

Haunted Walk 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the Elkhart Environmental Center (EEC) located?

- The EEC is located at 1717 E. Lusher Avenue in Elkhart. Visitors should take Lusher Avenue all the way east to where it dead-ends at our main entrance (and the only entrance to the event).

Where can I park?

- Parking attendants will direct you once you arrive at the main entrance. Traffic will be one-way, with visitors entering through our main gate on Lusher Ave and leaving through our back gate onto Perkins Ave.

Do I need to register or buy tickets?

- Advance registration is not required, but we do recommend signing up ahead of time so we can get an idea of how many guests to expect each night. There is no cost to register or attend the event, but a \$5 donation is suggested for entry. Donations are greatly appreciated and help us offset the costs of the event and add new decorations each year!

Do I need to bring anything?

- Please plan to bring a flashlight! Our trails can get quite dark in the evening and we want all visitors to be able to enjoy them safely. If you are planning to make a donation for entry, you may want to bring cash (unfortunately we are unable to take credit card payments at this time).

Are costumes allowed?

- Yes! Kids and adults attending the event are more than welcome to dress up. Please keep in mind that this is a family-friendly event and extra scary or gory garb may be best left at home.

Are dogs allowed?

- While we do LOVE dogs at the EEC, this event isn't the best fit for them due to the noises, décor, and trail actors. For the safety of all pets and visitors, dogs are not allowed on the trails. Outside of this event, leashed dogs are welcome on our trails daily from dawn to dusk, so feel free to bring your four-legged family member back another time!

How “scary” is the scary trail?

- The decorations along our scary wooded trail are a bit creepier than those along the Kids' Trail and may be frightening to younger kiddos. There will also be actors stationed along the trail who may jump out at or follow guests.

How can my kids participate in the costume contest?

- Our Costume Contest is a new addition this year! Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in the contest, which will take place at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 24th. To join in, kids simply need to be at the stage area by 6:30 PM and be ready to walk in a mini parade past our judges. We'll make an announcement to remind everyone to get there in time!

Is the event stroller-friendly?

- Yes and no. The kids' trail is mainly on grassy paths; it may be a little bumpy, but strollers can make it through. The scary trail does contain stairs and therefore is not stroller-friendly.

Can I volunteer for the event?

- Absolutely! Volunteers are a major part of this event and we appreciate all the help we can get. We have a variety of shifts available – you can learn more about them and sign up for your favorite at https://elkhart.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=11612

I have a different question...how can I get in touch?

- You can get in touch with EEC staff by calling our office at (574) 293-5070, sending us a Facebook message, or emailing us at EECmail@coei.org. We look forward to hearing from you!