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#### Welcome ...

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#### Here to help ...

Begin your Elkhart County experience with a stop at the Elkhart County Visitor Center. Our knowledgeable on-site guest services professionals will steer you in the right direction, help you plan your meeting and suggest options on where to stay, dine and explore.

#### Easy to find:

3421 Cassopolis Street, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 800.262.8161 or 574.262.8161

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#### We offer:

- Detailed maps & free Travel Guides
- Must-see attraction & shopping options
- Complimentary Heritage Trail Audio Driving Tour CDs
- Free Quilt Exhibit
- Hotel, bed & breakfast and camping brochures
- Festival and special event information

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## Ideal for your meeting, event, wedding or retreat!

High quality, great value and exceptional service - the perfect ingredients for your next small meeting, event or retreat. You'll find them in abundance in Elkhart County, Indiana!

Elkhart County boasts contemporary and traditional facilities, fully equipped and ready to service your needs.

A number of historic and non-traditional sites add fun and interest to meetings and retreats. Charming country inns offer rural and relaxed settings. Newer, more contemporary spaces comfortably serve groups; a variety of popular hotels complete the wide array of venues throughout the area.

Elkhart County is full of vibrant communities that feature sophisticated restaurants, specialty shops and expansive and modern lodging.

All of these communities are connected by the nationally recognized Heritage Trail, named one of the nation's most scenic drives by the editors of LIFE<sup>®</sup>.

The region offers an array of shopping, attraction and entertainment options to round out your stay along with seasonal festivals and family friendly activities.

## **Getting to Elkhart County is easy!**

Elkhart County is located in Northern Indiana 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.

The Indiana Toll Road (I-80/90) skirts the Northern edge of the county with alternate access from State Roads 120 & 19 and US Highways 6 & 20.

Hundreds of groups from all over the country spend an average of two to three days enjoying the sites and sounds of Amish Country.

## **Mileage to Elkhart County**

Indianapolis Detroit Chicago Milwaukee Cincinnati 165m / 266kmLouisville165m / 266kmCleveland116m / 187kmSt. Louis200m / 322kmDes Moines260m / 418kmMinneapolis

270m / 436km 425m / 388km 390m / 628km 425m / 692km 530m / 853km



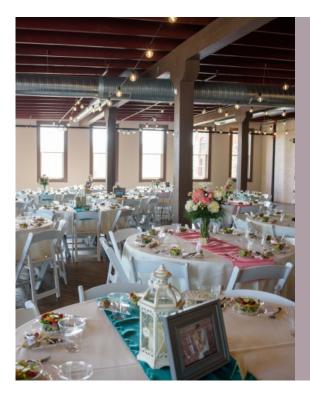
#### **Bread & Chocolate Catering and Events**

1100 N. Chicago Avenue / PO Box 204, Goshen, IN 46528 p: 574.533.9876 events@breadandchocolate.com | BreadandChocolate.com

Bread & Chocolate has been creating unique and memorable events for over 20 years. Located on the third floor of the Old Bag Factory, the contemporary urban loft-style venues with century old-brick walls, original hard wood floor and exposed beams create a stunning setting for any occasion!

Bread & Chocolate is incredibly proud of the scratch-made menu, using fresh ingredients and elegant presentation to truly wow guests. Gracious service and attention to detail are all part of the care provided to clients. Sound system available, audio-visual equipment available for a fee; WiFi access included.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
The Gallery	48' x 60'	2,800	300	125	150
The Ballroom Suite	*ask for details	7,400	*ask for details	*ask for details	400



#### **Coppes Commons Event Center**

401 East Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 p: 574.354.7455 CoppesEvents.com | CoppesCommons.com

Originally the factory for Coppes Kitchen Cabinets, producer of the famous "Hoosier Cabinet", Coppes Commons Event Centers is a historic venue offering elegant industrial ambiance. The spaces feature exposed brick and beams, banked windows, original hardwood floors, and other factory features warmly lit with custom-made chandeliers and glittering string lights.

Three rooms are available featuring different sizes and styles. All are excellent spaces for weddings, meetings, receptions, and family gatherings! A large prep kitchen, bride and groom suites, décor rental, optional on-site catering, audio-visual equipment and event planning services are available.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Conference Room	17' x 22'	375	*ask for details	*ask for details	*ask for details
Joining Room	60' x 70'	4,200	250	*ask for details	*ask for details
Upper Room	56' x 96'	5,300	400+	*ask for details	350



#### **Crystal Ballroom at The Lerner Theatre**

410 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.293.1755 CrystalBallroomCatering.com

The Crystal Ballroom has 18-22 foot-high ceilings and features ornate moldings and trim throughout, which gives the ballroom a warm and elegant look that can be adjusted for ambiance - perfect for any occasion.

