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For more information about the Shawano County Barn Quilt Project please visit the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce website at www.shawanocountry.com.

Shawano County Barn Quilt Bike Routes

Barn Quilt History

Many believe that barn painting/quilting originated in Pennsylvania with immigrants from the central regions of Europe. Paint was very expensive in those days and painting a decorative and distinctive quilt pattern on their barns was a wonderful way of allowing for decoration. It also became an excellent way for travelers to find particular families or cross roads as townspeople would just tell them which pattern to look for.

Today barn quilts have become popular again. Quilt trails have been developed in many states. After a number of barn quilts have been displayed in an area, a map is developed that guides the viewers to the location. The map will have an address, a picture of the quilt, and its meaning. Go to the Shawano Chamber of Commerce website to read about the barn quilts in Shawano County.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Start at 620 S. Main Street, Shawano, WI. Parking and restaurants available.

- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) onto MAIN STREET for 1.5 miles. You will pass the Chamber of Commerce building on your right at 0.7 miles. Stop in and visit — check out the kiosk, barn quilt information, art and brochures. Plus they have restroom available!!
- Cross the Wolf River bridge and continue east on STATE HIGHWAY 29 to the top of the hill by the Shell gas station.
- DISMOUNT BIKES and carefully cross to COUNTY ROAD CC (to your LEFT).
- Continue on COUNTY ROAD CC for 0.5 miles.
- Turn RIGHT (SOUTHWEST) onto BELLE PLAIN ROAD for approximately 0.4 miles.
- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) onto TOWALINE ROAD for 2.9 miles.
- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) onto ST. JOHN’S CHURCH ROAD.
  • In 0.2 miles on your right:

W7216 St. John’s Church Road
Pattern: Autumn Cross
Host/Co-host: Borgers/Borstel Chalms
Canvases:
  • Also note the two carved stamps — one of a bear and another of eagles.
  • Just a little further ahead, on your left:

W7224 St. John’s Road
Pattern: Prismatic Family Tree
Host/Co-host: Petron
  • Return to TOWALINE ROAD and turn LEFT (SOUTH) for 1 mile.

W7243 Cloverleaf Road
Pattern: Optical Illusion
Host/Co-host: LeBreux
  • In 0.5 miles on your left:

W7203 Cloverleaf of Lake Road
Pattern: Optical Illusion
Host/Co-host: LeBreux
  • In 0.8 miles on your right:

W8320 Cloverleaf of Lake Road
Pattern: Northwinds
Host/Co-host: Schatts/Waring
- Continue on CLOVERLEAF LAKE ROAD to COUNTY ROAD Y.
  • Shortcut Option: If you would like to take a shortcut that eliminates 5.1 miles (3.5 miles on State Highway 22) and miss out on some quilts, turn RIGHT (NORTHWEST) on COUNTRY ROAD 7 for 1 mile and then turn RIGHT (NORTH) onto STATE HIGHWAY 22. If you choose the shortcut skip down in the directions to Quilt 3 and continue from there.

- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) onto COUNTY ROAD Y for 2.74 miles into Embarrass.
  • In 1.5 miles on your left:

W7224 Cloverleaf Road
Pattern: Autumn Cross
Host/Co-host: Borgers/Borstel Chalms
Canvases:
  • Also note the two carved stamps — one of a bear and another of eagles.
  • Just a little further ahead, on your left:

W7224 St. John’s Road
Pattern: Prismatic Family Tree
Host/Co-host: Petron
  • Return to TOWALINE ROAD and turn LEFT (SOUTH) for 1 mile.

W7243 Cloverleaf Road
Pattern: Optical Illusion
Host/Co-host: LeBreux
  • In 0.5 miles on your left:

W7203 Cloverleaf of Lake Road
Pattern: Optical Illusion
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  • In 0.8 miles on your right:

W8320 Cloverleaf of Lake Road
Pattern: Northwinds
Host/Co-host: Schatts/Waring
- Turn EAST onto BELLE PLAIN AVENUE for 4.3 miles.
  • Look to your left as you begin to travel towards Belle Plaine.

N5345 Wisconsin Avenue
Pattern: Summer Bloom
Host/Sponsor: Johan/Nelgen/Gielen
  • In Belle Plaine, 1915 Town Hall on your left, next to the jetty on Wisconsin Avenue, and visit the Belle Plaine Cheese Factory on your right.
  • In 0.35 miles on your left:

W7721 Belle Plaine Avenue
Pattern: Quilted Rose
Host/Sponsor: Dave/Martin
  • In 0.4 miles on your right.

W7224 Belle Plaine Avenue
Pattern: LeMayne Star
Host/Sponsor: PanKey/Shawanoe Rotary
  • In 0.5 miles on your left:

W8318 Belle Plaine Avenue
Pattern: Arrow Crown
Host/Co-host: Reitz
  • In 0.5 miles on your left:

W7910 Belle Plaine Avenue
Pattern: Liberty Star
Host/Co-host: Moklewicki
  • Turn LEFT (NORTHWEST) onto COUNTY ROAD CC for 0.6 miles to STATE HIGHWAY 22.
  • Turn RIGHT (NORTHEAST) onto STATE HIGHWAY 22 cross the bridge and enter the City of Shawano (0.7 miles).
  • Turn RIGHT onto COUNTY ROAD B for 0.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto S LINCOLN STREET for 0.3 miles.
  • The quilt is best viewed from S. Lincoln Street across from the Shawano Community High School.

N4418 County Road B
Pattern: Lucky Star
Host/Sponsor: - Moger
  • Return to the intersection of COUNTY ROAD B and STATE HIGHWAY 22.
  • Turn RIGHT (NORTH) onto STATE HIGHWAY 22 for 0.8 miles back to G30 S. Main Street.

A few of the quilts you will see on your ride....

Shawano County Barn Quilt Bike Routes
25 Miles - 15 Quilts - Rolling

Photos courtesy of Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce.