Crown Hill Cemetery

Indianapolis, Indiana

CROWN HILL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

42nd Street

North Woods
(not open to the public)

Clarendon Road

Michigan Road

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North Entrance

38th Street

Boulevard Place

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street

32nd Street

34th Street Entrance
Open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. year round

Companion Meadow

Abbey Mausoleum V

Cremation Memorial Garden

Garden Mausoleums I-IV

Funeral Home/ Administration Building

Community Mausoleum

Garden of America A1

Field of Valor/ Eternal Flame

Pioneer Cemetery

Shepherd's Way

The Underpass

Scattering Garden

Indiana AIDS Memorial

The Crown/ J.W. Riley Memorial
Elevation 842.21'

Corliss Randle Ruckle

President Benjamin Harrison

Mary Ella McGinnis

National Cemetery

Gothic Chapel

Heroes of Public Safety

Anatomical Memorial Monument

Confederate Mound
(National Cemetery)

Albertina Forrest

34th Street Gate Entrance, Waiting Station, and Guard House

The Pines Garden Mausoleums

Maintenance Area

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ROAD KEY

- Connects both entrances directly (yellow line on roadway)
- Connects both entrances; scenic route to the Crown, Pres. Harrison's Memorial, and the Gothic Chapel (white line on roadway)

Key	Map coordinates	NOTABLE PERSONS
A	G-6	William G. Mays, 1945-2014; business leader
B	G-5	Rev. Mozel Sanders, 1924-1988; civil rights and community leader
C	H-9	Julia Carson, 1938-2007; U.S. Representative
D	E-12	Col. Eli Lilly, 1838-1898; Civil War commander and Eli Lilly founder
E	D-12	James Whitcomb Riley, 1849-1916; Hoosier poet
F	E-13	Booth Tarkington, 1869-1946; author and playwright
G	F-13	Benjamin Harrison, 1833-1901; 23rd U.S. President
H	G-13	Lucy Ann Seaton, 1831-1864; Crown Hill's first burial
I	G-14	Richard Gatling, 1818-1903; inventor
J	H-14	Oliver Morton, 1823-1877; U.S. Senator, Indiana Civil War Governor
K	I-14	Thomas Hendricks, 1819-1885; U.S. Vice President
L	I-14	Charles Fairbanks, 1852-1918; U.S. Vice President
M	H-12	Thomas Marshall, 1854-1925; U.S. Vice President

Historic photo courtesy of Crown Hill.
Aerial photos, Cremation Memorial Garden, Shepherd's Way, and Confederate Lot by Richard Fields.
All other photos by Marty N. Davis.

CROWN HILL: HISTORY, SPIRIT, SANCTUARY

In celebration of Crown Hill's 150th anniversary, the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation and the Indiana Historical Society Press published ***Crown Hill: History, Spirit, Sanctuary***. In June 2014, it was named a **Silver Award Winner** in *Foreword Reviews'* prestigious national IndieFab "**Book of the Year**" contest.

Written by **Douglas Wissing**, **Marianne Tobias**, **Rebecca Dolan**, and **Anne Ryder**, ***Crown Hill: History, Spirit, Sanctuary*** tells the story of our nation's third-largest non-government cemetery from its founding in 1863, during the Civil War. It weaves together 150 years of Crown Hill history with local and state history, creating the context that allowed Crown Hill to become the "City on the Hill"—the final resting place of many of our pioneers, civic leaders, politicians, musicians, actors, artists, automotive manufacturers and Indianapolis 500 notables, military and public safety heroes, and countless others.

This stunning 11″ by 11″ hardcover coffee table book includes nearly 400 pages and 650 beautiful color photographs by **Marty N. Davis** and **Richard Fields**, featuring aerial scenes, Crown Hill's natural beauty, statues, monuments, historic structures, and people.

Purchase your copy at the **Crown Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery Office** (700 W. 38th St.), Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Order by mail using the downloadable order form on the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation website at **CrownHillFoundation.org**, or by phone at **317.920.4165**. The cost is **$40 per book, tax included**, with an additional $10 shipping and handling fee for mailing.

For more information, please contact **Marianne Randjelovic** at **317.920.4165** or at **development@CrownHill.org**.

THE BEGINNING

Indianapolis community leaders established **Crown Hill Cemetery** as a Rural Cemetery during the Civil War on Sept. 25, 1863. Its first 236 acres, located in the country more than three miles from downtown on the city's north side, were purchased from local farmers on Oct. 16, 1863, for $51,000. Crown Hill eventually would grow to 555 acres, including the Martin Williams farm and tree nursery with its Strawberry Hill, known today as "Crown Hill," the highest hill in Marion County at 842.2 feet.