Food and beverage service provided by Crystal Ballroom Catering with custom-designed menus to include breakfasts, lunches, breaks and snacks, cocktail receptions, and fine dining.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Crystal Ballroom - Parlor A	50' x 30'	1,500	140	50	80
Crystal Ballroom - Parlor B	50' x 50'	2,500	250	120	160
Crystal Ballroom - Parlor C	50' x 30'	1,500	140	50	80
Crystal Ballroom	50' x 110'	5,500	500	240	340



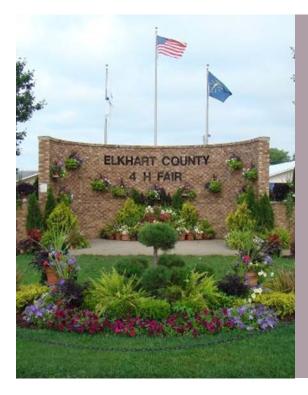
## Das Dutchman Essenhaus Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center

240 US 20 / P.O. Box 1217, Middlebury, IN 46540 p: 800.455.9471 | f: 574.825.1303 Essenhaus.com

The friendly staff at the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center is ready to handle all the details of your next event. 89 generously-sized guest rooms are individually decorated with Amish handcrafted furniture. Inn amenities include an indoor pool, therapeutic hot tub, fitness center, WiFi, in-room refrigerators, complimentary hot breakfasts, and a new courtyard area.

On-site activities include the famous Das Dutchman Essenhaus restaurant, Essenhaus Village Shops, bicycle rentals, horse-drawn carriage rides through the manicured grounds and live theatre performances at Essenhaus Heritage Hall with group-friendly pricing.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Middlebury Room	55' x 36'	2,000	200	100	150
Crystal Valley Room	27' x 36'	1,000	100	50	64
Amish Heritage Room	27' x 36'	1,000	100	50	64
Middlebury, Crystal Valley & Amish Heritage Rooms	110' x 72'	4,000	400	200	300
Executive Board Room	*ask for details	667	25	45	N/A
Hoosier School House	*ask for details	215	35	20	N/A



### **Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds**

17746-D CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528 p: 574.533.3247 | f: 574.534.3743 4HFair.org

An ideal location for corporate trade shows, company picnics, receptions and meetings of all sizes.

Amenities include audio-visual services, 15,000+ square-feet of trade show space, Wi-Fi and reduced rates for mid-week rentals.

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Open year-round.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Home & Family Arts	61' x 114'	6,954	300	120	220
Ag Hall	40' x 104'	4,610	300	120	220
Community Center	75' x 200'	15,000	1,400	576	880
Martin Room	50' x 75'	3,750	400	160	240
Fidler Room	48' x 49'	2,352	300	128	220
Mennonite Room	49' x 54'	2,646	300	128	220
Showalter Room	49' x 75'	3,675	400	160	240
Sheep / Swine Arena	60' x 168'	10,080	500	300	420
Building A	120' x 250'	30,000	2,500	1,000	1,500
Building E	60' x 150'	9,000	800	420	640
Building F	60' x 150'	9,000	800	420	640



#### **ETHOS Innovation Center** 1025 North Michigan Street, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.266.7149

ETHOSinc.org

Our unique Hands-On Science & Robotics Center located in the historic Adams Westlake building built in 1938.

Offering several private meeting rooms, a dining area for breakfast, lunch or dinner functions, as well as an Event multi-purpose space.

WiFi, audio-visual equipment and sound system are available.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Lobby / Café	*ask for details	2,325	275	180	200
Event Room 159	*ask for details	2,015	100	60	85
Training Room 116	*ask for details	1,260	56	36	42
Training Room 405	*ask for details	636	40	20	30
Meeting Room 114	*ask for details	575	38	18	24
Meeting Room 124	*ask for details	371	30	14	18



#### **Goshen College Events** 1700 South Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.535.7881 | f: 574.535.7245 Goshen.edu/events

Whether you are planning a small meeting, concert, wedding or summer camp, our full service campus is here to help.

Our campus offers media equipped meeting spaces, three performance venues, a cabin, a chapel, fitness center, coffee shop and bookstore. Some of our on campus services also include lodging, catered meals, dining services, 24-hour security, free parking, 24 hour laundry facilities, and ATM machines.

The Events Office takes pride in providing our guests with personal attention, excellent service and warm hospitality. Let us assist you with the planning of your next event!

