

Calhoun County Barn Quilt Tour



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A quilt on Charlie and Carol Schleeper's barn in Irish Hollow near Hamburg.

Fall has officially arrived and with it comes area festivals and tours. The Calhoun Barn Quilt Tour leads visitors along scenic routes featuring large outdoor quilts mounted on barns throughout the county.

The tour is more than outdoor barn quilts though. Visitors can see family owned quilts in four churches in Hardin, Brussels, and Kampsville along the tour route. Maps and signs assure visitors arrival at the next stop.



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A quilt hanging at the Center for American Archeology in Kampsville.

The project began as a community based effort in 2008 to bring tourists to the area while preserving the rural heritage of Calhoun County. The tour is now one of the largest quilt tours in the country.

Each quilt has a unique story of its own, rich with history. The barn quilts represent the men and women who settled in Calhoun County over the years. The barn quilts are often based on either an original quilt owned by a family or a hand selected quilt. The barn quilts vary in size, ranging from two feet by two feet up to eight feet by eight feet. There are over 80 barn quilts throughout the county.

Four historic churches along the route host about 200 family owned quilts for viewing. Local crafts people, jewelry makers, and artists set up as well.

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The Calhoun County Barn Quilt Tour will be held on October 18-19 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. Maps with locations of all the quilts are available. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 the day of the tour. Group rates are available. Tickets are good for both days and can be purchased at businesses in Hardin, Brussels, and Kampsville.

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October 19th and 20th

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