

TOP 10

Heritage Trail
adventures

Activities for Kids



- 1) Hop aboard the Enchanted Railroad to ride through 9 acres of display gardens and visit the petting zoo at **Linton's Enchanted Gardens**.

315 County Road 17, Elkhart | 888.779.9333 | LintonsEnchantedGardens.com



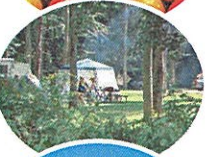
- 2) Experience the ultimate in family fun at the **Elkhart County 4-H Fair** - one of the largest county fairs in the nation! 2018 dates are July 20 - 28.

Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, 17746 County Road 34, Goshen | 574.533.FAIR | 4HFair.org



- 3) Indulge in jumbo jelly beans and hundreds of other sweet treats at the **Wakarusa Dime Store**.

103 E Waterford Street, Wakarusa & 340 W Cleveland Road, Granger | 877.715.9821 | JumboJellyBeans.com



- 4) Camp under a starry sky at **Eby's RV Park & Campground** ... and don't forget the s'mores!

Visit RVFun.org for a complete list of area campgrounds | 800.262.8161 | RVFun.org



- 5) Splash the hot days away June thru August on Heaton Lake at **Ideal Beach Water Park**.

55256 Ideal Beach Road, Elkhart | 574.262.1769 | ElkhartIndiana.org/parks/ | Check website for times



- 6) Get up close and personal with the bison at **Cook's Bison Ranch**.

5645 East 600 South, Wolcottville | 866.382.2356 | CooksBisonRanch.com



- 7) Choose from dozens of custom flavors mixed and flash frozen right before your eyes at **Rocket Science Ice Cream**.

401 E Market Street, Nappanee | 574.773.7003 | CoppesCommons.com



- 8) Kids of all ages love the **Hall of Heroes Museum**, featuring over 55,000 comic books, 10,000+ toys, figures and props and over 100+ pieces of original art housed in a two-story replica of The Hall of Justice from the classic Super Friends cartoon.

Reservations recommended | 58005 17th Street, Elkhart | 574.522.1187 | HallOfHeroesMuseum.com



- 9) Glide the ice-paved trails at the all-new **NIBCO Water & Ice Park**. Seasonal skating; summer splash pad; year-round fun. Visit website or call for specific hours.

Downtown Elkhart along the Riverwalk | 574.970.7490 | ElkhartIndiana.org



- 10) Ride the 1906 Dentzel Carousel featuring hand carved farm animals at the **Davis Mercantile**.

Main & Harrison Streets, Shipshewana | 260.768.4000 | DavisMercantile.com

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SUNDAY STOPS



- 1) Marvel at colorful, quilt-inspired, super-sized gardens - each in a different pattern - plus enjoy handpainted quilt-themed murals on the self-guided **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail**.

It's FREE May 30 – October 1 | 800.262.8161 | QuiltGardens.com



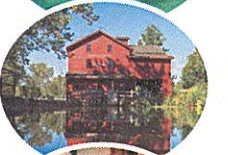
- 2) Put the pedal to the metal along the scenic **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail**, – the 25-mile stretch is great for walking, hiking, running, jogging, biking and mountain biking.

Visit Pumpkinvine.org for printable maps and directions | 574.535.6458 | Pumpkinvine.org



- 3) Pedal, paddle, picnic and play in one of the area's many **scenic parks**.

Visit AmishCountry.org for a list of area parks | 800.262.8161 | AmishCountry.org



- 4) Catch the "daily grind" (May – October) and purchase freshly-ground flour from **Bonneyville Mill** – the most photographed site in the area.

Just South of SR 120, Bristol | 574.535.6458 | ElkhartCountyParks.org



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- 6) Enjoy lunch at **Amish Acre's Restaurant Barn** followed by a matinee performance in the rustic **Round Barn Theatre**. Guided farm tours, wagon rides and shops are also open.

1600 West Market Street (US 6), Nappanee | 800.800.4942 | AmishAcres.com



- 7) Tour the Beaux-Arts beauty of **Ruthmere Mansion**, featured on A&E's *America's Castles*.

302 East Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart | 888.287.7696 | Ruthmere.org



- 8) Wander the **Midwest Museum of American Art**, home to the Midwest's largest Norman Rockwell collection.

429 South Main Street, Elkhart | 574.293.6660 | MidwestMuseum.us



- 9) Crystalline water once powered Elkhart's 19th century mills. Today, this 36 acre site is home to **Wellfield Botanic Gardens** where individual gardens are created in this native habitat.