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Sauder Concert Hall	*ask for details	*ask for details	900	N/A	N/A
Umble Center	*ask for details	*ask for details	415	N/A	N/A
Rieth Recital Hall	*ask for details	*ask for details	250	N/A	96
Church Chapel	circular	circular	700	N/A	N/A
Fellowship Hall (5 rooms total; can be divided)	58 x 95	5,510	400	100	350
Gathering Rooms (4 rooms total; can be divided)	26 x 55	1,430	100	40	56
Kiononia Room (2 rooms total; can be divided)	40 x 45	1,800	150	80	72
Music Center Lobby	43 x 35	1,505	156	156	N/A

Additional Conference Rooms and Media Equipped Classrooms available. Contact for details.



#### The Blue Teal by Nelson's

607 Nelson's Parkway, Wakarusa, IN 46573 p: 574.862.2184 | f: 574.862.2434 NelsonsBBQ.com

The Blue Teal by Nelson's<sup>™</sup> offers a unique venue experience. From the natural stone fireplace, vaulted ceiling, private courtyard, and on-site catering, The Blue Teal by Nelson's<sup>™</sup> can help make your next corporate event, reception, wedding, or private gathering a success. With two exclusive rooms offered separately or as one large venue, the facility is tailored to host hors d'oeuvres and cocktail-style events, buffet, and formal plated dining. With Nelson's<sup>™</sup> state-of-the-art kitchen and professional catering staff, The Blue Teal by Nelson's<sup>™</sup> is equipped to provide everything you need to meet and exceed your guest's expectations. Maximum capacity 475.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Twisted Oak Room	63' x 84'	5,292	300	225	325
Cyprus Room	65' x 70'	4,550	200	100	150



#### **The Lerner Theatre** 410 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.293.4469 | f: 574.293.8096 TheLerner.com

The Lerner Theatre is restored to its original 1920s opulence while at the same time being outfitted with state-of-the-art, 21st century acoustical improvements.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Lerner Theatre	*ask for details	40,000	1,700	N/A	N/A
Downstairs Lobby	*ask for details	4,200	200	N/A	N/A
Cittadine Room	*ask for details	900	N/A	80	N/A



## Northern Indiana Event Center at the RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum

21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.293.1191 NorthernIndianaEventCenter.org

America's most scenic vistas come to life as you wander exhibits showcasing recreational vehicles from 1913 to the present. The museum features an event center with room accommodations from 12 to 1,000. A theatre with permanent seats also includes a stage and screen. After hours the lobby can transform into a wonderful banquet area.

The facility is just off the I-80/90 Indiana Toll Road at Exit 96 and is easily accessible and includes on-site parking.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
The Grand Hall	110' x 22'	2,420	150	150	75
Champion Ballroom	*ask for details	4,547	550	200	265
Ingram Hall	*ask for details	17,000+	2,100	1,500	900
Library Meeting Area	*ask for details	*ask for details	N/A	N/A	75
Floyd & Mary Irene Younkin Theatre	*ask for details	*ask for details	75	N/A	N/A
Executive Board Room	*ask for details	*ask for details	N/A	N/A	12



#### **Ruthmere Museum Campus** 302 East Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.264.0330 x103 Ruthmere.org

Ruthmere Campus comprises two historic properties, each a unique setting suitable as event space. Historic Havilah Beardsley House is ideal for private cocktail parties or fundraisers with a functional catering kitchen included. Ruthmere's Arts Reference Library is perfect for small group meetings needing secure privacy. The Game Room boasts a rich history of concerts and gatherings while the Gardens are the premiere outdoor "mansion setting" for summer garden parties and weddings.

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
Havilah Beardsley House	whole house	3,883	100	100	100
Ruthmere Library	30' x 30'	900	25	25	25
Ruthmere Gardens	70' x 60'	4,200	200	200	200
Ruthmere Game Room	30' x 60'	1,800	75	50	50



#### **Wellfield Botanic Gardens**

1011 North Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.266.2006 ext 101 Wellfieldgardens.org

Wellfield Botanic Gardens offers gorgeous outdoor scenery for your wedding or special event including, but not limited to, The English Cottage, Waterfall Garden, Island Garden, Event Plaza and our Event Garden. The Gardens are the perfect setting for summer garden parties and weddings. Rental fees include admission for your guests, photographer's permit, and the location/site reservation. Want to become a member? Join Wellfield Botanic Gardens and enjoy everything it have to offer year-round!

