



Quilt Gardens

... along the Heritage Trail

BRISTOL ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE SHIPSHEWANA WAKARUSA

Enjoy the 18 supersized Quilt Gardens and 18 Quilt Murals at your own pace, but be sure to take advantage of the many other sites and experiences nearby. We suggest ...

- Make the *Aurora* mural at the Elkhart County Visitor Center in Elkhart your first stop – stock up on free Amish Country Travel Guides, detailed maps and trip tips. Plus find souvenir Quilt Garden postcards, mini-art and notecards.
- Wellfield's Quilt Garden is surrounded by whimsical sculpture, winding stone paths, woodlands and water features – enjoy this free oasis in downtown Elkhart while photoing the *Hope Blooms* garden.
- You'll want to explore the Village Shops for ladies apparel, quilts, Vera Bradley plus home decor at Das Dutchman Essenhaus – just around the corner from the *Double Wedding Ring* mural.
- Homemade noodles & fresh honey products are just steps away from Dutch Country Market's *Star of Bethlehem* garden in Middlebury - sometimes you'll find the Amish kids making noodles!
- See heirloom quilts – including the original quilt that inspired the new *Flower Basket* garden – inside the Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol.
- Take a break at Nappanee's Main Street Coffee House or Veni's Sweet Shop – just a short walk from the new Nappanee Center garden.
- There's nothing like a meal or a sweet treat on the patio and views of Elkhart's RiverWalk and Central Park's *Remnants Pattern* garden. McCarthy's and b on the River serve both.
- Get crafty at Hobby Lobby while at the Concord Mall mural ... it's just a short walk from the new *Jazz it Up* mural.
- While in downtown Goshen, take time to explore the many shops – Olympia Candy Kitchen, Jules Boutique or Woldruff's Footwear – to name just a few. Many are within a few blocks of the *Whirlwind Flag* garden.
- Park your car! Wakarusa's favorite finds – the Dime Store (350 types of candy!), old fashioned hardware store and fabric shop are within walking distance of the *Golden Gate* garden and *Maple Leaf* mural.

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COUNTRY ROAD EXPERIENCES

WORTH THE STOP

- Catch picture perfect country scenes at dawn as the sun is rising and the morning dew is still on the ground and dusk when the light of the setting sun casts a soft, warm glow.



- Stop and shop with the Amish. Explore country stores filled with goods you don't find in the city. When the "open" sign is out, so is the welcome mat.

- Take home the bounty of roadside stands. Brown eggs fresh from the hen-house. Red juicy tomatoes. Sweet as sugar corn. Ripe fragrant melons. Apples just plucked from the tree. That's only the beginning!

- Dine for a cause, sample great homemade food from a traditional Amish "Haystack" supper or a fabulous fish fry and maybe make some new friends. The action happens at community and church suppers all over Amish Country.

- Buy local. Buy fresh. Buy in bulk. From May thru October the Wakarusa Produce Auction offers whatever is in season plus lots of local "color."

Amish Country Courtesies

You'll find the Amish in Northern Indiana to be friendly and talkative - at farm markets, special events and other 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 as you crest hills and round corners.

- Most buggy horses are car savvy and hard to spook. Even so, they might be startled into erratic behavior by high-beam headlights and honking horns.