

Epic Art Adventures

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To celebrate ten years of Quilt Gardens along Indiana's Heritage Trail, the Elkhart County CVB is offering a temporary art exhibit featuring over 50 lifelike bronze sculptures by the talented Seward Johnson. This free exhibit ends October 20, 2017.

Preparing for Your Epic Art Adventures

Before you start on your Epic Self-Guided Tour, you will want a few things: **1) a brochure, 2) this handy Minivan Adventures route guide, and 3) a GPS navigation tool.** Get a free copy of the Epic Art Adventures brochure online at EpicArtAdventures.com or in-person at the Elkhart Visitor Center (which is the first stop listed below). Since the brochure does not provide recommended driving or walking routes, be sure to bring this Minivan Adventures route guide along with you to make sure that you don't miss any of these amazingly lifelike sculptures by Seward Johnson! And finally, we found it helpful to refer back to a GPS navigation mobile app occasionally. We used the Google Maps app.

An Epic Self-Guided Tour

Start at the Elkhart Visitor Center at 219 Caravan. There is a mural outside the building, and inside the building, you can see ***Getting Involved****. While you are there, you can pick up maps/brochures.

Hop in your car and head south to the Wellfield Botanic Gardens at 1011 N Main where you can see ***Inner World, Outer World***, quilt gardens and murals.

Hop back into the car and drive to the Ruthmere Museum at 302 E Beardsley to enjoy quilt gardens and ***A Turn of the Century***.

Leave your car parked at the Ruthmere and walk down the street to the Havilah Beardsley House where ***La Promenade*** is on display.

Return to your car and drive into downtown Elkhart for a 45-60 minute walking tour. Look for parking near the City Center Park.



God Bless America is a 25-foot tall monumental sculpture by Seward Johnson. Inspired by the famous *American Gothic* painting by Grant Wood, it is currently on display in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Sculptures we actually saw during our own Epic Art Adventure are denoted with an asterisk (*).*

Downtown Elkhart Self-Guided Walking Tour

Start at the **God Bless America*** monumental sculpture located downtown in Elkhart's City Center Park (near the corner of Franklin St and Waterfall Dr). This sculpture inspired by Grant Wood's famous *American Gothic* painting is a whopping 25 feet tall. It overlooks the RiverWalk and the Civic Plaza, and it makes for a very impressive start to your self-guided downtown walking tour.

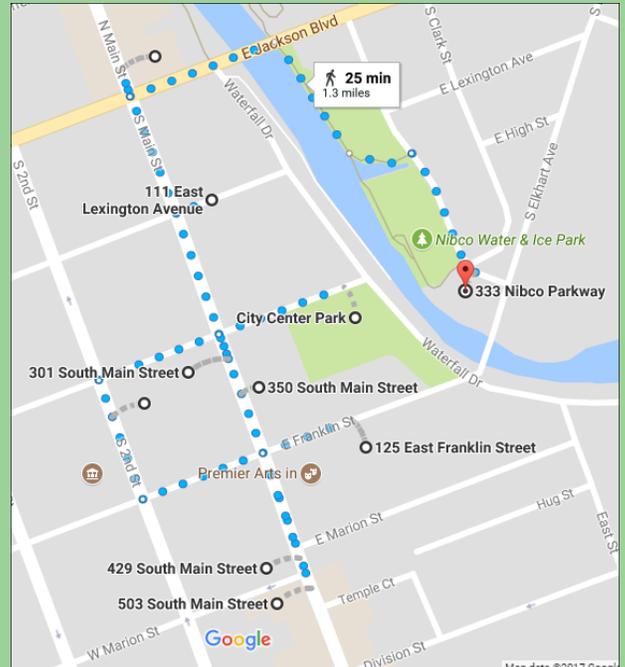
Walk across the green park area to **Out of Sight***. There is a small quilt garden near this sculpture for your enjoyment as well.

Head toward the water sculpture at the Civic Plaza Tower to see **Aftermath*** located at 350 S Main.

Then, turn the corner and walk a little ways down Franklin Street to see **Between Classes*** outside an Indiana University building at 125 E Franklin

Head back to Main Street to discover **Sidewalk Concert*** at Lerner Theatre 410 S Main.

Look around at the corner of Marion and Main to discover **Building Better Neighbors***, a quilt garden and art murals. They are located in the side yard area of the Premier Arts building.



Downtown Elkhart Walking Tour / Google Maps Screen Grab



Out of Sight

Cross to the other side of the road and walk just a little bit further to discover **Wine Food and Thou*** near 503 S Main.

At this point, turn around and backtrack down Main Street to the Midwest Museum of American Art at 429 S Main. **Forever Marilyn** is housed inside the building. You may want to check the museum hours ahead of time. It was closed during our own Epic Art Adventures.

While standing in front of the museum, you should be able to easily spot **Monet our Visiting Artist*** outside of the art museum building.