1011 North Main Street, Elkhart | 574.266.2006 | WellfieldGardens.org



- 10) Drive the **Heritage Trail**, named "One of America's Most Scenic Drives" by the editors of LIFE.®

On Sundays, pick up the Heritage Trail CD from local hotels, B&Bs or attractions.

800.262.8161 | AmishCountry.org/heritage.trail

HELPFUL HINT: When contacting these attractions by phone, we suggest calling Monday - Friday as you may get a recorded message on weekends.

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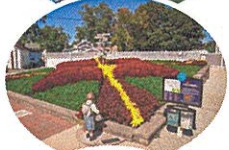
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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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219 Caravan Drive, Elkhart | 800.262.8161 | HTadventures.com



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- 3) Bike (or hike) the **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail** - the 25-mile stretch covers tree-lined streets, riverside paths and parks.

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- 4) Relax and **canoe** the broad, flat water of the scenic St. Joe River or up the ante and **kayak** the winding, calm rapids of the Elkhart River.

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- 6) Wander along waterside paths or hike marked trails, snap photos of giant dahlias then picnic with a view of the historic mill at **Bonneyville Mill County Park**.

53373 County Road 131, Bristol | 574.535.6458 | ElkhartCountyParks.org



- 7) Stroll along downtown Elkhart's **RiverWalk** from Island Park to an al fresco meal at **McCarthy's**.

574.295.7275 | ElkhartIndiana.org /// 574.293.2830 | McCarthysOnTheRiverWalk.com



- 8) Kick off your weekend with an **outdoor festival** plus every town has a signature **event**.

Visit AmishCountry.org for a listing of festivals and events | 800.262.8161 | HTadventures.com



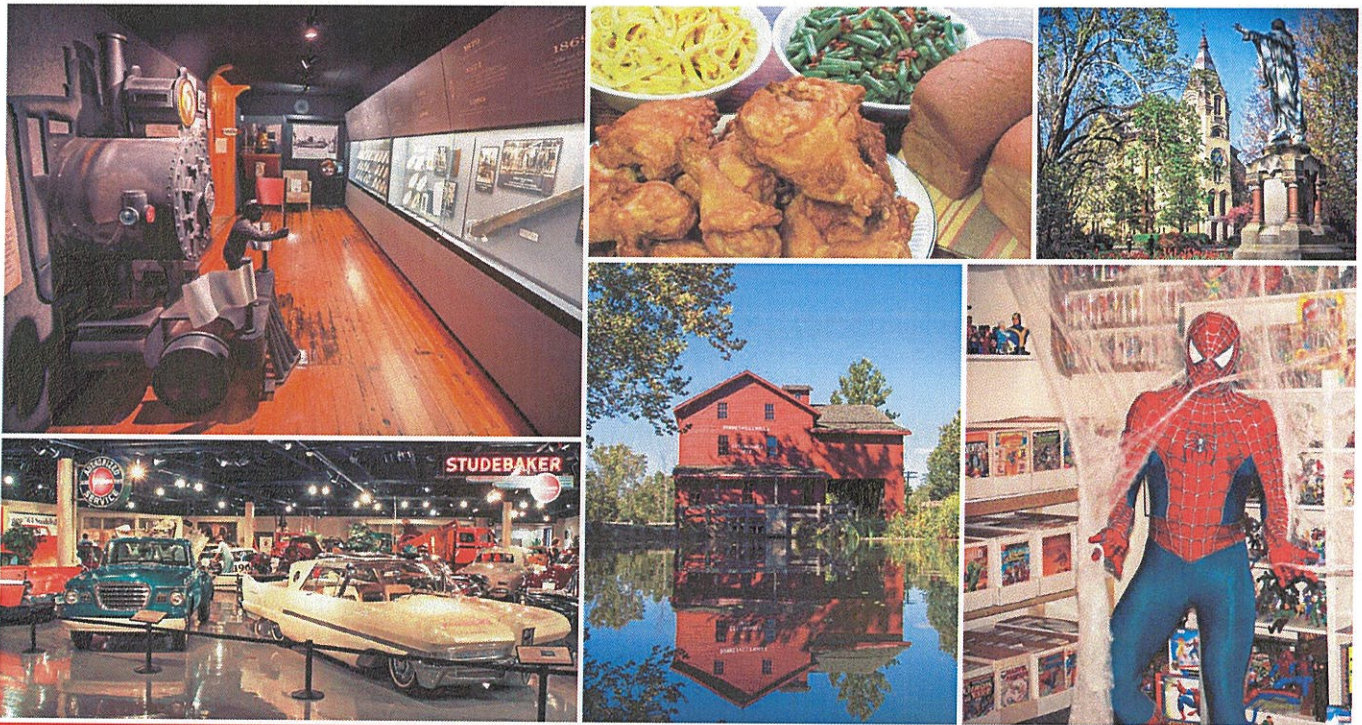
- 9) Lace up your skates for a turn or two at the **NIBCO Water & Ice Park** with the lights of the city as a backdrop. Weather-permitting - please visit website or call for specific dates and times.

