



ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY

Destination Drive, approximately 80 miles round trip.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Spencer County, Indiana, USA, was founded by monks from Einsiedeln Abbey on March 21, 1854, and is home to approximately 98 monks. **It is one of only two archabbeyes in the United States and one of 9 in the world.**

The monks came to southern Indiana at the request of a local priest (Fr. Joseph Kundek) for assistance in addressing the pastoral needs of the growing German-speaking Catholic population and to prepare local men to be priests. St. Meinrad became an abbey in 1870, with Martin Marty as abbot and Fintan Mundwiler as prior. Saint Meinrad now operates a graduate school of theology and has more than a score of its monks in parish work, chaplaincies, and diocesan assignments.



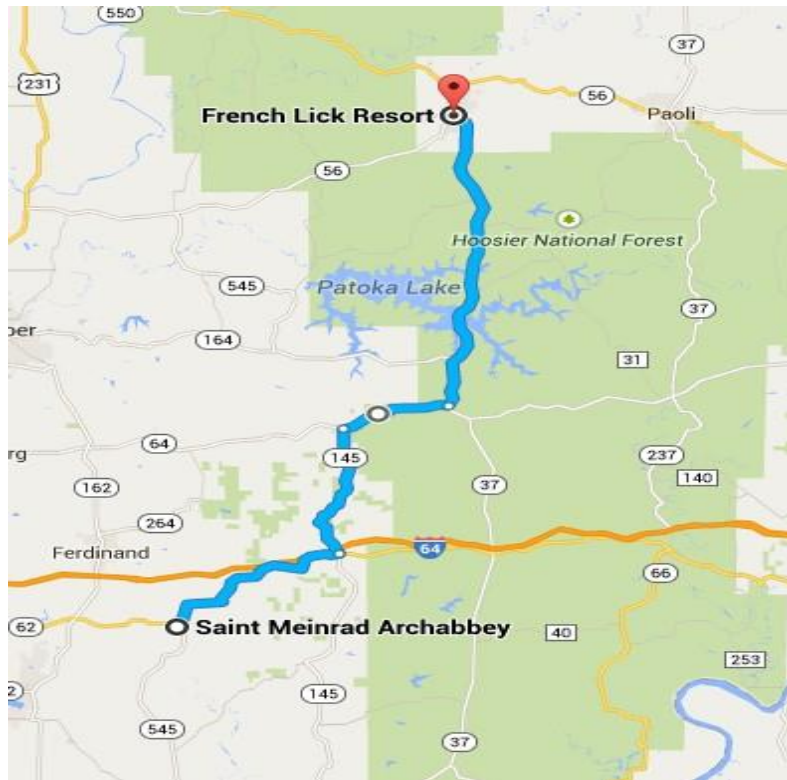
Shortly after arriving in Indiana, the Benedictines began offering high school courses to local youths. In 1861, the monks expanded their general courses to include undergraduate courses in philosophy and theology. Through these programs, the monks of Saint Meinrad began their mission, which continues today: preparing men for service in the Church as priests. The undergraduate degree program, St. Meinrad College, closed in 1998.

In 1877, the Abbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Martin Marty, negotiated with an agent of the LR&FS Railroad Company, for land to establish a Benedictine monastery in northern Arkansas. The Subiaco Abbey and Academy was founded on March 15, 1878, upon the arrival of three monk-missionaries from Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

In 1889, a group of monks left from St. Meinrad Archabbey to travel to the Archdiocese of New Orleans. They came with an invitation from the Archbishop there to found a college seminary to train local vocations. The monks founded Saint Joseph Abbey, located in Saint Benedict, near Covington, Louisiana, north of New Orleans. Saint Joseph Abbey is now the home of a total of 48 monks who run Saint Joseph Seminary College, and a number of other ministries around the Diocese.

Tours of Saint Meinrad, led by a Benedictine monk, are given each Saturday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Central Time. The tour begins at the Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center. **Self-guided tours are available anytime.** You can pick up a free Visitor's Guide, which includes a walking tour of the campus, at the Guest House, Memorial Lobby or the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop. For information, call the Guest House at (800) 581-6905 or (812) 357-6585.

