

Heritage Trail – Important Road Closure/Detour Information

(CD #1) CR #16 between Middlebury and Shipshewana

Detours: Through October 2011

The route between Middlebury and Shipshewana (CR #16 in Elkhart County and 250N in LaGrange County) will be under construction one small portion at a time. Follow all routing signs as directed. Drive Carefully!

Please remember to always stay within the posted speed limits the trail audio will only work if you drive the limit! Please be on the lookout for buggies and bicycles, Many Amish travel along the backroads daily. Be especially aware around curves and when driving up or down hills.

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.

Martins Landing

Jackson Blvd., Elkhart One of the widest spots along the St. Joseph River, nearly 1,600 feet, it offers an expansive view. Early morning and evening are particularly lovely. The Elkhart River Queen cruises by Sundays from 2–4pm during the summer.

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.