Lucy Ann Seaton became the first burial on June 2, 1864, just one day after the cemetery's dedication. Mrs. Seaton, 33, died of consumption (tuberculosis), and her husband, a Union Army Captain, put an ad in the newspaper kindly requesting that people attend her funeral.

In Aug. 1866, the Federal government established the first of two National Cemeteries in Crown Hill, and our first annual Memorial Day Ceremony was celebrated there in May 1868. The beautiful Gothic Chapel was built next to the National Cemetery in 1875 at a cost of $38,922.25. The Crown Hill Heritage Foundation restored it in 2005 for $2.5 million. The iconic 34th St. Gothic Gate and Waiting Station were built in 1885, in time for Vice President Thomas Hendricks' funeral procession to enter through this timeless landmark.

In 1889, Crown Hill purchased land north of Maple Road (38th St.). The first burial there took place in 1935. In 1925, a 38th St. bridge/underpass was built to join the north and south sides of the cemetery. Construction of Crown Hill's three-mile brick fence began in 1914, and was completed in the late 1930s.

So many important things have happened since those early days! For a complete history of Crown Hill, pictorial and written, be sure to purchase a copy of our award-winning book, ***Crown Hill: History, Spirit, Sanctuary***, published to celebrate our first 150 years.

CROWN HILL CEMETERY BY THE NUMBERS

FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 25, 1863: Crown Hill's **555** acres include **25** miles of roads. Its more than **200,000** burials and entombments increase by approximately **1,200-1,500** a year, and include thousands moved from Greenlawn, Indianapolis' first city cemetery. More than **200** years of burial space remains.

TWO NATIONAL CEMETERIES: The first (pictured) has **2,000+** Civil War Union soldiers. The second, the Confederate Mound, has **1,616** soldiers who died as prisoners of war at Camp Morton. Other military sections include **Section 28**, the **Field of Valor** section and mausoleum, and the **Garden of America** mausoleum. Among the many thousands of military veterans buried here are **two Revolutionary War soldiers** and **three Medal of Honor winners**.

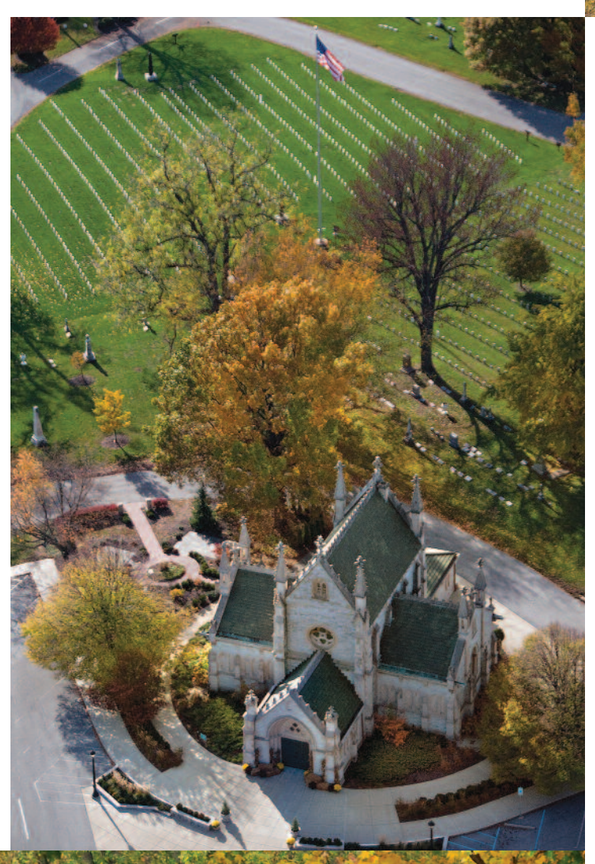
"THE CROWN": Marion County's highest hill, at **842.2** feet above sea level, offers a 360-degree panoramic view of the entire Indianapolis skyline. Marion County's highest elevation is located on the northwest side.