Continue down Main Street. Turn left on Franklin, and then, turn right on 2nd Street. In front of the library (300 S Second), you should find **No Mommy, That One.**

Continue around the block to discover **Time's Up*** in front of the County Prosecutor Office at 301 S Main.

Continue down Main Street and watch for **Waiting to Cross*** between a couple of buildings near 215 S Main.

Downtown Elkhart Self-Guided Walking Tour (Continued)



Strolling Professor

Cross the street to find ***Strolling Professor**** near 214 S Main.

Turn right onto Lexington, and walk a short ways to find ***Second Hand News**** at 111 E Lexington.

Return to Main St and watch for ***Contact**** in front of Hopman Jewelers at the corner of Main and Jackson.

Cross the river on E Jackson Boulevard, and then, follow the riverwalk through Kardzhali Park to 333 Nibco to find ***Shaping Up****.

At this point, cross the river to return to your starting point and conclude the walking tour of downtown Elkhart. This section of the tour is about 1.5 miles in length and generally takes about an hour.

After your walking tour through Downtown Elkhart, hop in your car and set your GPS for Wakarusa. There are a couple points of interest that you may want to hit on your way out of town. Stop by the Time Was Museum to see a mural, and pay a visit to the Concord Town Center for a mural and quilt gardens. Then, it is on to the quaint little town of Wakarusa.



Aftermath



Quilt Gardens located in Elkhart's City Center Park

Wakarusa

The small-but-lovely downtown of Wakarusa features quilt gardens, murals, and two Seward



Waiting to Cross

Johnson sculptures – **Hot Weather** and **The Photo Shoot**. Both sculptures (along with the quilt gardens and mural) are located along the 100 block of S Elkhart Avenue.

Hop back into your vehicle and set the GPS for Nappanee. On your way into Nappanee, you may wish to see the gardens at the Dutch Village Market and the mural at Amish Acres.

Nappanee

Start your self-guided walking tour at Coppes Commons (500 E Lincoln). Admire **Yum Yum** and the quilt gardens.

Cross to the other side of the road, and walk along Market Street to see **Waiting** at 152 E Market.

Turn down Main Street to see **Latte?** by the coffee house at 105 N Main.

Continue towards the library at 157 N Main to see **My World**. Look across the street to see a mural at John's butcher Shop.

Head back to Market Street and wander over to the Nappanee Center at 302 W Market to find quilt gardens and two sculptures – **There, Now You Can Grow** and **Keeping In Touch**.

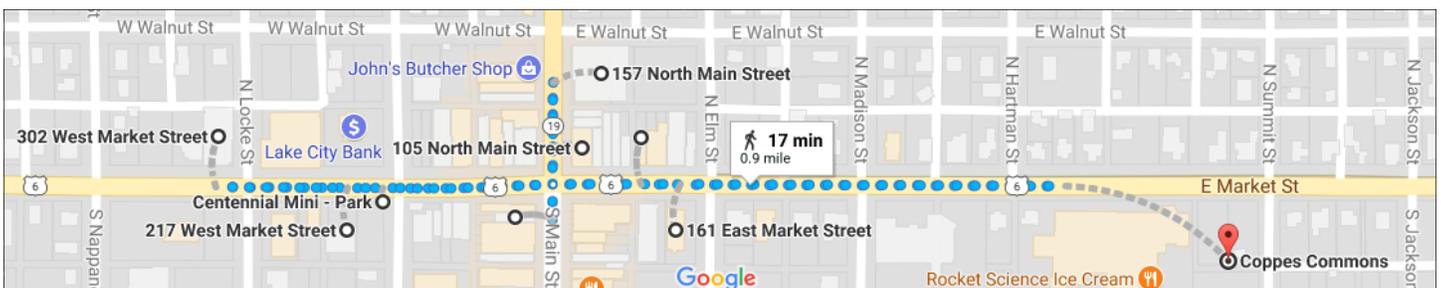
Cross the street and walk to the Nappanee Pavilion at 217 W Market to see **Things To Do**.

Watch for **Weekend Painter** in a small park near the corner of W Market Street and N Clark Street.

Continue down Market St and turn on Main Street to discover **Sightseeing** at 104 S Main.

On your way back to your car, look for **Allow Me** at 161 E Market.

This short walking tour is about 1 mile in length and should take about 30 minutes.



Nappanee Walking Tour / Google Maps Screen Grab

Hop back into your vehicle, and set the GPS for Goshen.

Goshen

On your drive into town, stop at Old Bag Factory (1100 N Chicago) to see **Summer Thinking** and admire the quilt gardens and murals.

Then, head into downtown and find parking near the County Courthouse.

Downtown Goshen Self-Guided Walking Tour

On the courthouse grounds, you will find a quilt garden and five sculptures – **God Bless America*** (life-size version), **Los Mariachis***, **Sidewalk Judge***, **Coming Home*** and **At Long Last***.