Available Spaces	Room Size	Square Feet	Theatre Seating Style	Classroom Seating Style	Reception Seating Style
English Cottage Garden	N/A	8,000	N/A	500	400
Event Garden	N/A	13,000	N/A	500	500
Island Garden	N/A	1,600	N/A	175	150
Waterfall Garden	N/A	408	N/A	100	75
Event Plaza	N/A	463	N/A	300	150
Celebration Garden Turf	N/A	6,400	N/A	300	200

## **Other Unique Event Spaces**

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#### **Black Squirrel Golf Course**

1017 Larimer Drive, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.533.1828 | f: 574.533.5990 BlackSquirrelGolfClub.com The beautiful clubhouse offers an intimate setting for small meetings. Outdoor patio and golf packages available. Maximum capacity 70.

#### **Dal-Mar Banquet Hall**

159 East Lincoln Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 p: 574.773.3012 Banquets, weddings, meetings of all sizes; breakfast, lunch or dinner functions. Full service or buffet menus at reasonable prices. Off-site catering also available. Maximum capacity 350.

#### Elkhart Civic Theatre & Bristol Opera House

210 East Vistula Street (SR 120), Bristol, IN 46507 p: 574.848.5853 | f: 574.848.4116 ElkhartCivicTheatre.org Built in 1892, this historic building once housed the local Post Office and the Masonic Temple. Much of the original architecture is preserved, along with the auditorium's gas operated chandelier. Ideal for seminars, conferences and special events. Maximum capacity 192.

#### **Elkhart County Historical Museum**

304 Vistula Street, Bristol, IN 46507 p: 574.848.4322 (museum) or 574.535.6458 (reservations) ElkhartCountyParks.org Charming 1903 school transformed into a museum which houses more than 30,000 artifacts chronicling the county's heritage. Listed in the

National Register of Historic Places, this building offers a large auditorium with stage and is available October through April. Outside catering permitted. Maximum capacity 300.

#### **Goshen Theater**

216 South Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.312.3701 GoshenTheater.com

For over eighty years, the Goshen Theater was the showpiece of downtown Goshen's entertainment and shopping district. Groups can rent either the Auditorium or Conference Room for events and programs. Maximum capacity 65 (Conference Room); 568 (Auditorium).

#### **Greencroft Catering & Meeting Rooms**

1820 Greencroft Boulevard, Goshen, IN 46527
p: 574.537.4096 | f: 574.537.4058
Greencroft.org
A great location for meetings and receptions, smoke and alcohol free.
On-site catering, staging and audio/visual equipment available.
Breakout rooms, handicap accessible and air-conditioned. Maximum capacity 275.

#### Matterhorn Conference Center

2041 Cassopolis Street Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.262.1509 | f: 574.262.2610 MatterhornCatering.com

The Matterhorn has been hosting the finest receptions, banquets, reunions, fund-raisers, meetings and seminars in Michiana for over 35 years. The 12,000-square-foot facility will accommodate trade shows and conferences up to 500 guests in banquet rooms. Offering two full service bars, one large dance floor, ample parking and A/V equipment. Conveniently located just 1.5 miles south of the Indiana Toll Roll at Exit 92. Full food and beverage service (breakfast, lunch and dinner); off-site catering available. Maximum capacity 500.

#### Meadow Brook Farm

16263 CR 22, Goshen, IN 46528 p: 574.361.8751 or 574.370.6912 MeadowBrookBarn.com

Listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Places, this rural location between Middlebury and Goshen features an 1860's barn renovated to include a large meeting space with seating for 275 at round tables. Gardens, miniature horses, antique farm vehicles, and hand-hewn barn beams highlight the farm's rustic charm. A distinctly unique setting for celebrations, weddings, reunions, and meetings. Equipped with modern bathrooms, sound system and audio-visual equipment. Attended parking. Open May through October. Maximum capacity 275.

## **Other Unique Event Spaces**

#### **Midwest Museum of American Art**

429 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.293.6660 MidwestMuseum.com

This neo-classical style bank building, in the heart of downtown, houses 19th and 20th century art from American Primitives to Pop art and includes original works by Grant Wood and the largest Norman Rockwell lithograph collection in America. The Main Gallery provides a unique setting for corporate events, private parties, and intimate weddings. Maximum capacity 120.

#### **Red Tail Farm**

303 West Waverly Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.971.1744 RedTailFarm.net

Nestled between the banks of Goshen's Millrace Canal and the Elkhart River, the property is centred around a beautiful 1935 English three-bay threshing barn that has been updated with modern conveniences. Acres of lush forest and pastureland, parks, trails, and recently-restored wetlands surround the site, providing an intimate setting for weddings, quinceañeras, celebrations, and more! Maximum capacity 175.