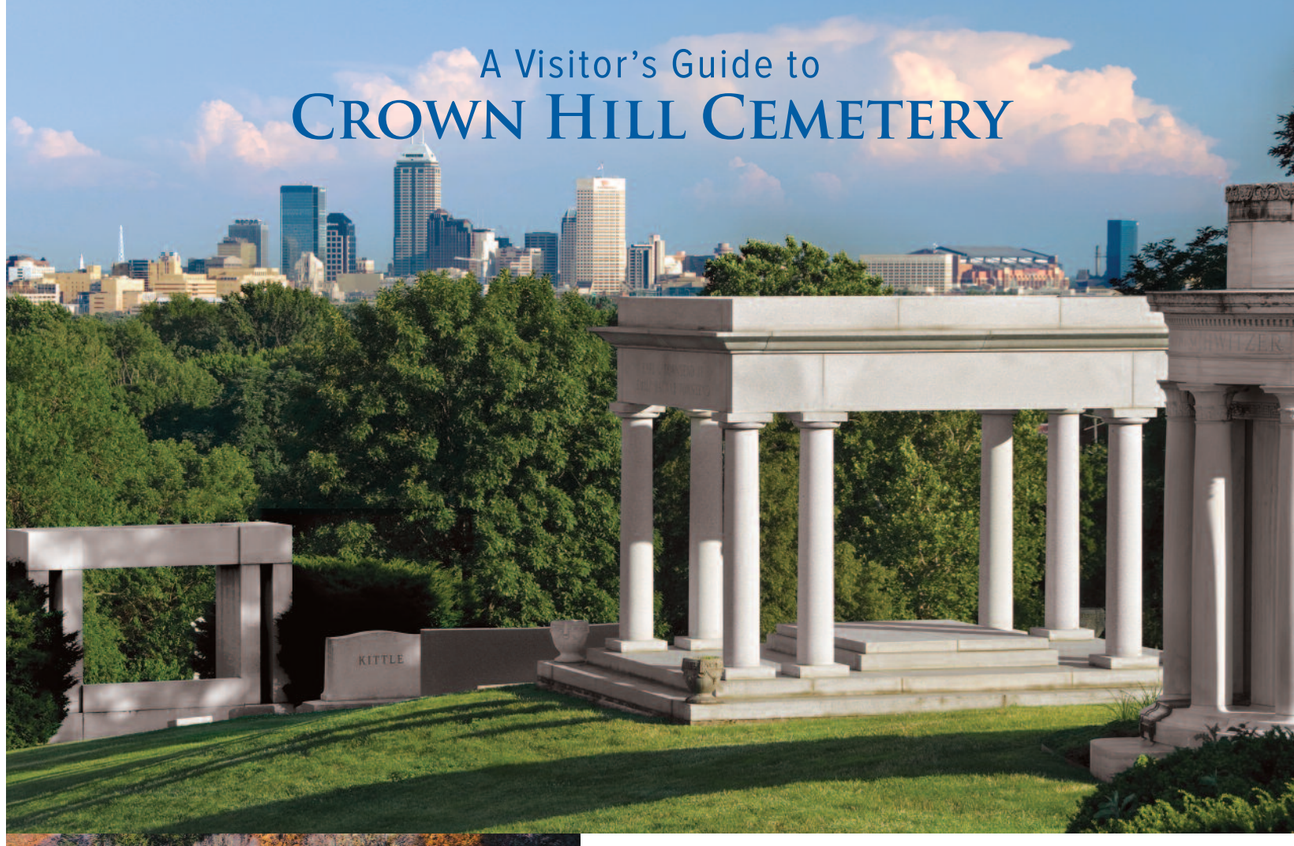
HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL: Inscribed on the walkway around this memorial are the names of **656** Indiana law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs who died in the line of duty. Of those, **58** are buried at Crown Hill.

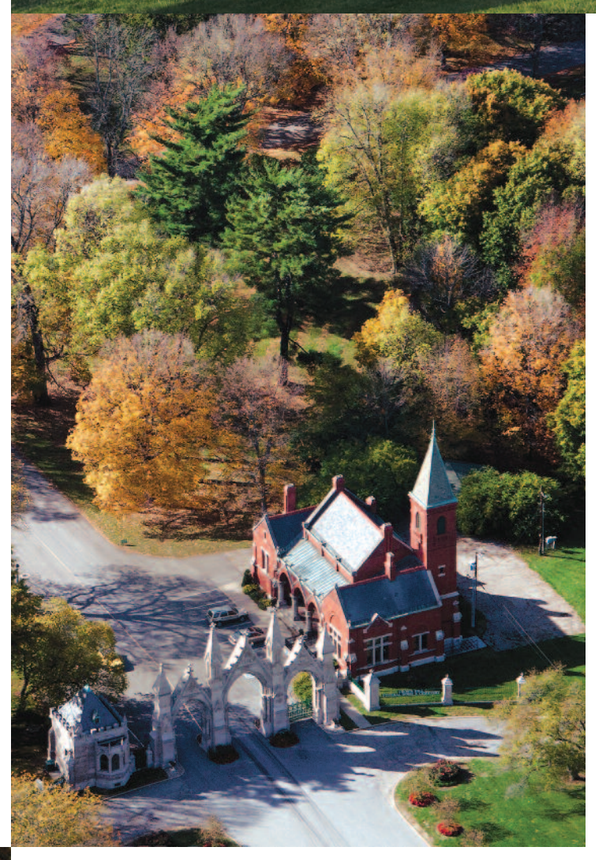
PIONEER CEMETERY: 1,239 burials from three early Indianapolis cemeteries. Of the **1,160** moved from Greenlawn who were not reinterred in family lots at Crown Hill, only **35** have been identified.

