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NORTHERN INDIANA



TASTY

Amish Country has a corner on tasty. It seems like every Amish-style eatery and food emporium has a specialty. **Das Dutchman**

Essenhaus in Middlebury boasts 30 flaky-crustured varieties of pie from cinnamon laced apple to decadent raspberry cream or German chocolate. **Rise 'N Roll's** cinnamon caramel doughnuts put this Middlebury bakery on the map. Folks line up to buy them as early as 4am! Nearby, the Amish workers at **Guggisberg Deutsch Kase Haus** have no reservations about getting "cheesy" as they skillfully turn locally sourced milk into prize-winning Colby. And **Amish Acres** in Nappanee pairs a day on a historic farm with a family-style Threshers dinner complete with noodles, mashed potatoes and specialty desserts, of course.



FINDS

Get inspired to re-create a room or two at the **Black Crow on Main** in Elkhart. It's packed with cleverly paired new and restyled furniture plus fun accessories.

Feel like you're perusing the stalls of artisans in faraway places at **Found** in Goshen. The owners travel the globe to pick up interesting jewelry, textiles, art, artifacts and antiques. Turn rags into eco-friendly riches for floors at Amish owned **A&W Rugs**, just one of the Nappanee Area Countryside Shoppes.

PLAY

Pedaling is leisurely on the **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail** passing cow-filled pastures adjoining Amish farmsteads, shady woodlands and parks. Make it simple and rent bikes at **Pumpkinvine Cyclery** in Middlebury. To dance in the streets, head over to Goshen's **First Fridays**, a BIG themed party every month with music and lively activities. Experience real flower power with 19 gigantic quilt patterned gardens when the **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail** bloom May 30 to October 1.

FUN

Climb into the cab of an E8 Diesel Locomotive and play engineer then zoom around the grounds on the NIBCO express in downtown Elkhart's **New York Central Railroad Museum**. Make a date with Peter Parker a.k.a Spider-Man or step into a replica batcave from the 1960's TV Batman series complete with Batpole at **Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum** in Elkhart. Get the scoop on creamy treats voted best in Indiana at **The Chief** in Goshen, or sip a frothy Green River Soda at the nostalgic **South Side Soda Shop**.



SUPER COOL PLACES

Amish Country, *Destination-wide*

See it all driving the Heritage Trail chosen tops by USA Today readers. The free audio guided tour travels through downtown streets and along Amish Country back roads more frequented by buggies than cars.

Bonneville Mill, *Bristol*

Watch millstones grind grain into flour then grab a couple of bags to take home. The tasty flour at this 150-year old mill is the real deal and a real bargain.

Ruthmere, *Elkhart*

Peek into the closet of Elizabeth Beardsley and see how well-to-do ladies dressed in 1910. Elizabeth's dresses still hang on the rack and her hats and shoes line the shelves.

Wellfield Botanic Gardens, *Elkhart*

Vie for space on mama bear's lap with her chubby cub and leave room for the kids. The large bronze bear sculpture in the middle of the Gardens invites cuddling.

Midwest Museum of American Art, *Elkhart*

See Calder's "Pyramids" and Edward Moran's "Seacoast". It is strictly an American scenario here with lots of impressive viewing. Nifty finds in their gift shop too.

RV/MH Hall of Fame, *Elkhart*

Step into the "long, long" trailer that mirrors the one Lucy & Desi made famous in their hilarious road trip movie. Mae West's house car is parked just down the aisle.

Old Bag Factory, *Goshen*

Meet Mark Goertzen sitting at his potter's wheel. Find eye-popping quilts in a log cabin. "Tickle the ivories" of a vintage piano. This place has everything but old bags.

Goshen Farmer's Market, *Goshen*

Celebrate the edible with fresh-from-the-fields produce, free-range poultry and creamy cheeses. A stop at Rachel's Bread is rewarded with Belgian inspired pastries and melt-in-your-mouth croissants.

Ignition Music, *Goshen*

Rock on audiophiles! Vinyl is cool at this once garage now turned music store. Pop in for evening performances of popular Indie bands here too.

Olympia Candy Kitchen, *Goshen*

Get your sugar rush sampling hand-dipped chocolates filling wood and glass cases. Then chat over sundaes in original wooden booths or snag a stool at the old-fashioned soda fountain.

Gohn Brothers, *Middlebury*

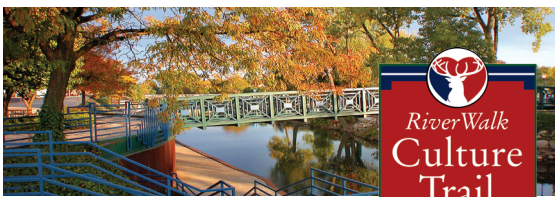
Pick up a pair of traditional Amish Broadfall pants or wide-brimmed straw hat at this century-old store. Upstairs Amish seamstresses are busy making the rigid black bonnets displayed on the store's shelves.

Coppes Commons, *Nappanee*

Visit the birthplace of the famed "Hoosier" cabinet and shop for locally made finds. While there order up a treat at Rocket Science Ice Cream and enjoy the show as its flash frozen using liquid nitrogen.

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WHAT'S NEW



RiverWalk Culture Trail, *Elkhart*

A set-your-own pace walking tour filled with inviting sites and stops that include gorgeous gardens, parks, outdoor art, historic homes, museums, performance venues, eclectic events and activities.

It's all connected by Elkhart's scenic RiverWalk and three distinctly different downtown neighborhoods - and all steps from Main Street's restaurants, shops and pubs.



MILEAGE TO AMISH COUNTRY

Indianapolis	165m/266km	Milwaukee	200m/322km
Detroit	165m/266km	St. Louis	390m/628km
Chicago	140m/225km	Toronto	440m/708km



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