

Because we're holding MVSA during Little 500 weekend at IU, hotels are already filling up. If you know for sure you are coming to MVSA, your best bet at finding a fairly inexpensive hotel room in Bloomington is to use Expedia or some other online discount travel provider. We encourage you to book as soon as possible to ensure a room.

Hotels with rooms held for MVSA at discount rates:

1) Comfort Inn

Just north of campus has set aside 30 rooms for MVSA (26 with king-size beds, 4 with two queen-size beds) at \$119 per night before tax. Their phone number is (812) 650-0010. They will hold the rooms until March 9. You must stay two nights to get the discount rate.

2) Hampton Inn

Also north of downtown, has set aside 10 rooms, 5 with kings and 5 with two double beds, for \$169 per night before tax. (That's a discount from their standard rate of \$229). Their phone number is (812) 334-2100. They will keep the rooms for us till March 20. You must stay two nights to get the discount rates.

3) Days Inn

16 rooms are available in Days Inn, 7 singles at \$89 before tax and 9 doubles at \$99 before tax. MVSAers have until March 20 to reserve those rooms. Of course, for all hotels, tell the receptionists you are coming to MVSA. Like the other hotels, the Days Inn is on the north edge of town, about three miles from campus.

There are a few bed-and-breakfast places in Bloomington, and several nearby in Nashville, Indiana (16 miles east of Bloomington), as well as various standard hotels also in Nashville. This tourist town is located next to Brown County State park, which has more visitors each year than the majority of national parks. The park also has an inn, the Abe Martin Lodge.

Additional Hotel Rates and Ratings (as of 10/2011)

INDIANA MEMORIAL UNION

900 E. Seventh St.
Bloomington, IN 47405
(800) 209-8145

A (small) economy room with one double bed, "ideal for the cost conscious guest," in the IMU's Biddle Hotel, prices out at about \$95. Such a room has "plush duvet fine linens and pillow top mattress with stunning views of campus or the sunken garden." No breakfast service. Some parking.

Bottom Line: Inferior value to downtown hotels, but eminently convenient. Heavily booked during the period of MVSA conference, so that economy rooms may not be available. Suites would allow for sharing.

HILTON GARDEN INN BLOOMINGTON

245 North College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 331-1335

Indoor pool; fitness center; attractive lobby; rooms with fridges and microwaves; free wireless; restaurant & bar; 24-hour front desk; newspapers; non-smoking rooms; rooms/facilities for disabled guests; safety deposit box; business center; parking in nearby city lot at \$5 per day (passes provided at front desk).

The Bottom Line: 3-4 stars; requires a two-night stay; lowest regular quoted room rate \$249; less than a mile away from campus.

[COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT](#)

310 South College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 335-8000

Centrally located. Heated indoor pool and spa; fitness room; free parking; friendly and efficient staff; attractive public areas; spacious rooms with large desk; free wireless; 42" LCD Televisions with HD; newspapers. Lowest regular quoted room rate \$149 and \$154 for room with breakfast. Small group rates may be negotiable.

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Bottom Line: Requires a two-night stay. Lowest regular quoted room rate is \$199, but this has been known to come down by \$50 for small group bookings. The Courtyard is approximately 1.5 miles from Indiana University and 2 blocks from downtown (Court House Square), and is on a bus route.

[SUPER 8 MOTEL](#)

1751 North Stonelake Drive
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 323-8000

Bottom Line: 2-3 stars. Heated indoor pool and spa; free continental breakfast; free wireless; 2.5 miles from IU. Lowest regular quoted room rate \$57.

[DAYS INN](#)

200 Matlock Road
Bloomington, IN 47401
(45/46 bypass)
(812) 336-0905

Tired but comfortable. RV and bus parking; handicapped rooms; free wireless; free breakfast; expanded cable with HBO; jacuzzi suites; smoking rooms on request.

Bottom Line: 2-3 stars. The lowest possible rate is \$69.95, group rate: \$62.96. Days Inn is about 2.5 miles from campus.

[A SUMMER HOUSE INN](#)

4501 East Third Street
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 332-2141

“Nestled in the rolling hills of southern Indiana, A Summer House Inn is reminiscent of a simpler time. Our lush courtyard invites you to socialize around the barbecue, roast marshmallows, play games, and take advantage of our outdoor pool. Beautiful Lake Monroe and bustling Indiana University are just moments away. We offer a clean, friendly, welcoming atmosphere in a park like setting and work diligently to please our guests in our clean, well maintained and relaxing setting. We are a limited service Inn and will happily tailor our service for your group. For example you can arrange to use our Kitchen for a picnic or set up our Coaches Room to review your game films. We have other family friendly features such as a functional, clean, free washer and dryer room. Our lobby closes late in the evening and reopens early in the morning. Come stay with us and enjoy Bloomington, Indiana University and delightfully scenic southern Indiana.”

Bottom Line: Lowest regular quoted room rate is \$69. [Group rates](#) are available. 3-4 stars and fairly positive reviews. This hotel is about 3 miles from IU.

