

Neighborly Northside

Cozy accommodations, local flair



Neighborhood View

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Northside Indianapolis offers a more suburban lifestyle the farther you get from Downtown. It's defined roughly as the area north of 38th Street between Michigan Road-State Route 421 on the west and Keystone

Avenue-State Route 431 on the east, including parts of Marion and Hamilton counties.

There is plenty of apartment housing in this area, from studio apartments to well-appointed three-bedroom townhomes.

Lots of local flair

Broad Ripple is popular because of the plentiful specialty shops, dining choices, live entertainment and access to the Monon Trail. Pinnacle Properties manages Broad Ripple Village, Broad Ripple Towne Homes and Broad Ripple Commons, with studio up to three-bedroom floor plans off 52nd Street between College and Keystone avenues.

"People like our location," said Judy Ferguson, vice president of residential operations for Pinnacle Properties. "We offer quiet, affordable communities with access to the rest



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The Monon Trail has become a major draw for northern Indianapolis residents.

of the city for people who want to avoid driving on the interstates."

Health-minded amenities

Further north, suburban-style apartment communities, such as Benchmark Apartments, a complex of spacious, mostly one-bedroom apartments on East 96th Street, offer even more.

"Tenants love our easy access to I-465," said property manager Paul Wilson. "Plus, we have our own entrance to the Monon Trail, so you can get home from work and get on the trail in a matter of minutes."

Benchmark has a 24-hour fitness

center with aerobics classes twice a week and well-lit tennis courts in the summer.

Further north, Treetop of Carmel, which is under new management, offers one- to three-bedroom apartments with walk-in closets, washer-dryer hookups and garage parking on East 151st Street opposite Cool Creek Park. The pet-friendly community has a fitness center, swimming pool and tanning bed. Stone Gate of Carmel, managed by Van Rooy Properties, offers studio to two-bedroom apartments in Meadowlark Park. Near the Monon Trail, this community is just a three-minute walk from downtown Carmel. ■

Vital stats: Northside Indianapolis

Transportation: Access to Downtown from I-465 and Meridian Street.

Rent: From \$390 for a studio/efficiency to \$1,650 for a townhome. Short-term leases and furnished apartments available.

Amenities: Washer-dryer connections or laundry facilities; patios and balconies in most units, some with fireplaces; covered or garage parking; recreational facilities; free utilities and trash collection. High-speed Internet access available.

Pets: Under 50 pounds for an additional monthly lease fee.

Shopping: Fashion Mall at Keystone Crossing, Clay Terrace at U.S. 31 and 146th Street, and strip malls in Carmel on North Meridian Street and Keystone Avenue.