



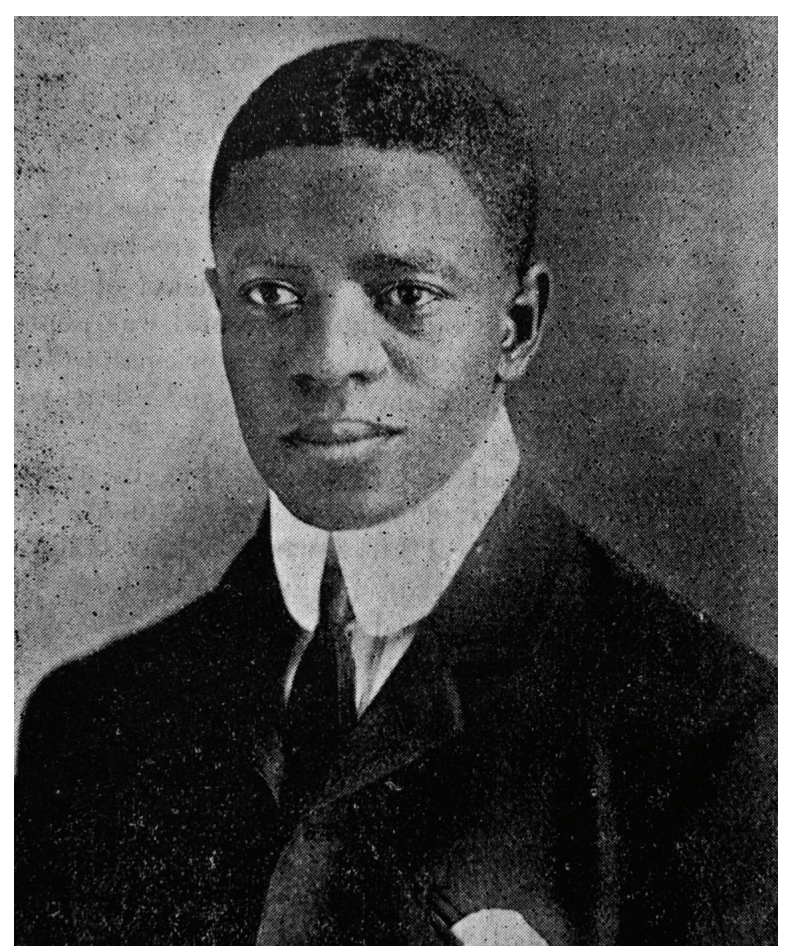
**MAJOR TAYLOR**  
 >>> FASTEST CYCLIST IN THE WORLD

**THE LIFE OF MAJOR TAYLOR**

**1 1878**  
**MAJOR TAYLOR'S CHILDHOOD HOME**  
 Marshall "Major" Taylor was born on Nov. 26, 1878 to Gilbert and Sophronia Taylor. Taylor's parents lived at 40 Cora St. at the time of his birth. The house no longer exists, but the closest address is near 1300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

**2 1885**  
**SOUTHARD FAMILY HOME**  
 Major Taylor's father, Gilbert, worked for the Southard family, and Major was the "playmate and companion" to Southard's son Daniel. The Southards bought Major his first bicycle. 827 N. Meridian St.

**3 1887-1890**  
**YMCA**  
 As a young boy, Major Taylor attempted to join the YMCA with his other friends, but he was denied due to his skin color. 29-37 N. Illinois St.



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**4 1890**  
**HAY & WILLITS DEALERS IN BICYCLES**  
 Major Taylor worked at this bicycle store and performed stunts outside. He earned his nickname "Major" because he wore a military outfit. 113 W. Washington St.

**5 1892**  
**HAY & WILLITS DEALERS IN BICYCLES SECOND LOCATION**  
 The bicycle store was at this location in 1892. 70 N. Pennsylvania St.



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**6 1893**  
**HEARSEY H T & CO**  
 Around 1893, Taylor started working for this bike company as a trainer. 116-118 N. Pennsylvania St.

**7 1896**  
**CAPITAL CITY TRACK**  
 Major Taylor set a mile record at the Capital City Track. Corner of West 38th St. and the Monon Trail



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**8 1897**  
**TAYLOR FAMILY HOME**  
 Major Taylor moved to Worcester, Mass., with his employer and racing manager, Louis Munger, in 1895. This is one of the locations the Taylor family lived without Major. 1156 Northwestern Ave.

**9 1898**  
**TAYLOR FAMILY HOME**  
 Major Taylor was one of eight children, and this is another of the addresses where the Taylor family lived after Major left Indianapolis. 2342 Northwestern Ave.