110 species of **TREES** tagged and thousands more inventoried; **58 PRIVATE FAMILY MAUSOLEUMS**; and more than **100 STATUES**, including **30 ANGELS**.

ROUND TRIP DISTANCES (from the Enkema Fountain inside the 34th St. Gate)**:** Gothic Chapel—**0.5 miles**; Pres. Harrison's memorial—**1.25 miles**; top of the Crown (Riley memorial)—**1.5 miles**. The inner perimeter road around the entire cemetery forms a **5-mile** loop. Crown Hill is located **3.8 miles** north of Monument Circle.







HOURS OF OPERATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Cemetery Grounds
Open every day, including holidays
8:00 am-8:00 pm* April-September
8:00 am-6:00 pm* October-March
The 34th St. Gothic gate closes at 5:00 pm year-round.

Crown Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery Office
Located inside the north gate at 38th Street and Clarendon Road
700 West 38th Street | Indianapolis, IN 46208
CrownHill.org | 317.925.3800 | info@CrownHill.org

Office Hours:
8:30 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday
8:30 am-2:00 pm Saturday
Noon-4:00 pm Sunday (May-August only)
Closed holidays except Memorial Day

Community Mausoleum
Open every day, including holidays
9:00 am-5:00 pm Daily (Open until 6:00 pm, M-F, May-August only)
11:00 am-3:00 pm Holidays

Crown Hill Heritage Foundation Office
Located inside the Waiting Station at the large Gothic gate at 34th Street & Boulevard Place (Pictured)
By appointment only. *(Mail to 700 West 38th Street)*
3400 Boulevard Place | Indianapolis, IN 46208
CrownHillFoundation.org *(History, guided tours, and donation info)*

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CROWN HILL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

David M. Rieck, President

It is the mission of the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation to restore the cemetery's architectural landmarks for contemporary use and future appreciation; to preserve the great natural beauty of the cemetery; and to provide historical tours, educational programs, and special events for the thousands of students, families, and cultural tourists who visit historic Crown Hill Cemetery annually.

You can **HELP SUPPORT THE MISSION** of the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, with a tax-deductible contribution. Please:

- Make a check payable to CHHF and mail to the Foundation
- Donate online at CrownHillHF.org/donate.html
- Remember the Foundation in your will

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WELCOME TO CROWN HILL

We hope you enjoy your visit to the cemetery. Awarded **Trip Advisor's "Certificate of Excellence,"** Crown Hill Cemetery is rated by visitors among the **top 10 of 90 Indianapolis attractions** and **second of 18 cultural attractions**. It's the largest green space inside the I-465 beltway: a beautiful, peaceful oasis amidst a busy urban environment, with thousands of trees, rolling hills, a white-tailed deer herd, and numerous small mammals and birds.

We welcome all who wish to enjoy the history, beauty, and quiet solitude of this sacred place. Visitors can walk, run, bike, picnic, collect leaves, take a guided group tour, view the entire city skyline from "The Crown," and enjoy one of our many events.

Crown Hill is listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, and is the burial site of such famous people as Pres. Benjamin Harrison, poet James Whitcomb Riley, Col. Eli Lilly, and the notorious bank robber John Dillinger. Also buried here are three U.S. Vice Presidents, 14 U.S. Senators, 11 Indiana governors, pioneers, business and civic leaders, musicians, actors, artists, automotive manufacturers and Indianapolis 500 notables, military and public safety heroes, and countless others. The grounds include two National Cemeteries honoring thousands of Civil War Soldiers.

In 1993, the **Crown Hill Funeral Home** was established to offer the convenience of a full-service funeral home on the historic grounds of Crown Hill Cemetery. Since that time, it has served thousands of families, and has created a lasting legacy of **remembering life through stories**.

We're open 365 days a year, and we welcome your visit.