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- 10) Pack a lunch and **enjoy a picnic** at one of the many scenic parks along the Heritage Trail.

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Guys' Dynamite Top 10

...PLACES TO VISIT IN THE REGION

IN ELKHART

RV / MH Hall of Fame

21565 Executive Parkway // 574.293.2344 // Admission // Call for hours of operation

It's the only museum of its kind. Follow the path that's lined with antique vehicles, including the oldest known, non-tent trailer in existence – a 1913 custom built travel trailer attached to a Model T Ford. The museum's impressive collection includes plenty of quirky highlights like the custom-built 1931 Chevrolet Housecar owned by screen siren Mae West. She used it as a lounge car transporting her between home and the studio. The Hall also features modern RVs, so you can climb aboard the most current models.

National New York Central Railroad Museum

721 S. Main Street // 574.294.3001 // Admission // Open Tue - Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun Noon - 4pm

Let your inner engineer come out viewing an outstanding collection of NYC artifacts and cruise through rail-roading history. Ring the bell and blow the whistle at an interactive display of a steam locomotive. Step into the engine compartment and cab an EMD E8 diesel-electric locomotive. Outside view rolling stock that includes the largest surviving piece of New York Central steam locomotive technology, a dual-service (passenger & freight) 4-8-2 L-3a Mohawk, No. 3001. It's huge and impressive!

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Hall of Heroes Comic & Superhero Museum

58005 CR 105 // 574.293.0755 // Admission // Call for appointment to tour

Be a kid again. Step into a two-story recreation of the Hall of Justice and browse through the world's largest collection of comic books, super hero memorabilia, original art and props (featured on the FX collectible show). Slide down the Batpole to visit Batman's Batcave recreating the scene from the popular 1960s TV show.

IN BRISTOL (approximately 8 miles from Elkhart)

Bonneyville Mill

53373 CR 131 // No Admission // Open Wed – Sun, May thru Oct

Tour a refurbished, water-powered mill that has produced flour for the last 150 years. (It's the most photographed spot in the county.) Feel the floor shake as the giant millstones rumble into action. Talk to the friendly miller who tells all about the mill and the types of flour produced there. Buy a bag of freshly ground flour to take home. Then enjoy the day and take a stroll along the well-marked trails through Bonneyville Mill County Park.

IN SOUTH BEND (approximately 15 miles from Elkhart)

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame Avenue // 574.631.5726 // Free Public Tours Mon - Fri

Immerse yourself in the history and traditions of Notre Dame on a 90 minute walking tour of campus. Hear about the Gipper. See the "House that Rockne Built," "Touchdown Jesus," the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the world-famous "Golden Dome." Get a campus map at map.nd.edu

Studebaker National Museum

201 S. Chapin Street // 888.391.5600 // Admission // Open Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun Noon-5pm

Cruise through 150 years of history and step back to the golden age of automobiles. Experience the progression of automotive history and view iconic autos. Admire the nation's largest Presidential Carriage Collection. See the carriage Lincoln rode in to the Ford Theatre and witness the tragic events that unfold in "Lincoln's Final Journey: A Nation Mourns."

IN LAPORTE (approximately 45 miles from Elkhart)

Hesston Steam Museum

1201 E 1000 N // 219.778.2260 // Admission // Memorial Day - Labor Day weekends, 11:30am - 5pm

All aboard! The museum features three gauges of steam trains, plus sawmill and traction engines and a steam crane. Trains run from Noon until 5pm.

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IN MICHIGAN CITY, IN (approximately 53 miles from Elkhart)

Old Lighthouse Museum

100 Heisman Harbor Road // 219.872.6133 // Admission // Apr– Oct Tues - Sun 1pm - 4pm

Step into an original 1858 light station with 8 display rooms chronicling Great Lakes history, shipwrecks and the era of sailing ships.