Goshen Walking Tour / Google Maps Screen Grab

Cross the street and head to 114 E Lincoln to see **Nice to See You***.

Wander down to 104 S Main to see **Frequent Fliers***.

Keep walking until you get to **Just a Taste*** at 136 N Main.

Cross the street to see **Big Sister** in front of the café.

Head back towards the courthouse but keep an eye out for **When Now Becomes Then** at 117 S Main on the way.

This walking tour is only about a 1/2 mile in length.

On your drive out of town, you may want to drive by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce (232 S Main) to see a mural. Then, drive out to the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds where you will find **Bunnies Don't Bite** and more quilt gardens.

Middlebury

On your way into Middlebury, stop by Martin Ace Hardware at 103 Crystal Heights to see **Attic Trophy**, quilt gardens and a mural.

Next, visit Das Dutchman Essenhaus at 240 US-20 to see **The Gardener**, quilt gardens and a mural.

Then, continue on to Krider's World Fair Garden to park for a brief downtown walking tour.



Sidewalk Judge

Downtown Middlebury Self-Guided Walking Tour

After parking at Krider World's Fair Garden (302 W Bristol), wander around to find ***Far Out*** and admire the quilt garden.

Then, look across the road to find ***Whispering Close*** near the Middlebury Historical Museum.

At this point, you can choose to walk or drive to the library. The library can be found at the corner of Main and Winslow, and it is only about .25 miles away.

On the library grounds, you will find ***Captured****.

Wander down to 102 S Main to see ***Relish, Too?****. Take a peek down Warren Street to see the Interlocking Hearts of Faith mural at 107 E Warren.

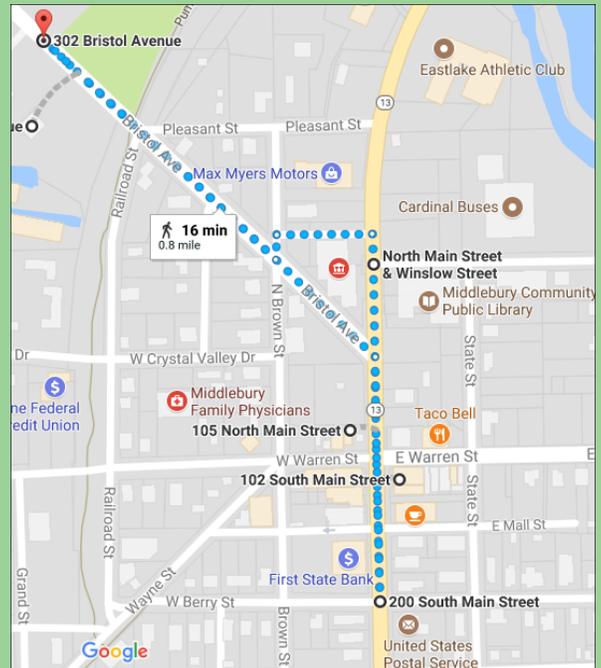
Continue down Main Street to the Post Office at 200 S Main where you will find ***Special Delivery****.

As you pass the corner of Main and Warren, check out the mural at Varns & Hoover Hardware.

Cross the street and head back down Main Street to find ***Yuck, Go Fetch**** in Memorial Park (on Main just past Warren).

Walk back to your car.

This walking tour is less than one mile in length.



Middlebury Walking Tour / Google Maps Screen Grab



Monet Our Visiting Artist

On the way out of town, you may want to check out the quilt gardens at Dutch Country Market at 11401 CR 16.

Before heading to Bristol, set your GPS for The Barn Door at 52886 State Road 13 where you will find ***Down to Earth*** and quilt gardens.

Bristol

On the way into Bristol, you may wish to stop by Bonneyville Mill at 53373 County Road 131 to see a mural.

Continue driving into Bristol. Near the corner of State Road 15 and State Road 120 is Memorial Park where you will find ***Holding Out***.

Head west on Vistula Street to the Elkhart County Historical Museum where you will find ***Time for Fun*** and a quilt garden.

As you head out of Bristol, be sure to visit Linton's Enchanted Gardens at 315 County Road 17 to see ***Gotcha***, the last of the Seward Johnson sculptures. Also, you will find quilt gardens there.

We hope you enjoy the tour!

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Coming Home

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- Read the full Minivan Adventures blog post: www.MinivanAdventures.com/epic-art-Indiana



Selfies Encouraged!

The folks at the Heritage Trail encourage you to take pictures with the sculptures during your Epic Art Adventure. If you post them up on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, use the hashtags of ***#EpicArtAdventures*** and ***#QuiltGardens***. It sounds like there are prizes you could win for doing so. To learn more, visit their website at www.EpicArtAdventures.com.