**10 1900**  
**NEWBY OVAL**  
 The Newby Oval bicycle track is where Major's father, Gilbert, first came to watch his son race. Northeast Corner of 31st Street and Central Avenue

**THE LEGACY OF MAJOR TAYLOR**

**1 1982**  
**MAJOR TAYLOR VELODROME**  
 3649 Cold Spring Road

**2 2009**  
**MAJOR TAYLOR STATE HISTORICAL MARKER**  
 38th Street and the Monon Trail

**3 2010**  
**ROAD TO DELIBERATE DREAMS MURAL**  
 Indianapolis International Airport  
 Marcus Akinlana, artist

**4 2010**  
**TALKING WALL**  
 550 N. Blackford St.  
 Bernard Williams, artist

**5 2020**  
**MAJOR TAYLOR INTERPETIVE SIGN**  
 Reconnecting to Our Waterways  
 Fall Creek

**6 2021**  
**WORLD'S FASTEST**  
 11 S Meridian St.  
 Shawn Michael Warren, artist

**7 2021**  
**NEWBY OVAL STATE HISTORICAL MARKER**  
 Fall Creek Parkway Trail  
 Just east of 31st Street



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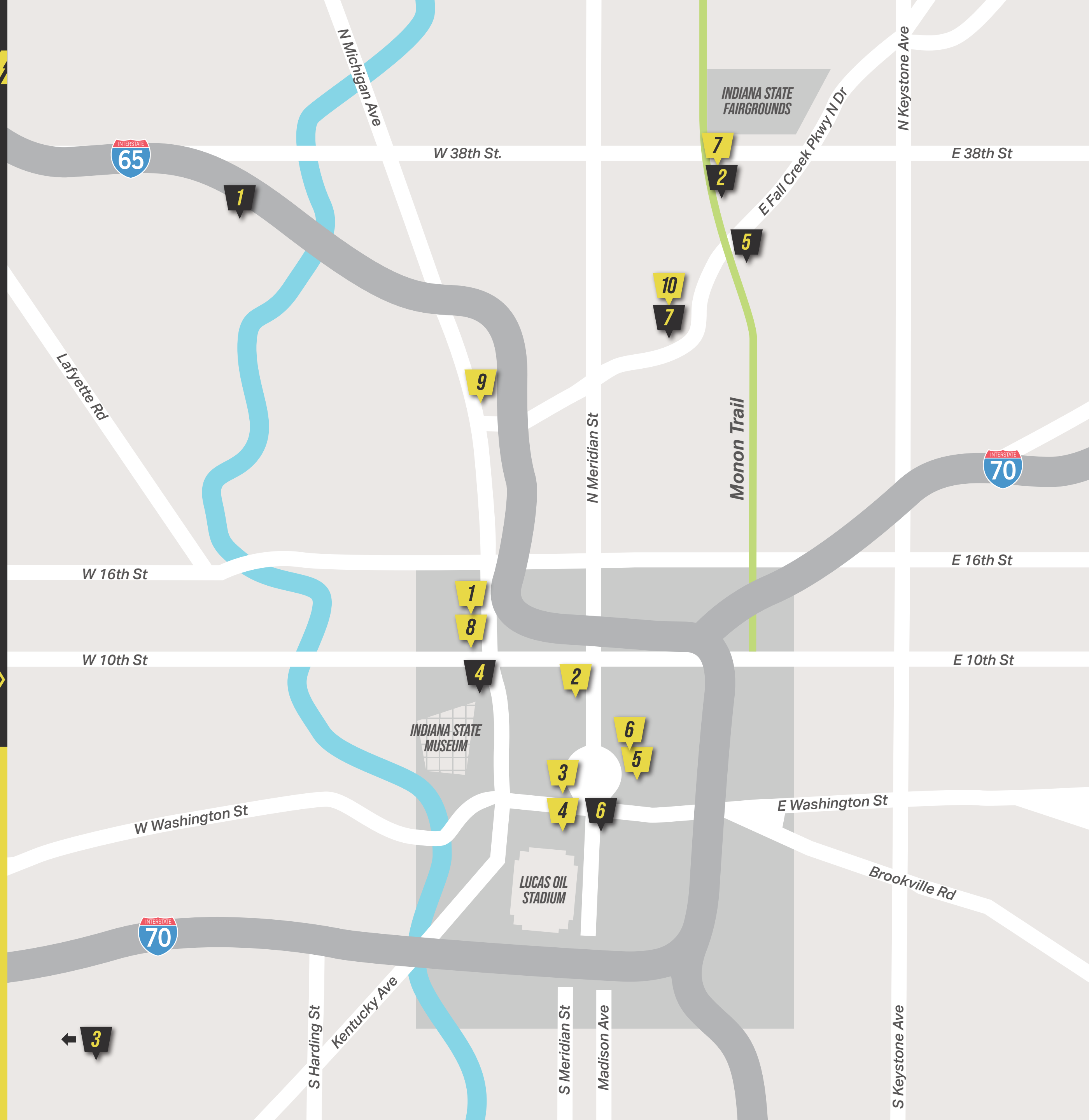
Marshall "Major" Taylor was one of the first African Americans to win a world championship and a trailblazer who paved the way for many other famous athletes such as Jack Johnson, Jackie Robinson and Muhammad Ali.

Taylor was born in Indianapolis on Nov. 26, 1878. In 1895, he moved to Worcester, Mass., because of racism and prejudice that prevented him from cycling in Indianapolis.

This list recognizes some of the places in Indianapolis where Taylor lived, worked and spent time. This map also recognizes some of the locations that honor Major Taylor's legacy.



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