



**WHETHER YOU'RE HERE FOR A QUICK VISIT OR A LONGER STAY, ELKHART COUNTY IS A PLACE WHERE QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP, INNOVATION, AND COLLABORATION RESULTS IN A WELL CRAFTED LIFE.**

*From heirloom-quality wooden furniture to craft beers and spirits produced on site, from RVs assembled by teams of Amish artisans to one-of-a-kind mugs, vases and bowls, our residents leave their mark on everything they touch.*

### **TAKE YOUR TIME**

The Heritage Trail is your gateway to discovering local culture and people. Meet the artists, discover their fascinating history, watch them craft their products in the vibrant communities of Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, Bristol, Wakarusa, and Shipshewana. Traveling along lively Main Streets and scenic backroads you'll find surprises at every turn and soon discover why it was voted the top *USA Today* Reader's Choice and editors of LIFE® consider it one of "America's Most Scenic Drives."

From May 30 to September 15 every year, super-size Quilt Gardens are planted in colorful quilt patterns, lining the Heritage Trail with even more natural beauty. It's a love letter from our dedicated residents who pour their time and energy to enhance beauty in every corner of our community.

**AUTHENTIC. HANDMADE. VIBRANT. THAT'S ELKHART COUNTY.**

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## JOIN THE EPIC ART ADVENTURES

Famed sculptor Seward Johnson's life-like bronzes return to Elkhart County to celebrate the Quilt Gardens' 15th birthday. You won't be able to resist playful selfies with the sculptures. See them at Quilt Gardens sites and on a relaxing stroll in our walkable downtowns. Our talented and collaborative local sculptors join in on the Epic Art fun for a truly amazing display of public art.



## 36 HOURS ON THE HERITAGE TRAIL

Thrilling tales of Elkhart County's history and scenic stops in our close-knit communities — the handmade welcome mat is always out. Self-guided and go at your own pace, the Heritage Trail audio driving tour is your essential companion in Elkhart County.



## TAKE THE 10-POUND TOUR

Amish Country home-cooked favorites are always on the menu in Elkhart County. Leave room for pie and other hand-crafted delectable sweets. From Indiana's largest restaurant at Das Dutchman Essenhaus and the history of The Barns at Nappanee (*formerly Amish Acres*) and everything in between, good eats await.



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## GETTING TO ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA IS EASY

You'll find us halfway between Chicago and Toledo (*just a two hour drive in either direction*). Using a network of scenic limited access highways, you can arrive in less than a day's journey from the region's major cities and towns. We're also close to major metropolitan areas, interstates, highways and airports. Most of the major attractions along the Heritage Trail are within a 45-minute drive of I-80/90, the Indiana Toll Road.

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