Area Attractions

http://www.livethelegends.org
For South Bend area attractions, you can visit this website. You will find information on the surprisingly full plate of historical museums in the area. I would recommend especially the wonderful Northern Indiana Center for History. You will also find information on the College Football Hall of Fame and other attractions.

Amish Acres — 45 minutes. US 31 South, US 6 East to Nappanee. 
An indoor-outdoor museum of Amish life, with a working farm and shops. A musical theater provides entertainment throughout the summer. For information, reservations, etc., call 1-800-800-4942, or visit the informative website at http://www.amishacres.com.

In nearby Shipshewanna is the Menno-Hof Museum, which Mike Crowe recommends.

Bonneyville Mill — 40 minutes. Toll Road east to Bristol, exit south to T intersection, turn left (East) and see sign in several miles.
A beautiful Elkhart County park with a restored, working mill.

Chicago — 90 minutes to the downtown. 
A wealth of theatre, music, museum, professional sports, and dining options.

Fernwood Botanic Garden and Nature Center — 25 minutes northwest; US 31 bypass North, follow signs.
A delightful nature preserve on the banks of the St. Joseph river.

Lake Michigan
Excellent swimming beaches within a 40 minute drive.

Notre Dame
If you’ve not been to campus recently, you will be surprised at how much is new here. You will want to build in time to see how the campus has grown. You might be particularly interested in the most recent addition, a new performing arts center, a new Bookstore and Alumni Center south of the Morris Inn.

South Bend outdoors
South Bend has the country’s finest artificial kayak course, which hosts an international competition each year, featuring the world’s best kayakers. The course is open for whitewater rafting on weekends.