



October 2026

Programs & Events ~ at the Elkhart Environmental Center ~

All
Month

Annual Pumpkin Hunt

Dawn - Dusk Daily

Our annual Pumpkin Hunt is back again this fall! During October, enjoy time outdoors and explore our trails at the EEC to search for pumpkins hidden around the site... if you find one, turn it in for a fun fall prize! In total, there are 12 pumpkins hidden. Pumpkins will remain hidden until October 31st OR until all 12 have been found. Happy hunting! **Cost: FREE; no registration required. Prizes limited to 1 prize per household.**

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& 28

Trees for the Hart Plantings

October 3rd | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & October 11th | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM &
October 12th | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM & October 28th | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The City's tree-planting program aims to plant 2,000 trees all across the city by 2028, and we need your help to do it! Snacks, tools, and gloves will be provided! Family and friends are welcome to volunteer together. **Cost: FREE. For details about times and locations, and to sign up, check out our volunteer website at elkhart.galaxydigital.com. All ages.**

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A Walk in the Woods

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join us in a BRAND NEW program series where we take a walk in the woods at the EEC! An EEC staff member will lead an informal, easy hike on a trail around the EEC with a different theme/topic in mind. These FREE hikes will take place the first Wednesday of every month (April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd). **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended. All ages.**

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Bat House Workshop @ Woodlawn Nature Center

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

One of the EEC's most popular workshops is BACK this year, and this time, it's going on the road! Our Bat House Workshop is happening at Woodlawn Nature Center on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Participants will learn about local bat species, their habits, and conservation during an informative presentation, then assemble their very own bat house to put up at home! **Cost: \$10; advance registration required by October 1st. Ages 8+.**

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Monthly Bird Hike

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Let's look for birds at the EEC! Walk with an EEC staff member around the EEC to look for birds and any other cool wildlife we might come across. We will meet at the outdoor pavilion next to our Visitor's Cabin before we hit the trails. Most of these hikes are easy, and we encourage participants to dress for the weather and wear hiking boots or good shoes to hike in. **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by October 12th. Ages 10+.**

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Haunted Walk Through the Woods ~ Volunteer Orientation

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Volunteering for our Haunted Walk Through the Woods event this year? Attend our volunteer orientation on Tuesday, October 20th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM to get details about event setup, shifts, and logistics! This orientation is **required for trail actors** and open to anyone volunteering over the three-day span of the event. Please meet inside the EEC's Visitor's Cabin. Snacks will be provided! **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended (sign up for this orientation and/or Haunted Walk volunteer shifts by visiting <https://elkhart.galaxydigital.com/need/>**

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Haunted Walk Through the Woods

October 22nd | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Kids' Night)

October 23rd | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

October 24th | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Our annual Halloween event is back for its 7th year! Join us for decorated trails (both kid-friendly and scary), live music, local food and artisan vendors, a kids' costume parade, and more! **Cost: FREE (donations appreciated); advance registration recommended. All ages. For more details, please visit www.cityofelkhartin.gov/haunted-walk.**

Program Registration

To see a full list of events and to register for programs, please visit www.eventeny.com/company/elkhartenvironmentalcenter/ or scan the QR code below.



We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!



Haunted Walk
October 2025

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