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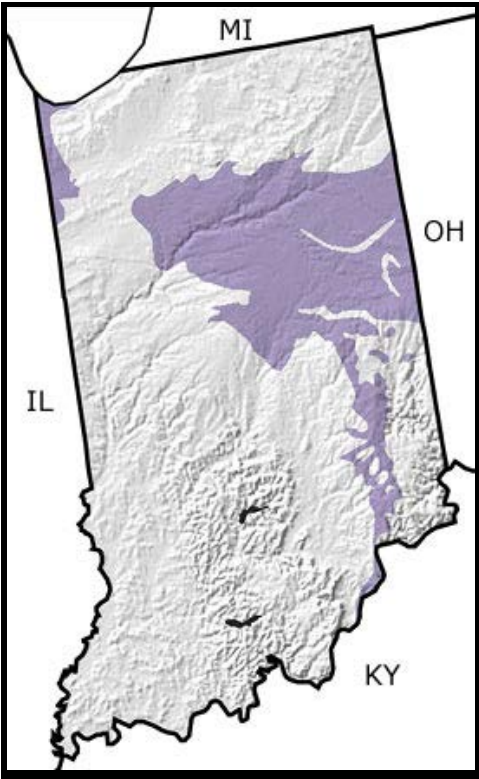
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The Silurian in Indiana, US



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Calymene celebra
A common Silurian trilobite found in Indiana.

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During the Silurian, the movement of the North American [plate](#) placed Indiana near the equator, giving it a tropical climate. In addition, Indiana was covered by a shallow sea, in which marine organisms flourished. Large reefs were especially common in the Middle to Late Silurian in the southwestern and northeastern parts of the state; quiet areas between the reefs teemed with marine life, including brachiopods, crinoids, and corals. Most exposures of Silurian rocks occur in central and southeastern Indiana.

Links to more on the Silurian in Indiana

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Researchers (showing 1 of 1 listings)


[Dr. Thomas W. Kammer](#): Specialty: Evolutionary paleoecology of Paleozoic crinoids, plus lithostratigraphy, biostratigraphy, and sequence stratigraphy of marine Mississippian rocks in the east-central United States. Field areas include West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa.


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