

Route 2: Stone Head/Story/Valley Branch Loop (All Paved)

1. From the Visitors Center in Nashville, head south on Van Buren Street less than a ¼ mile and turn left at the stoplight onto State Road 46 East. Continue on just over 3 miles (passing by the north entrance of **Brown County State Park**), then turn right onto State Road 135 South.
2. Soak in the fall foliage as you follow the winding State Road 135 South for 5 miles until you reach a T in the road; you're at **Stone Head!** Behind the tourist home at the T is Stone Head Nature Preserve with its 5 miles of public hiking trails.
3. At the Stone Head T, turn right to continue on State Road 135 for just over 4 miles until you arrive at **Story!**
 - Founded in 1851, the quaint village of Story has become the Story Inn, Indiana's oldest country inn. Here you'll find overnight lodging, a gourmet restaurant housed in the former general store, a tavern, gardens, and resident ghost, "The Blue Lady."
4. Leaving Story, take State Road 135 (past Story's cabins and cottages) about 3 miles to a left turn onto Hamilton Creek Road.
 - Tip: For a pitstop along Hamilton Creek Road, you'll find the **Homestead Weaving Studio**; home to local artist Chris Gustin and his handwoven rugs, clothing and more!
5. Follow Hamilton Creek Road just under 5 miles to a T in the road, where you'll turn left onto Bellesville Pike. Continue 1 mile to reach Stone Head once again.



6. At Stone Head, take a right back onto State Road 135 South for just a ½ mile before making another right onto Valley Branch Road.
 - If you're feeling adventurous, stop by **eXplore Brown County at Valley Branch Retreat** for zip lining, hiking, mountain biking, paintball, ATV tours, and more!

7. Following along Valley Branch Road just over 4 miles will take you straight back to the familiar State Road 46 East. Turn left, taking you through little Graw Bone, Indiana; home to **Bear Wallow Distillery**, **Brown County Winery**, **Graw Bone Coffee**, and **Brown County Antique Mall**. Hit them all on the way back to the town of Nashville!

Total mileage to each stop on route = Approx. 30 miles

1. Less than 1/4 mile from Visitors Center to stoplight at intersection of State Road 46 East
2. 3.4 miles from stoplight to State Road 135 South
3. 5 miles down State Road 135 South to the T in the road at Stone Head
4. 4.4 miles from Stone Head to Story
5. 3 miles from Story to Hamilton Creek Road
6. 5 miles from Hamilton Creek Road to Bellesville Pike, then 1 mile to Stone Head
7. ½ mile from Stone Head to Valley Branch Road, then 4.4 miles to State Road 46 East
8. 5.5 miles down State Road 46 East from Valley Branch Road to the town of Nashville