CENTURY SUITES

300 S.R. 446
Bloomington, Indiana 47401
812-336-7777
1-800-766-5446

Complimentary Continental Breakfast; 24 Hour Guest Services; “spacious” 1 and 2 bedroom suites (sleeping for up to 8); Cable TV, including HBO; Room Service from [Chapman's Restaurant](#); wireless internet; “ample” parking; desk area with internet access; faxing and copy service.

Bottom Line: Suites can accommodate multiple guests. A one bed suite that includes a pull-out sofa rents for around \$145. A two bed suite with pull-out sofa rents for \$185 with whirlpool and \$175 without the whirlpool. This hotel is about 3 miles from campus. However, you will be able to catch a bus to town.

QUALITY INN

1100 West Rappel Drive
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 323-2222

“This Bloomington hotel provides guests with many full-service amenities, including: free wireless high-speed internet access; free continental breakfast; free local calls; exercise room; heated indoor pool and hot tub.

Bottom Line: Lowest available rate is \$109 and the hotel has a nearly perfect (almost 5 stars) rating. The Quality Inn is approximately 2.5 miles from IU.

TRAVELODGE BLOOMINGTON

2615 East Third Street
Bloomington
(812) 339-6191

1-2 star reviews; free wireless; free continental breakfast; “walking distance” (about 1.5 miles, across a mall and several main roads) to IU. Lowest regular quoted room rate c. \$149.

Link to [Map & Directions](#)

WALNUT STREET INN

130 North Walnut Street
Bloomington, Indiana
812-345-6118

walnutinn@sbcglobal.net

“Call for price quotations.” Attractive rooms, recently refurbished.

Bottom Line: Lowest available rate is \$149 and the Inn is very close to downtown, and less than a mile from IU.

HOLIDAY INN

117 S. Franklin Road
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
Hotel Front Desk: 1-812-334-8800
Hotel Fax: 1-812-334-8880

“The *award winning* **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites** features 102 rooms, including 32 suites and an exclusive **Priority Club floor**. Each room is equipped with microwave & refrigerator, coffeemaker, spacious guest bathrooms with granite counter tops, 400 thread count sheets and pillow-top mattresses and much, much more! Featured amenities include *Express Start hot breakfast*, complimentary Manager’s Reception (Monday - Thursday), **free high speed internet access**, private business center, fitness center, indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi rooms.”

Bottom Line: Lowest available rate is **\$148.50** and the hotel is just shy of 3 miles from IU.

COMFORT INN

1700 North Kinser Pike

Bloomington

(812) 650-0010

Newly built; 4 stars; facilities have had good reviews; outdoor pool; exercise room; free continental breakfast; free wireless; non-smoking.

Bottom Line: Is within “walking distance” (0.5 miles) to IU Lowest regular quoted room rate c. \$159.

AMERICA'S BEST VALUE

1722 North Walnut Street

Bloomington IN 47404

Telephone 812-339-1919

Fax 812-339-2052

Bottom Line: At \$164.99 per night, America's Best Value doesn't really live up to its name. That said, it has a free continental breakfast and few wi-fi; it also has a 2-star rating and is nearly 2 miles from IU.

GRANT STREET INN

310 North Grant Street

Bloomington, IN 47403

(812) 334-2353

Expensive bijou B & B in downtown Bloomington. It is genuinely comfortable, has a fine breakfast, and may have cancellations.

Bottom Line: Lowest regular quoted room rate \$179. The Grant Street Inn is **very close** to campus—about two blocks to the west edge.

HAMPTON INN

2100 North Walnut Street

Bloomington, IN 47404

(812) 334-2100

bloomingtonhamptoninn.com

The Bottom Line: 3 Stars; requires a two-night stay; rates start at \$219; the Hampton is about a mile away from campus.

Additional Information

BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT ROUTES

Cabins and Other Options (rates as of 2009)

Brown County Guest Cottages and Log Cabins

--Various addresses in Brown County, IN--

(812) 988-6429

Many with fireplaces, views. Lowest regular quoted cabin cost per night \$85 (top \$325). See: www.browncountylogcabins.com. Minimum 2-night stay.

McGinley Vacation Cabins

--Various addresses in Brown County, IN--

(812) 988-7337 & 1-877-229-6637 (toll-free)

Brown County B & B. Lowest regular quoted cabin cost per night \$130.

info@mcginleyvacationcabins.com.

Fondulac Farm Cabins

2477 Lanam Ridge Road
Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-4796

Lowest regular quoted cabin cost per night \$90.

Cedar Ridge Camping Resort

9392 S. Strain Ridge Rd.
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-3322 (information) and (800) 641-9308 (reservations)

New facility, near Lake Monroe, South of Bloomington. Budget cabins.

Allison House

90 S. Jefferson Street
Nashville, IN 47448
(812) 988-0814

B & B in historic tourist town/arts colony within 30 minutes' drive of Bloomington. Well reviewed.
Lowest regular quoted room rate \$130. See: www.campcedaridge.com.

Twin Oaks Lodge

7939 South Mount Nebo Road
Columbus, IN 47201
(812) 988-1759

Rustic log and frame lodge, on 40 scenic acres, just down the road
from the historic (and very good) Story Inn restaurant and pub, off State Road 135. Lowest regular
quoted room rate \$109.