

Southeast serenity

Rural feel, urban proximity



Neighborhood View

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Past Beech Grove to the south and east lies a residential area that straddles great transportation routes to and from downtown Indianapolis.

This is one of the quieter residential sections of Marion County, although I-465 makes it easy to connect with the rest of the city. Apartments offer great views of rural landscape, which more than make up for having to drive west or north for a mall.

A glimpse of southeastern Indianapolis

Echo Ridge is a typical example of Franklin Township living, with apartments set in a peaceful landscape surrounded by cornfields, undeveloped lots and a nature preserve to the north.

"Tenants here love that they can be downtown in 15 minutes along Southeastern Avenue, yet they live in the country," said Traci Stanger, property manager at Echo Ridge. "Residents love the lack of street traffic, sirens and semis out here on the edge of town."

Echo Ridge is one of only a handful of apartment complexes in fast-growing Franklin Township, and



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residents have access to great schools, too. Other southeastern apartments include Emerson Village Lakes, Park View at Beech Grove Apartments and Beech Meadow. The newest apartment complex is Latitudes, a resort-like community offering one- to three-bedroom, pet-friendly apartment homes off County Line Road.

Things to do

Southeastway Park offers 188 acres of walking and running trails along Buck Creek, an environmental education center, picnic shelters and a playground. Southeastway Park is home of the Indy Bug Fest in August, a special celebration of insects. Around the corner, the Buck Creek Players stage popular

plays and musicals year-round at the Buck Creek Playhouse.

Closer into the city, the Pleasant Run Trail connects neighborhoods on the east at Ellenberger Park to Garfield Park on the south side. The paved bike and hiking trail passes through Christian Park, which has youth-league playing fields, tennis courts and a family recreation center.

The southeast side is family-friendly, with Indy Island Aquatic Center, the Marion County Fairgrounds and the Warren Youth Baseball Softball Park.

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Vital stats: Southeast Indianapolis

Transportation: Connected to downtown by Southeastern Avenue, I-65, I-74, State Road 52 (Brookville Road) and I-465.

Rent: From \$440 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$1,034 for a three-bedroom, two-bath apartment home.

Pets: Many communities allow pets, even large dogs.

Shopping: In Southport and Beech Grove; along South Emerson Avenue, East Thompson Road or East Washington Street; and in Wannamaker.

Amenities: Communities include swimming pools, tennis courts, laundry facilities, picnic areas with barbecue grills and children's playgrounds. Some apartments have washer-dryer hookups, parking garages, fitness centers and clubhouses.