



September 2026

Programs & Events ~ at the Elkhart Environmental Center ~

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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 - December). **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended. All ages.**

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Trees for the Hart Plantings

September 9th | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM & September 19th | 10:00 AM - 12:00 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/locations, and to sign up, check out our volunteer website at elkhart.galaxydigital.com. All ages.**

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Bird Hike

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Join a staff member and fellow birders as we walk around the EEC and look for birds. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair from the EEC (limited quantity). Come when you want and leave when you need to for this easy, slow-paced walk. **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by September 7th. Ages 8+.**

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Fall Leaves Program with Elkhart Public Library

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Celebrate the Autumn Equinox with us! We will be reading a festive fall book about changing leaf colors courtesy of EPL. The EEC will then break down the science of how leaves change colors in the fall and why. Then, we will wrap up our program with a fall leaf craft. **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by September 10th. All ages.**

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Hoosier Riverwatch Training with Elkhart County Parks @ Bonneyville Mill

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

This basic training is an introduction to the Hoosier Riverwatch program and different hands-on water quality monitoring methods. Participants will learn about aquatic habitats and will be trained in chemical and biological assessment techniques. **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by September 11th. Ages 18+. Register at elkhartcountyparks.recdesk.com.**

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Pedal into the Past with Elkhart County Historical Museum

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Bike beside the beautiful Elkhart River! Along the way, learn about the natural and cultural history of the river, its wildlife, and the people whose lives it has touched. We'll enjoy a treat together at the halfway point. **Cost: \$5 per person; advance registration required by September 22nd. All ages. Register at elkhartcountyparks.recdesk.com.**

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Flying WILD Workshop with Elkhart County Parks @ Ox Bow County Park

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Educators who work with upper elementary and middle school aged kids are invited to take part in this training all about birds. Participants will receive the Flying Wild curriculum book. CEUs are also available. **Cost: \$10 per person; advance registration required by September 23rd. Ages 18+. Register at elkhartcountyparks.recdesk.com.**

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Waggin' in the Woods

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Don't miss the 6th Annual Waggin' in the Woods dog event! On September 27th, bring your family and furry pals to the EEC. There will be family and pet-friendly activities, vendors, food trucks and more! **Cost: FREE; pet supply donations to support Tracking in the Shadows highly encouraged for entry. No registration required. All ages.**

Next Month...
Save the Date!

Haunted Walk Through the Woods

October 22nd - 24th | 5:00 PM - 8:00/9:00 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!



Waggin' in the Woods
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