

Sustainable Living Tour

Saturday, April 28, 2007, 1 – 4 p.m.

The Sustainable Living Tour, hosted by Michiana Mennonite Earth group, provides practical resources and solutions for sustainable living.

Goshen

1. Home of Greg Lehman and Karen Yoder

806 Middlebury Street, Goshen

Hand-constructed, straw-bale and cob-walled duplex features local fieldstone, recycled brick, native landscaping, passive solar orientation, energy star appliances, and compact fluorescent lights. Also view the construction site for the super-insulated passive-solar duplex.

2. Home of Pete and Patricia Oakley

716 S. 11th Street, Goshen

Super-efficient home with 1300 watts of solar panels and grid-tied solar electric system.

Find out how it has performed during the first full year of service.

3. Bethany Christian Schools wetland study site

2904 South Main Street, Goshen
Guides: Amy Thut w/ students

Transformed retention pond, now diversified wetland is a research site for students. Received Elkhart County's 2006 Urban Conservation Award.

4. Home of Luke and Rebecca Gascho

2514 S. Main Street, Goshen

Extensive, ecologically-friendly landscaping includes plants which reduce the need to water, fertilize, and mow, compact urban vegetable gardening, and extensive composting.

5. Elkhart River water quality testing at the Goshen Dam

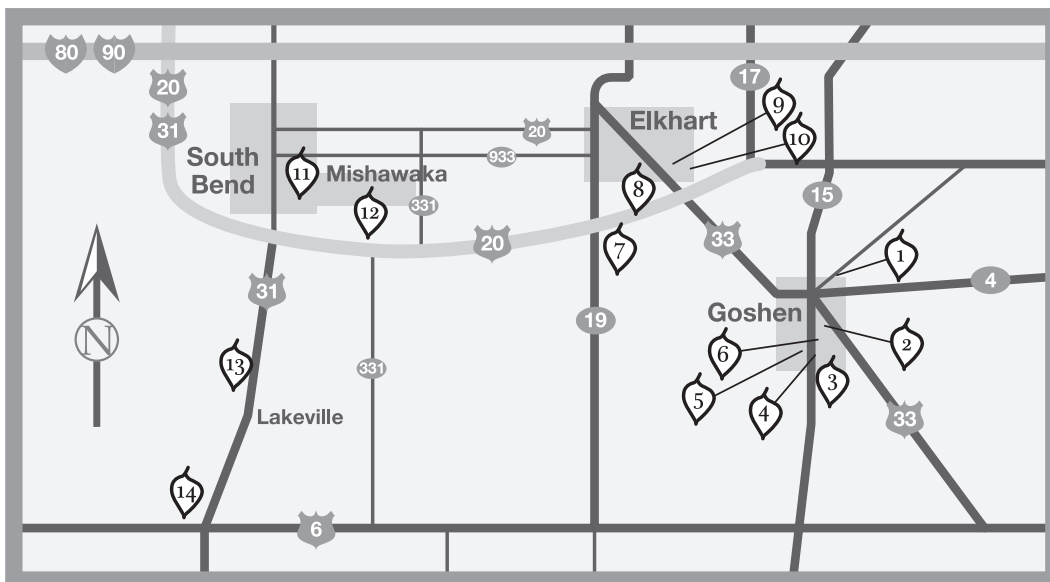
Guides: Len Kring and Doug Kauffman

Kring conducts electro-fishing to sample area fish communities, test water quality and reveal obscure species. Kauffman demonstrates additional water quality testing technique and explains why Benton Mennonite Church teams with Hoosier River-watch.

6. Goshen College Rec.Fit.Ctr.

1700 South Main Street, Goshen
Guide: Glen Gilbert

Energy-saving technology at the Center reduces consumption and includes swimming pool covers, new lighting and circulation fans.



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