#### Sammlung Platz, LLC

758 North Tomahawk Trail, Nappanee, IN 46550 p: 574.773.8083

SammlungPlatz.com

Located just 2 miles from downtown Nappanee, Sammlung Platz (German for The Gathering Place) with its enormous wood beams and hammered rod iron accents provides an exquisite setting with a rustic charm for your next corporate event, fundraiser, banquet or business meeting. The traditional pegged mortise & tenon style construction produces a cozy farm feel. And, with two levels, 26,000 square feet and parking for up to 500 vehicles, there is ample space. The built-in audio/ visual system, warming kitchen, and provided table and chairs all help your next gathering to be a memorable one. Maximum capacity 1,000.

#### The Lenox

101 North Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.501.0611 LenoxEvents.com

The Lenox in Downtown Elkhart has been restored to match its 1905 design: beautiful woodwork, stained glass skylights, wrought-iron doors, and marble details. Features a game room perfect for poker or video games and a stunning and spacious bridal suite. Maximum capacity 400.

## **Traditional Facilities**

**Quality, value and choice.** Elkhart County's traditional meeting facilities offer this and more! You'll find friendly and helpful staff, well-appointed rooms, comfortable conference spaces, and popular guest amenities. These facilities are easily accessible via major highways and interstates, providing a winning solution for your next meeting or retreat.

Elkhart	# of Guest Rooms	# of Guest Suites	# of Meeting Rooms	Capacity	Business Center	Pool	Fitness Center	SIM
Baymont Inn 3010 Brittany Court p: 574.264.7222   f: 574.264.7222	123	2	2	50	•	•	•	•
Comfort Suites - North 404 North Pointe Boulevard p: 574.206.1555   f: 575.206.1955	62	62	1	50-150	•	•	•	•
Comfort Suites South 27838 County Road 24 p: 574.293.9390   f: 574.293.5235	53	53	1	68	•	•	•	
Country Inn & Suites 3250 Northview Drive p: 574.206.8488   f: 574.206.8488	50	13	1	100	·	•	•	
Courtyard by Marriott 3445 Plaza Court p: 574.993.4993   f: 574.993.4994	99	9	1	40	•	•	•	
Fairfield Inn 3501 Plaza Court p: 574.970.1688   f: 574.970.1699	84	32	2	5-100	·	•	•	
Four Points by Sheraton 3254 Cassopolis Street p: 574.333.3707	101	11	1	40	•	•	•	•
Hampton Inn 215 North Pointe Boulevard p: 574.264.2525   f: 574.264.9164	62	n/a	1	16-25	•	•	•	•
Hilton Garden Inn 3401 Plaza Court p: 574.970.4444   f: 574.970.5379	85	10	2	10-100	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Elkhart North 3300 Sunny Drive p: 574.327.6494   f: 574.327.6493	85	21	1	20	•	•	•	•

## **Traditional Facilities**

Elkhart (cont)	# of Guest Rooms	# of Guest Suites	# of Meeting Rooms	Capacity	Business Center	Pool	Fitness Center	WiFi
Sleep Inn 220 Caravan Drive p: 574.206.8290   f: 574.206.8297	67	14	1	24	•	•	•	•
Staybridge Suites 3252 Cassopolis Street p: 574.970.8488   f: 574.970.8499	95	95	1	65	•	•	•	
Goshen								
Comfort Inn & Suites 2309 Lincolnway East p: 574.533.0200   f: 574.533.1528	74	15	1	50				
Fairfield Inn & Suites 2110 Keystone Drive p: 574.538.2027	92	14	2	10-40				
Hampton Inn 1968 Lincolnway East p: 574.533.8800   f: 574.975.0061	66	3	1	25	•	•	•	
Holiday Inn Express 1415 Lincoln Way East p: 574.535.9200   f: 574.535.9211	76	25	1	32		•		
Quality Inn 1930 Lincolnway East p: 574.534.3133   f: 574.534.6929	88	12	1	60	•	•	•	
Middlebury								

Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center 240 US 20 p: 800.455.9471   f: 574.825.0455	89	6	6	25-400			
Hampton Inn & Suites Middlebury 105 Crystal Heights Boulevard p: 574.822.0288   f: 574.822.0289	74	17	1	75	•		

## **Pavilions**

Scenic and well equipped outdoor facilities are located throughout Elkhart County! They provide all the amenities needed for a quiet, comfortable and relaxed meeting, picnic, recreational outing or team-building event. Plus, a number of nearby attractions provide options to round out your Elkhart County experience.

#### **Bristol Parks & Recreation Department**

303 East Vistula Street, Bristol, IN 46507 p: 574.848.7007 | f: 574.848.4257 BristolIndiana.net

The small and scenic community features four parks, all with views of the tranquil St. Joseph River. Park facilities include a picturesque wooden gazebo and indoor pavilion with kitchen and a picnic shelter. Facilities are ideal for weddings, receptions, parties and picnics.

#### Eby's Pines RV Park & Campground

14583 SR 120, Bristol, IN 46507 p: 574.848.4583 | f: 574.848.0916 EbysPines.com

This 80-acre campground is perfect for a small RV rally or as a team building venue. Outdoor pavilions and a rustic cedar lodge are nestled among the pines and poplars, providing an ideal getaway. Rental includes the use of all recreational equipment and the pool. Maximum capacity 300.

#### **Elkhart County Parks & Recreation Department**

211 West Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.535.6458 | f: 574.535.6616 ElkhartCountyParks.org

Four large county parks offer open-air and enclosed shelters, all located close to recreation and river activities. Bonneyville Mill County Park has 223 acres of gently rolling hills and open meadows along the Little Elkhart River. The historic Bonneyville Mill - Indiana's oldest operating grist mill - provides a scenic backdrop for get-togethers. Ox Bow County Park offers hundreds of recreational opportunities, nature trails, and shelters with a river view. The historic River Preserve was once the site of early mill operations and offers outdoor facilities including two open air picnic shelters. Cobus Creek County Park offers a beautiful modern facility, sensory garden, playground, trails and meandering trout stream.

#### **Elkhart Parks & Recreation Department**

201 South 2nd Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.295.7275 | f: 574.522.7808 ElkhartIndiana.org

The city of Elkhart boasts more than 20 major parks, many of which lie along the city's two rivers. Five indoor pavilions are open year-round and four open-air facilities offer a great option for the warmer months.

#### **Ideal Beach Family Water Park**

52256-1 Ideal Beach Road, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.295.7275 or 574.262.1769 ElkhartIndiana.org Great for family gatherings and company picnics! Kids of all ages enjoy the twin corkscrew waterslides, kiddie pool, beach and miniature golf courses. Picnic tables and an indoor snack bar provide spots for picnics.

#### **Goshen Parks & Recreation Department**

607 West Plymouth Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.534.2901 | f: 574.534.6644 GoshenIndiana.org

More than 16 city parks scattered throughout the picturesque Maple City offer 12 open pavilions for meetings and family get togethers. Many include splash pads, playgrounds, picnic tables, kitchens, grills and trails.Maximum capacity ranges from 30 to up to 150.

#### **Nappanee Parks & Recreation Department**

300 West Lincoln Street, Nappanee, IN 46550 p: 574.773.2112

Nappanee.org

The West Park Pavilion is enclosed and available year-round for up to 200. An adjacent meeting room seats 64. Both spaces have kitchen access and are available from 8 am to 11 pm. An open-air shelter is available for rent at Stauffer Park.

## Caterers

**Indulge your guests with delicious menu options.** Northern Indiana's Amish Country is well known for its savory food and sweet treats, all affordably priced. Our catering professionals offer traditional favorites; many provide the Amish-style cooking for which our region is known. From barbecue to breakfast buffets, ice cream socials to coffee breaks, we guarantee your guests will get their fill.

#### Adam's Cake Shop

1401 Johnson Street - Suite Y, Elkhart IN 46514 p: 574.262.1300 AdamsCakeShop.com Anniversary, birthday, special event cakes, cookies, cupcakes and specialty desserts.

#### American Espresso Catering Company

4117 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, IN 46544 p: 574.299.5282 BookTheCoffeeCart.com Espresso, cappuccino & smoothie carts that come to you. For 25 to over 1,200 guests, customization available.

#### **Baker's Nook**

127 Easy Shopping Place, Elkhart, IN 46516 BakersNookCafe.com Now offering a full line of catering options for breakfast and lunch. Egg bakes, baked oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads. Elkhart location offers indoor dining.

#### **Bread & Chocolate Catering and Events**

1100 North Chicago Avenue, Goshen, IN 46527 PO BOX 204, Goshen, IN 46527 p: 574.533.9876 BreadAndChocolate.com Located on the 3rd floor of The Old Bag Factory, Bread & Chocolate provides simple food, fresh ingredients, elegant presentation, gracious service and attention to detail. Catering services range from snacks and

hors d'oeuvres to breakfasts, buffet lunches, theme parties and plated cuisine.

#### Candy Buffets by the Wakarusa Dime Store

103 E Waterford Street, Wakarusa, IN 46573 p: 574.862.4690 or 877.715.8921 JumboJellyBeans.com

Candy buffets are a unique and fun way to show your personal style. Choose from a variety of color schemes and themes: retro candy, personal favorites, beach, holidays, and so much more. With over 400 varieties of candy in stock, their "World Famous" Jumbo Jelly Beans, your imagination is the limit! Unique jars create eye-catching displays that almost look too good to eat - treat your guests to a favor they won't soon forget.

#### **Catering by Nelsons**

607 Nelson's Parkway, Wakarusa, IN 46573 p: 574.862.2184 or 800.224.3435 | f: 574.862.2434 NelsonsBBQ.com

Since 1967, Nelson's<sup>™</sup> Catering has done the preparation so you can do the celebration. From elegant fine dining to relaxed barbeque fun, Nelson's<sup>™</sup> will provide all you need to make your event a special occasion. Enjoy a full menu of entrees and sides including their signature Port-A-Pit<sup>®</sup> chicken, Pit-Tatoes<sup>®</sup>, BBQ beef, mac & cheese, pulled pork, baked beans, black angus hamburgers, salads and so much more. With our experienced staff, we are equipped to serve groups from 25 to as large as several thousand!

#### Chalet Party Shop / Belmont Beverage

Locations in Elkhart, Goshen and Middlebury BelmontBev.com Retailers of fine wines, spirts and ales. Wine receptions and tastings available on-site and in store.

#### Dan's Fish Fry

p: 260.468.2576 DansFishFryService.com Complete fried fish and pork tenderloin dinners.

#### Das Dutchman Essenhaus

PO Box 1217, Middlebury, IN 46540 p: 800.455.9471 or 574.825.9471 | f: 574.825.0455 Essenhaus.com Famous Amish-style country cooking (or more traditional fare) delivered to your location.

#### **Dutch Maid Bakery**

508 W. Lincoln Avenue - Suite D, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.533.1940 DutchMaidBakeryGoshen.com Hand-cut donuts, cookies, rolls, danish, cakes and more.

## Caterers

#### **Electric Brew**

118 East Washington Street, Goshen, IN 46528 p: 574.533.5990 TheElectricBrew.com

Mobile Espresso Bar adds pizzazz to any event, meeting, wedding or special occasion. Featuring hot and cold specialty flavored and traditional latte's, loose leaf teas, non-alcoholic mojitos and seasonal spiced ciders. Full range of food offerings available from breakfast, lunch and dinner including hot entrees, yogurt parfaits, famous cinnamon rolls, wraps, salads, soups, sandwiches, deserts and sides. Catering offered from both the Goshen and Elkhart locations.

#### Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

4542 Elkhart Road, Suite 1000, Elkhart, IN 46517 p: 574.875.6262 | JimmyJohns.com

155 CR 6 West, Elkhart, IN 46514 p: 574.266.9600 | JimmyJohns.com

Gourmet sandwiches made to order with several sides. Delivery available. Multiple locations.

#### Kona Ice Michiana

p: 574.596.4569 konamichiana@gmail.com | Kona-Ice.com Completely mobil truck that comes to you and offers premium authentic Hawaiian shaved ice snow, cones and ice cream. Locations in Elkhart and Goshen.

#### Mario's Catering

1801 Wood Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 p: 574.293.7069 or 866.371.2705 MariosCateringInc.com Wide variety of meals including breakfast, boxed lunches, buffets and more.

#### **Navarre Hospitality Group Catering**

101 North Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601 p: 574.323.7640 NavarreCatering.com

We are a chef-driven company and use the very best ingredients to make your event a success. Because of our network of restaurants and venues, we have the ability to pull from our numerous local chefs, servers, bartenders and other staff, which puts us in the perfect position to give you the service you deserve. Because we're local, we know you'll be seeing us around town, and we want to make sure that when you do, you'll be able to share with us what a wonderful experience you had. Whether you use Navarre Catering to bring delightful cuisine and excellent service to you, or you choose one of the many event venues available, we pledge to do everything possible to surpass expectations.

#### South Side Soda Shop

1122 S Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526 p: 574.534.3790 SouthSideSodaShopDiner.com Offering homemade pies, soups, salads, sandwiches and more for lunch or dinner. Catering options include dessert buffets and pie bars.

## **Tour Ideas**

**Take some time to explore.** Our unique corner of the world is packed with attractions, activities and tours - fun, flexible and not-to-be-missed options to begin or extend your event. Our travel professionals will help you customize a backroads trip, Amish in-home meal or extended itinerary.

#### Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail

We've packed 1,000,000+ blooms into gigantic gardens, created super-sized hand-painted quilt murals and planted them all in the heart of Northern Indiana's Amish Country. Each of the juried designs is bursting with color and has its own special story.

View them free from May 30 through September 15.



#### **Amish In-Home meal**

Sit down to a family-style Amish dinner that offers some of the best food around the country. You'll have dinner on a family farm where good food and generous hospitality is served around large tables. Multiple homes are available in order to accommodate large numbers of people at the same time. Minimum 10 people.



#### Dinner & Theatre at The Barns at Nappanee (Matinee & Evening Performances)

The Round Barn Theatre at The Barns at Nappanee presents a wide variety of productions including musical theatre and light comedy.

Enjoy a pre-theatre dinner at the LaSalle Farm and Table Restaurant located on-site. Sit down under the hand-hewn timbers and enjoy localled courced and farm fresh lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch options.

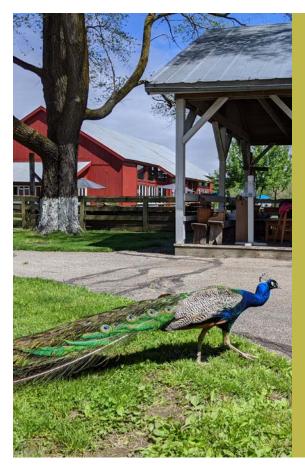
Visit TheBarnsAtNappanee.com for a complete schedule.



#### Heritage Trail Audio Driving Tour

The 90-mile route allows you to enjoy the Elkhart County area from the safety and comfort of your car while giving you the flexibility to stop and enjoy attractions, shops, restaurants and more at your leisure.

## **Must-See Attractions**



**The Barns at Nappanee**, Nappanee, IN p: 800.800.4942 or 574.773.4188 ext 4 TheBarnsAtNappanee.com

An immersive, all-inclusive Amish Country experience spread over 80 rural acres - a not-to-be-missed, group friendly destination in the heart of Nappanee that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Tour the historic farm on foot and wagon
- Dine beneath the hand-hewn beams in the century-old Amish-built Restaurant Barn
- Take your seat in the 400-seat Round Barn Theatre for original musicals
- Browse the on-site specialty shops filled with home decor, fudge, gourmet coffee and more
- Each August, enjoy the Arts & Crafts Festival

**Das Dutchman Essenhaus**, Middlebury, IN p: 800.455.9471 or 574.825.0052 Essenhaus.com

An unforgettable Amish Country experience, nationally recognized for its restaurant and bakery (a pie-lovers paradise with 30 delicious varieties made daily). On-site shops, a charming and comfortable inn, horse-drawn carriage rides and unique "groups-only" interactive opportunities round out your stay!

- Enjoy traditional family-style meals, buffet dining or menu options
- Shop for truly unique gifts, home accents, baked goods, specialty items, souvenirs, and accessories coupons provided and experience creative, hopeful and enriching live theatre performances at Essenhaus Heritage Hall
- Well-appointed and spacious guest room accommodations with all the amenities you appreciate and enjoy at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center (breakfast included)
- Stop by both the Essenhaus Quilt Garden and Mural, one of the Official Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail, an ABA Top 100 event!



## **Must-See Attractions**

**Shipshewana Flea Market**, Shipshewana, IN p: 260.768.4129 ShipshewanaTradingPlace.com

The Midwest's Largest flea market is a do-not-miss tradition with nearly 700 open-air booths on 40 acres. Vendors offer vintage items, quirky novelties, produce, hand-made goods, re-purposed crafts, handcrafted furniture, home decor, snacks, and everything in between. Beautiful country-style hotel located across the street.

- Enjoy year-round events, that include the 30,000-square foot antique auction PLUS cattle and hay auctions on Wednesdays
- Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8am to 4pm, May through September





**Bonneyville Mill**, Bristol, IN p: 574.535.6458 (for reservations) ElkhartCountyParks.org

A visit to rustic Bonneyville Mill is a step back in time and a step into the most photographed attraction in Elkhart County. The friendly miller tells the mill's history as huge millstones rumble into action. Take home a bag of freshly ground cornmeal – it's the best!

- Tour Indiana's oldest operating stone grist mill and take group pictures at one of the most photographed spots in the area
- Group Tours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 4pm

Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart, IN p: 574.266.2006 WellfieldGardens.org

Wellfield Botanic Gardens beauty of nature and art together will inspire and rejuvenate all who visit. The celebration of life and nature together will bring all who visit a breath of fresh air. WBG offers a variety of activities and events from concerts to health and wellness programs. Call today for a guided tour or visit us online to see a listing of current events.

- Walk around paved, scenic paths as you reconnect with the natural habitat
- Enjoy beautiful sculptures, waterfalls and a scenic pond