LET'S EAT! (15-19 miles from Elkhart)

Das Dutchman Essenhaus

240 US 20, Middlebury // 800.455.9471 // Mon - Thurs 6am - 8pm; Fri - Sat 6am - 9pm

Discover a pleasant surprise in the country and savor authentic Amish influenced family recipes served buffet or family-style, and menu dining. Save room for pie – Essenhaus features 30 home-baked varieties! Cruise-ins happen Thursday evenings May thru September in the Essenhaus parking lot with special activities, music and folks showing off their special rides.

Amish Acres

1600 W Market St. (US 6), Nappanee // 800.800.4942 // April & May: Wed, Sat, Sun 11am - 7pm; Memorial Day - Oct: Tues - Sat 11am - 7pm; Sun - Mon 11am - 5pm; Nov - Dec Thurs - Sat 11am - 7pm; Sun 11am - 5pm

Sit under the beams of the rustic barn restaurant overlooking the historic farm to dine family-style on the acclaimed "Thresher's" dinner featuring steaming kettles of bean soup, hearth baked bread along with platters of chicken, ham or beef accompanied by other savory Amish fare. Of course, the meal includes pie – Shoofly pie is a house specialty. Before or after the meal you can tour the historic farmstead that's listed on the National Register of historic places or take in a live Broadway-musical production at Amish Acres' Round Barn Theatre.

SOME OTHER DON'T MISS ACTIVITIES

South Bend Cubs at Four Winds Field

Downtown South Bend // 574.235.9988

Watch the South Bend Cubs play and keep score of runs batted in at this newly renovated field. Ticket prices vary. On Belly Buster Monday, ticket includes game ticket and all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, peanuts and popcorn.

Coho Capital of the World – Charter Boat Fishing

Michigan City // Washington Park Marina // 800.634.2650

Head out and cast your line into Lake Michigan, some of the most fertile waters in the nation for salmon and trout.

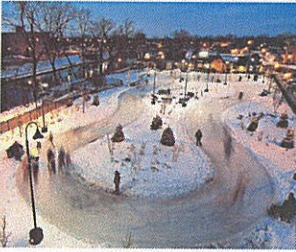


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FUN-FILLED *Winter Activities*

... ALONG THE HERITAGE TRAIL



Put on some Ice Skates at NIBCO Water & Ice Park

Glide ice-paved paths then indulge in some post-park treats like a hot chocolate and dessert at many nearby restaurants.

574.295.7275



Get warmed up during the Goshen Fire & Ice Festival

It's the hot spot the first Friday of January. Watch sculptors from the Michiana Ice Carvers Association. Enjoy music, food and more.

facebook.com/gofridays



Spend a night (or 2!) at McKenzie House B&B

Unwind in one of the wonderful, relaxing suites. Innkeepers Sherry and Bruce can arrange a winter sleigh ride through the country.

574.875.9787



Warm up by the fireplace at 'b' on the River

Enjoy a cup of coffee and stroll through their expansive inventory of unique Christmas decor and hand-made gifts.

574.293.9333



Hit the (small-scale) slopes at Bonneyville Mill

Take in the sights and snowshoe, cross country ski or sled at this 223 acre county park - one of the most scenic spots in the area.

ElkhartCountyParks.org



Travel thru snow on a sleigh with Riegsecker Carriage

Experience a personalized sleigh ride through Shipshewana. Available as weather permits, call for cost and location.

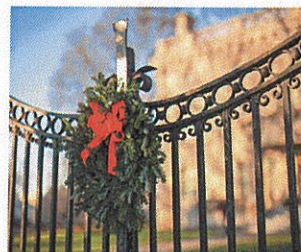
888.447.4725



Bring out your inner child at Oxbow Park

Trek groomed trails for cross country skiing as well as sledding hills and a warming house for an afternoon of snow-filled fun.

ElkhartCountyParks.org



Stay warm and toasty inside along the Gateway Mile

Explore the Gateway Mile in downtown Elkhart - filled with shopping, dining, special events and museums for every interest.

GatewayMile.com

Tubes and cross-country skis are available to rent at the Goshen Parks & Recreation Office, 607 West Plymouth Avenue, Goshen. Call 574.534.2901 for pricing, rental times and more information.

Pick up a free Gateway Mile Loyalty Card at The Lerner Theatre (410 South Main, Elkhart) for discounts and special offers from participating merchants. Visit website for a full list of special events and promotions.