DESTINATION-DRIVE to ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY

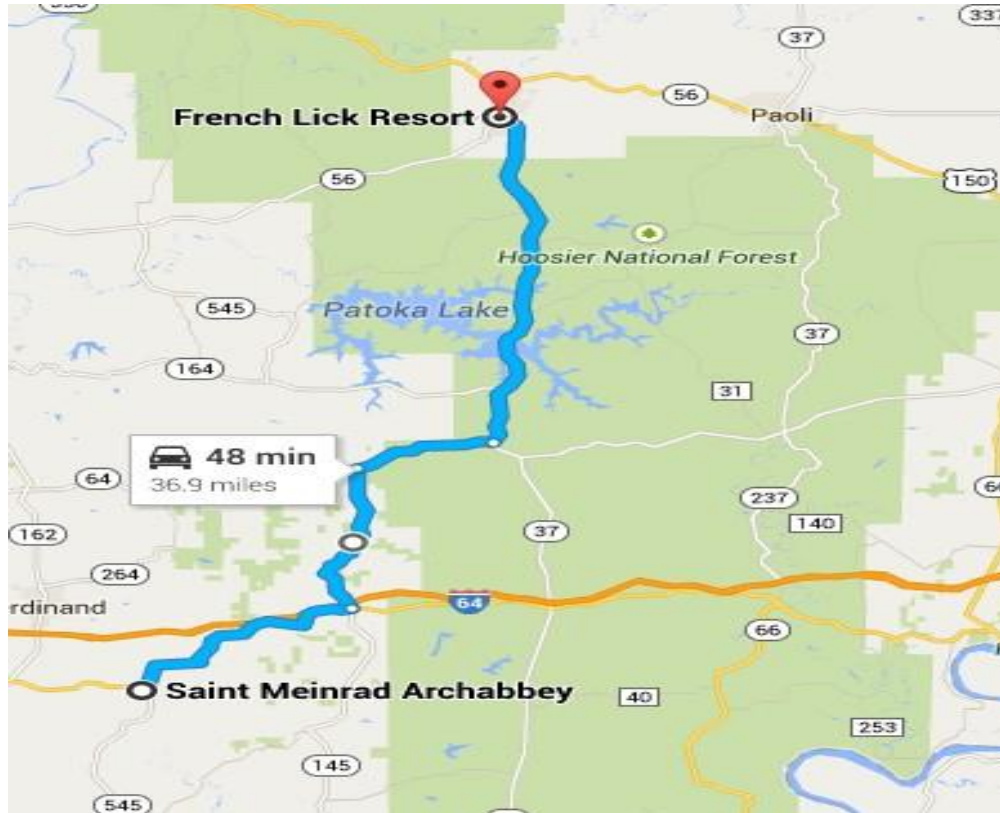


40 miles/50 minutes

- 1.** Exit resort turn onto **Rt. 145 South** (You will drive through the Hoosier National Forest and past Patoka Lake.)
- 2.** Turn right onto **Rt. 64 West / Rt. 145**
- 3.** In Birdseye, IN, just after the Sunoco gas station, turn left onto **Rt. 145 South**.
- 4.** You will pass over **I-64**.
- 5.** Turn right onto **Rt. 62 West**. (Indian Lake Road)
- 6.** In St. Meinrad, IN turn left onto **Rt. 545 South**
- 7.** Turn right just before St. Meinrad's gift shop onto **Hill Drive**.
- 8.** Follow signs to Visitor Parking and Information.

St. Meinrad Archabbey
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577
(812) 357-6611

RETURN TO FRENCH LICK RESORT



1. Proceed back to **Rt. 545**.
2. Turn left onto **Rt. 545 North**.
3. Turn right onto **Rt. 62 East**.
4. Turn left onto **Rt. 145 North**.
5. Drive into Birdseye, IN.
6. Turn right onto **Rt. 64 East / Rt. 145. North**.
7. Turn left onto **Rt. 145 North**.
8. Proceed back to resort.

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