

CHISAGO LAKES BARN QUILT TRAIL

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Welcome to the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail (CLBQT)! What started in 2015 as a public art project has evolved into one of the most unique and picturesque ways to explore Chisago Lakes. We invite you to view our many quilts as you experience all our community has to offer.

What is a Barn Quilt?

Within many cultures, the humble quilt has represented hard work, individuality, warmth, and resourcefulness. Quilts tell the story of our indigenous peoples, immigrants and pioneers. Created as a representation of these iconic artforms, barn quilts are quilt block patterns, colorfully painted on wood squares of varying sizes. These squares started appearing on farmstead barns more than 100 years ago, and many farms were known by their unique quilt pattern.

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Barn Quilt History

For over 20 years, barn quilt trails have been established throughout North America, honoring the heritage of sharing local culture through quilts installed on barns and buildings. Today, over 40 quilt trails dot the landscape of the United States, representing traditional Americana.



Sven's Comfort Shoes



Barn Quilts in Chisago Lakes

The Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail (formerly known as the Swedish Barn Quilt Trail) owes its existence to the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation and a local artist named Dave Oaks.

In 2013, the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation (CLACF) completed its “Life is GREAT on Highway 8!” campaign, featuring brightly painted giant adirondack chairs in each of Chisago Lakes’ five towns. The goal of the chair project was to build community along the Highway 8 corridor, and the Foundation was looking for its next project. At the same time, an artist named Dave Oaks had been creating colorful barn quilts to sell at local markets. Board members from the CLACF read a story about him in the local paper and learned he was hoping to start a quilt trail here in Chisago Lakes. They reached out to Dave and the Foundation’s next project was born!

For Quilt photos, descriptions and an interactive map, be sure to visit ChisagoLakes.org!



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Pleasant Valley Orchard



Barn Quilt Listings *For photos and descriptions visit chisagolakes.org*

- 1**
Sven's Comfort Shoes*
10000 Lakes Boulevard
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-4598
- 2**
The Northern Lake Tavern & Grill
10470 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-0100
- 3**
Gregory Contracting
10510 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 213-0668
- 4**
The Old Creamery
10550 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
- 5**
Trio Wolf Creek Charter School
10363 Liberty Lane
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 213-2017
- 6**
Old Mill Treasures
10670 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
- 7**
Wagon Wheel Restaurant
29331 Main Street
Chisago City, MN 55013
651-257-4043
- 8**
**Chisago Hardware/
Just Ask Rental**
10680 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-4134
- 9**
**Neighborhood Plumbing,
Heating, Cooling and
Electrical**
10750 South Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 400-1263
- 10**
**Uncommon Loon
Brewing Company**
10825 Lake Boulevard
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 321-4468
- 11**
**Victory Lane Quick Oil
Change**
29610 Gateway Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-2111
- 12**
**Maranatha Church
Chisago Lakes Campus**
10963 Lake Boulevard
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-8605
- 13**
Midwest One Bank
11151 Lake Boulevard
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-6561
- 14**
AmeriVu Inn & Suites
29579 Sportsman Drive
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 213-3400
- 15**
Designer's Hår Salon
11495 Brink Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-9477
- 16**
MHealth Fairview
11725 Stinson Avenue
Chisago City, MN 55013
- 17**
**Chisago Lakes
Area Library**
11754 302nd Street
Chisago City, MN 55013
(651) 257-2817
- 18**
A-Pro Pools & Spas
11786 Lake Lane
Lindström, MN 55013
(651) 257-6718
- 19**
**Security State Bank
of Marine**
30626 Lincoln Road
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-4141
- 20**
**Lindström Thrifty White
Pharmacy**
30699 Lincoln Road
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-4074
- 21**
**Chisago Lakes Chamber
of Commerce**
30525 Linden Street
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1177
- 22**
Virga Chiropractic*
12670 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1000
- 23**
Chad P. Nelson Law Office
12685 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-4563
- 24**
Northwoods Roasterie
12710 N First Ave
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-5240
- 25**
Goldstar Printworks
12720 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-5033
- 26**
Lindström Antique Mall*
12740 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-3340
- 27**
Borealis Dental Studio
12745 First Avenue North
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-2720
- 28**
Floral Creations
12775 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1110
- 29**
The Oven Mitt*
12780 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 213-3310

** hard to find barn
quilt (on back of
building or barn)*

30**Chisago County
Historical Society**12795 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-5310**31****First Resource Bank**12790 N First Ave
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1117**32****Stein Insurance Agency***12800 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1042**33****State Farm Insurance**12805 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-4372**34****Homespun Treasures***12810 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 231-9413**35****RE/MAX Synergy
Real Estate**12835 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-2233**36****Lindström Municipal Bar**12860 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-0626**37****BeanCounters Tax
& Accounting**12855 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-9700**38****Lindström Motors**30560 Lakes Trail North
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1336**39****Lindström Fire Dept.**12955 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045**40****Empire Insurance**12985 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-2040**41****Glädje**13025 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1821**42****Gustaf's On Main Eatery**13045 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 263-0737**43****Picket Fence Gals**13075 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 334-1444**44****Dairy Queen**13105 Lake Boulevard
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-2536**45****Ancona Title & Escrow**13289 St. Croix Avenue
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 209-1144**46****Plastic Products
Corporation**30355 Akerson Avenue
Lindström, MN 55012
(651) 257-5980**47****Lakes Region EMS**30429 Akerson Street
Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 243-5533**48****Jake's on the Lakes**300 Andrews Avenue
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 257-6446**49****Go Boat Motel**516 Grand Avenue
Center City, MN 55012**50****Bayview Dental Clinic**420 Grand Avenue
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 257-1140**51****Al's Center Saloon**325 Summit Avenue
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 257-5757**52****The Little Bit Shop**324 Summit Avenue
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 257-4290**53****The Vintage Store**301 Summit Avenue
Center City, MN 55012
(612) 470-4844**54****Sprouting Out**16440 Lake Boulevard
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 257-7498**55****Evergreen Oasis
Farm & Market**34133 Oasis Road
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 317-9071**56****Unruly Acres**33605 Park Trail
Center City, MN 55012
(651) 564-4550**57****Almelund Mercantile**15790 Maple Lane
Almelund, MN 55012
(651) 356-4242**58****Rod's Country Corner**37455 Park Trail
Almelund, MN 55012
(651) 583-2295**59****Amador Town Hall**37562 Park Trail
Almelund, MN 55012**60****Amador Heritage
Center Museum**15892 Maple Lane
Almelund, MN 55012**61****Immanuel Lutheran Church**37515 Park Trail
Almelund, MN 55012
(651) 583-2340**62****Safer Baseball Field**30959 Regal Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074**63****Safer Contracting**30405 Regal Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074
(651) 257-5019**64****Dennison Farm***29380 Redwing Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074

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Pleasant Valley Orchard
17325 Pleasant Valley Road
Shafer, MN 55074
(651) 257-9159

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Herberg Farm*
30067 Herberg Road
Shafer, MN 55074

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Eagle Rock Bed & Breakfast*
30347 Rydeen Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074
(612) 655-8931

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Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours
220 South Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-6315

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First Baptist Church
661 West Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-6792

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Romayne's Sports Bar & Grill
391 Bench Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-4405

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Coffee Talk
479 Bench Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-6700

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The Drive In
572 Bench Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-7831

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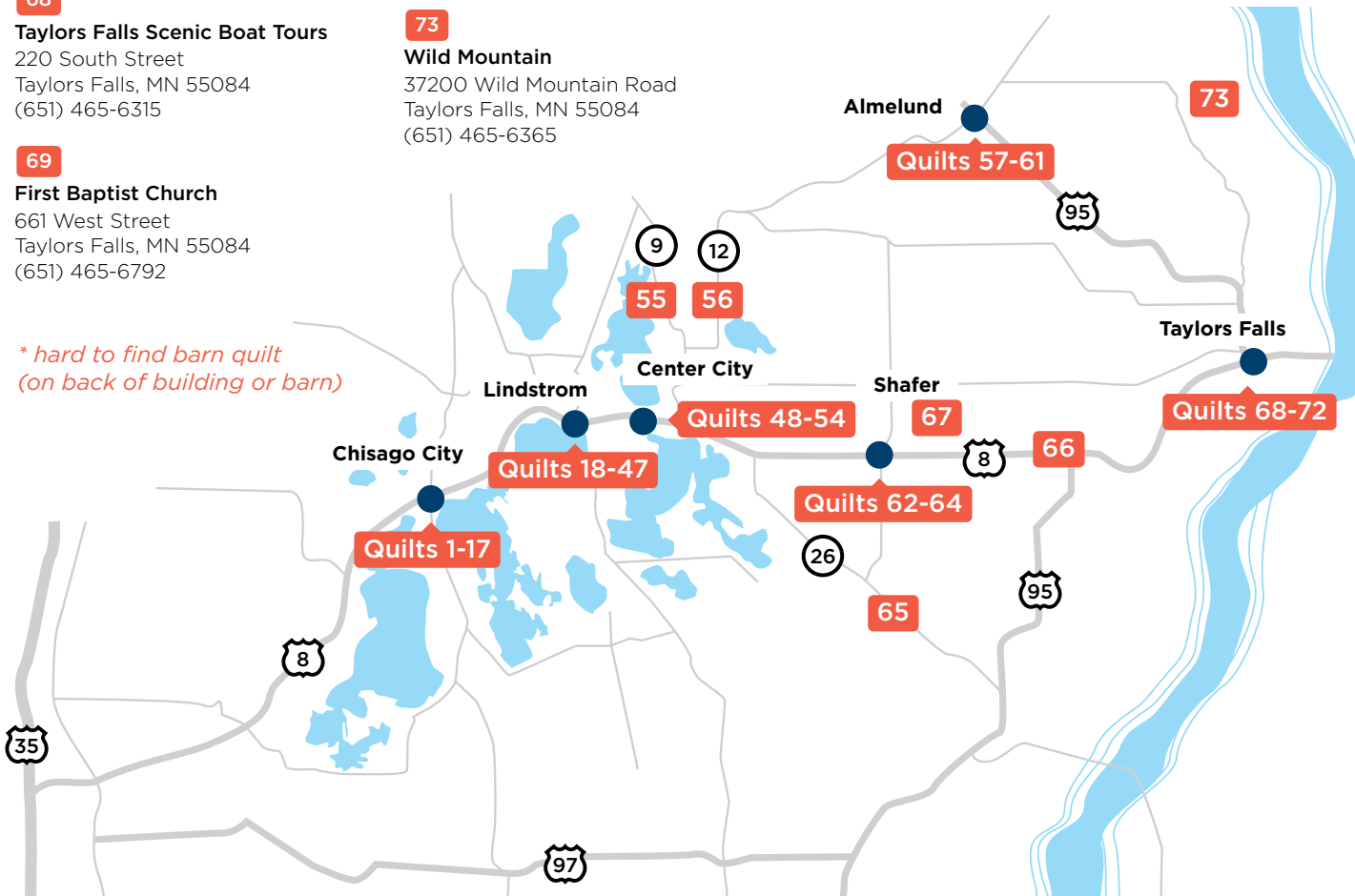
Wild Mountain
37200 Wild Mountain Road
Taylors Falls, MN 55084
(651) 465-6365

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descriptions and an
interactive map, be sure to
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When You Visit

This list of barn quilts includes quilt owners who have given permission to be included, but you will spot more during your visit than what's listed here. Please note that many barn quilts are located on private property. We ask you to be respectful along the trail.



“It was all about building community and connecting those communities with a theme.”

*Noel Stensrud,
CLACF Board Member*

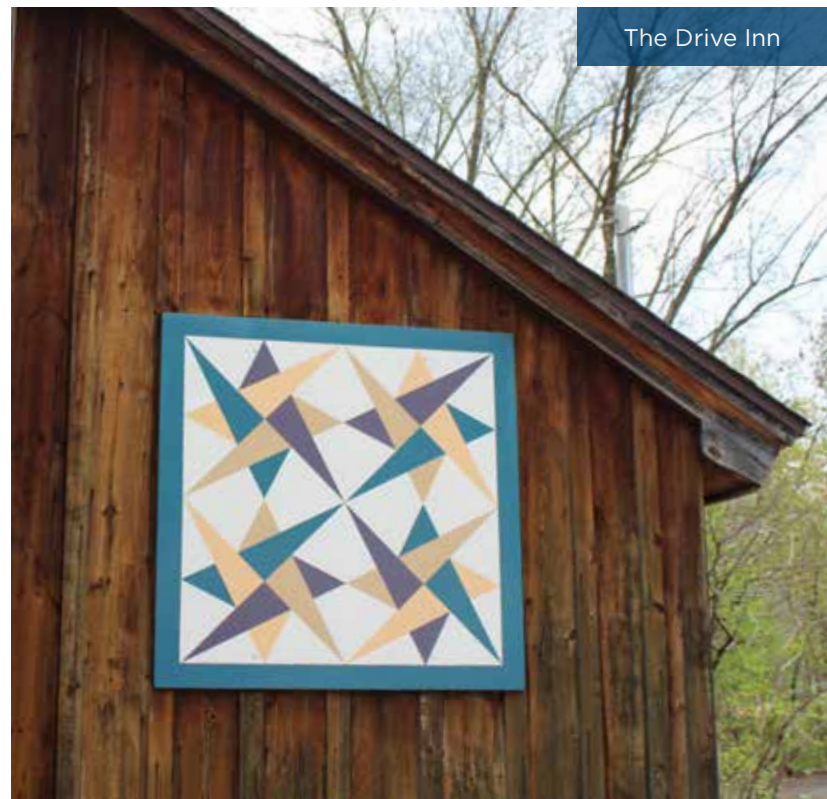
The goal of the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail was to heighten awareness of our area’s Swedish heritage, showcase talent of local artists, and add color and interest through the business sectors and near local attractions and historical sites. Working with a network of artists and business sponsors, 20 quilts were installed in 2015, and another 20 in 2016. Dave Oaks sealed and installed every single barn quilt, “I had hands on every one of them.”

Today, more than 70 quilt squares have been painted by local artists and are displayed throughout our business corridors and along our country roads. In addition, each of the five cities along the Highway 8 corridor displays an 8-foot barn quilt square.

Special thanks is owed to the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, Dave Oaks, the Chisago County EDA, the cities of Chisago Lakes, more than thirty talented artists, and fifty sponsors. These partnerships brought the barn quilt trail experience to the beautiful backdrop of Chisago Lakes.



The Old Creamery



The Drive Inn



Chisago Lakes Road Trip

No matter the time of year, a journey through the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail offers beautiful experiences and scenery. The CLBQT is unique in that there are dozens of quilts in such a densely populated area; over 70 quilts can be found within 18 miles!

Each of the cities along the Trail has its own personality, with a variety of things to do that will enhance your exploration of barn quilts. From Interstate State Park in Taylors Falls to the famous Coffee Pot Water Tower in Lindström, your road trip from quilt to quilt will leave you with plenty of memories.

Chisago City

Chisago City is known as the “Gateway to the Lakes,” and home to the western-most quilt square on the trail - located at the world-famous Sven’s Comfort Shoes. Check out more quilt squares (and grab a bite and a pint) at The Northern Lake Tavern & Grill and Uncommon Loon Brewing Company. Chisago City hosts fifteen parks, including Ojiketa Regional Park (formerly a Campfire Girls camp), a 70-acre, lakeside park.

MHealth Fairview



Lindström

Lindström is known as “America’s Little Sweden” and is one of our most densely populated areas for spotting barn quilts. Enjoy dozens of great shops and eateries along main street while searching for over 30 beautiful quilt squares in our downtown area! Learn more about Swedish heritage and check another quilt square off your list at the Karl Oskar House (Nya Duvemåla) in Ki-Chi-Saga Park.

Center City

Center City was established in 1851 after a Swedish immigrant led 16 settlers through the woods from Taylors Falls to homestead near the pristine lakes of the area. Today, a walk along the Summit Avenue Historic District showcases homes built between 1895 and 1910.

Shafer

Established in 1850, this long-time farming community is a great area to drive back roads while looking for barn quilts. A key segment of the Swedish Immigrant Trail runs through the area and allows you to retrace the metaphorical steps of early settlers. Enjoy a colorful barn quilt, plus apples, pumpkins and bakery treats at Pleasant Valley Orchard, while enjoying broad views of the St. Croix Valley. Make sure to stop at Franconia Sculpture Park to take in 50-acres of contemporary sculpture among a restored prairie.



Uncommon Loon Brewing Company



Picket Fence Gals





BeanCounters Tax & Accounting



Herberg Farm

Almelund

Just north of Highway 8 is the agriculture- and heritage-rich town of Almelund. Take in the Apple Festival during the third weekend of September, when the Heritage Center grounds are filled with visitors enjoying ethnic music and dance, homemade apple goods, and tours of original log buildings. Find barn quilts located at the Almelund Mercantile and Amador Town Hall on your way to Wild River State Park. If you visit in early August you can explore the annual Threshing Show and flea market, a huge gathering of steam machine and tractor enthusiasts.

Taylor's Falls

This village on the river was established in 1858 and boasts historic charm and stunning scenery along the St. Croix River. Beginning in the 1830s, immigrants from many countries used this river highway, making Taylor's Falls a "Gateway to Immigration" to the Chisago Lakes area. Explore the historic main street and find quilts at Romayne's Sports Bar & Grill and The Drive In. Finish the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail with the final quilt, which can be found at Wild Mountain.

Share your pictures and videos from the trail by tagging @explorechisagolakes and using the hashtag **#clbarnquilt!**




Make it a Weekend!

With more than 70 featured quilts on the Trail, we invite you to make a weekend out of your visit to Chisago Lakes to spot as many as you can! There are a variety of options for overnight accommodations: tent camping, RV camping, rental cabins, hotels, and short-term rentals. Throughout the Chisago Lakes communities you'll find a plethora of restaurants, grocery stores, wineries and a brewery. If you're an art lover, you'll enjoy multiple galleries and the nationally recognized Franconia Sculpture Park. If you're looking for recreational opportunities, you'll find dozens of parks, trails, lakes, the St. Croix River, and more - with activities in every season.

GO! Barn Quilting

The Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail is a public art project that showcases the talents of local artists and creates a "welcome" feel throughout the area. If you're interested in participating in the CLBQT or having a quilt made, please contact the Chisago Lakes Tourism Bureau for more information!



We love seeing the Chisago Lakes Barn Quilt Trail through your eyes! We invite you to share your pictures and videos from the trail by tagging @explorechisagolakes and using the hashtag **#clbarnquilt!**



Evergreen Oasis Farm

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Chisago Lakes Tourism Bureau
30525 Linden St, Lindström, MN 55045
(651) 257-1177



*Thank you to the Chisago
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