

AmishCountry

... along the Heritage Trail

Heritage Trail Driving Tour Trail Tips

Amish Country Courtesies

You'll find the Amish in Northern Indiana to be friendly and talkative at farm markets, special events and at places where they mingle with the English (that's us).

Please do respect their privacy as they go about day-to-day life, and keep these courtesies in mind:

- Don't ask to photograph or film the Amish. It's against their religious beliefs.
- Respect private property, but take some time to chat with Amish shop owners and artisans who welcome guests.
- Amish businesses are **closed on Sundays**.
- Keep a sharp eye out for buggies and bicycles as you crest hills and round corners.
- Most buggy horses are car savvy and hard to spook. But they might be startled into erratic behavior by high-beam headlights and honking horns.

Respect the Amish Lifestyle

- While taking photographs of Amish scenery is OK, taking pictures of the Amish people is a No no! In general, shots of Amish life at distance are fine while pictures that single out individuals are contrary to Amish religious beliefs.
- Respect Personal Space: Like anyone else, Amish people going about their daily business might not be receptive to being approached on the street. Please do take the chance to chat with Amish shop owners and artisans who welcome guests.

Trail Highlights

- **Bonneyville Mill** C.R. 131, Bristol The lovely restored mill is probably the most photographed place in the county. The surrounding park with its wetlands and woods is ideal for great wildlife photo opportunities especially in the early morning or evening hours.
- **Downtown Goshen** Stop at the courthouse square for shots of the historic courthouse, Neptune fountain and charming Olympia Candy Kitchen across the street. The corner police bunker built in the 1930's to protect downtown banks provides a fun photo-op.
- **Dinner in An Amish Home** LeAnna Yoder, ML Acres Voicemail 260.768.3248 Serving to walk-ins, every Tues night at 5:30 p.m. for \$18 pp incl tax & tip. Complete family style meal. Located east of Das Dutchman Essenhaus on US 20. Call LeAnna to make reservations. Will take walk-ins, any number, up to the last minute. Mention you are a referral from the Elkhart County Visitors Center.