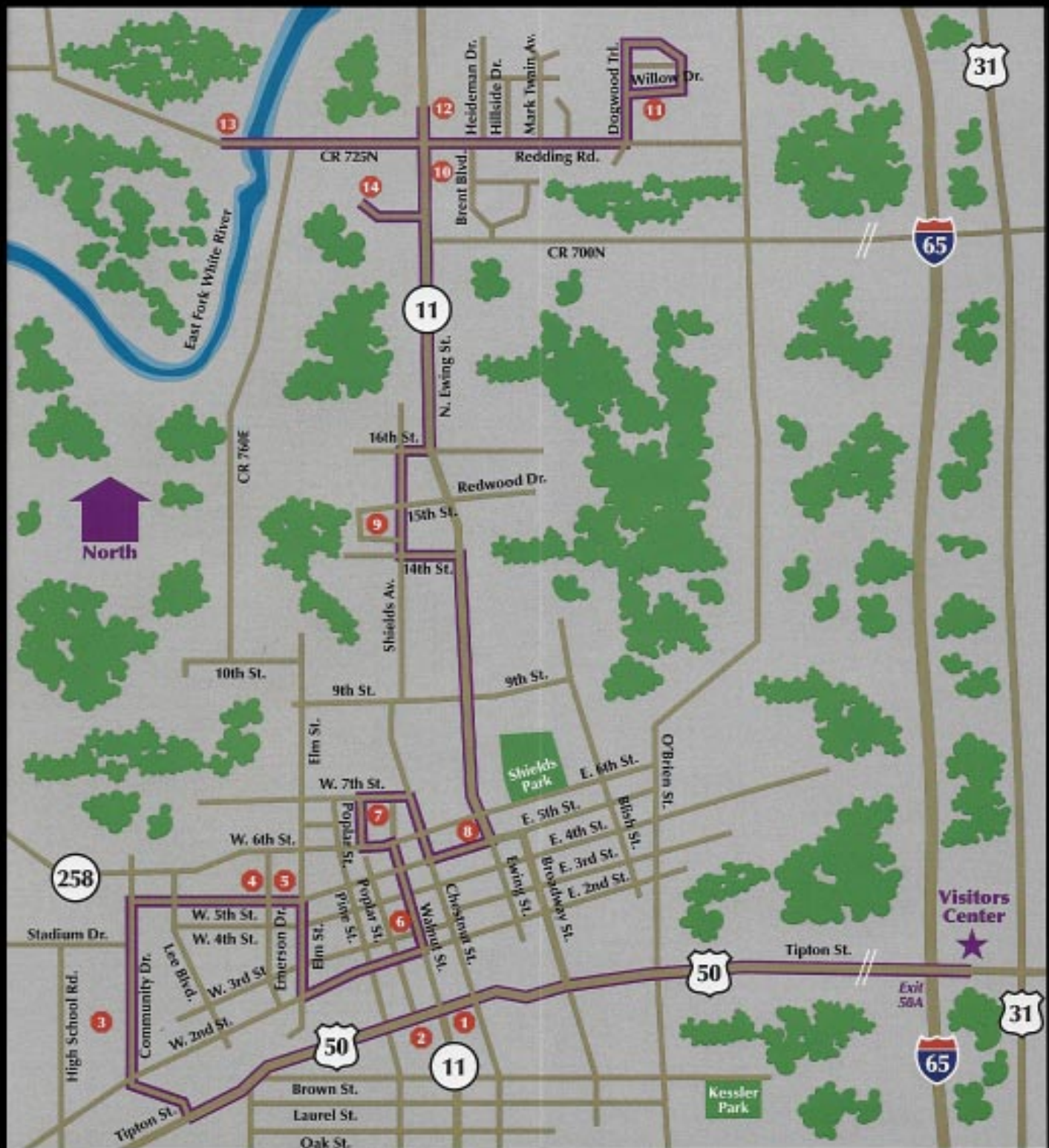
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