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## BIKE RODEO to teach kids cycling skills



Perry County is constantly trying to grow the cycling community, and what better way than to start them out young? The Perry Park Center will host a Bike Rodeo on July 9 at the Bank of Missouri Soccer Complex.

The event will teach children different aspects about bikes maintenance and the best ways to stay safe while riding.

"A bike rodeo has stations

and kids will earn things like how to fix their bike chain if it comes off," League and Fitness Supervisor Kaelin Casasola said. "Other things like how to adjust the handlebars and the seat. They will also learn hand signals while riding in a town environment and road signage."

The last station includes a mock city course, where they will put all the knowledge they learned to use on a chalk

course. The 6-9 age group will go from 9-11 a.m. that day, while ages 10-14 will go from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The idea of the event is to bring awareness to the growing cyclist community.

"We want to bring attention to the different aspects of biking in Perryville," Casasola said. "I see a lot of kids biking throughout town. I feel like we have a pretty safe community. For the kids, I think it is good for them to know basic skills. It's good for them to learn these things or at least further their knowledge."

For those who pre-register, they will receive a bike helmet.

"We encourage people to do

that, so it guarantees they receive one," Casasola said.



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# Family Cycling **IS AN ENJOYABLE ESCAPE** ■



Going for a bike ride is one of the best ways for people to exercise in fresh air. Cycling is not only earth-conscious and convenient, but it also is a fun and popular activity that anyone can enjoy.

Around 1.6 million residents of New York City ride a bike at least once a month, and in Portland, bike riding rose by 3 percent each year since 2012, according to Bikemunk, a website dedicated to helping people understand bikes, especially in the context of making a purchase. The Alliance for Biking & Walking discovered that 0.6 percent of all commuters in the United States biked to work in 2013, up from 0.5 per-

cent in 2009 and 0.4 percent in 2005. But many people are embracing cycling as an entertaining form of recreation that the entire family can enjoy.

Adults may have fond memories of their own cycling adventures as children that they want to pass down to their kids. Since families may feature cyclists with various levels of experience, it can be safe to employ certain strategies in the hopes that everyone gets the most out of their time in the cycling saddle.



## • **BUY THE RIGHT BIKES.**

Take time to research different brands of bicycles and what they offer. Some bikes are ideal for streets or paved trails, while others are better

for rustic roads and trails. A qualified bike retailer can help shoppers find the right bike for them and their families, ensuring everyone in the family is riding the right size bike and the one commensurate with their skill level.

## • **LIMIT THE DISTANCE.**

Children won't be able to put in as many miles as their parents or older siblings. Limit cycling excursions to a reasonable amount of time so youngsters' health is not compromised.

## • **FOCUS ON FUN.**

Consider what kids will get out of the trip and gear the afternoon around that. Choose a path that leads riders to a playground or one that circles a scenic lake. Make your cycling excursion more of an afternoon out than a marathon biking session.

## • **TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS.**

Little legs may not be able to keep up, and adults will need to anticipate stopping along the way.

## • **KNOW THE TERRAIN.**

Stick to routes you have ridden before. Leave the more intense courses that include extreme climbs and dips for those times when kids are not in tow. Stick to lightly trafficked routes, or travel during off-peak hours. Consult with trail guides and read reviews as well.



## • **CHECK BIKES BEFORE DEPARTING.**

Make sure tires are inflated and everything else is in working order. Bring a small tool kit along in case a repair needs to be made.

Cycling as a family can be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon and get some exercise.



## ■ PERRY COUNTY wineries



When people in Perry County think of wineries, one of the names that is mentioned is Hemmann Winery in Brazeau. The winery grows most of its own grapes in house, but also acquires from local places as well.

“We buy from Ste. Gene-

vieve and other places nearby,” Bonnie Hemmann, co-owner of Hemmann Winery said. “We try to keep the grapes that are grown in Missouri, in the state. We do buy a lot of juice for our fruit line because you can’t get enough of different fruits here to make some of our wines. We try to support the state agriculture business of growing grapes.”

Hemmann Winery is one of the last remaining wineries in Perry County, and prides itself in making its own wines in house with the fruit that it grows and buys in-state. It varies from season to season, but right now in the summer, Hemmann Winery has 18 different wines.

Growing grapes for the wines is a year-round venture.

“The vines are starting to bud out and grow clusters of grapes,” Hemmann said. “We nurture and take care of them all summer long and then somewhere around September you will harvest them.

Then you make the wine from there.”



However, making wine is not just a fall event.

“We make wine all year long

because we can get different fruit juices that we make wine with through the winter,” Hemmann said.

The winery does more than buy and ferment grapes.

“We offer night entertainment,” Hemmann said. “We aren’t only a place where people have weddings and parties. We also offer a menu of food with flatbreads and even a grape smashing contest in October. We are more than just wine here.”

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Hemann Winery is family owned as Bonnie owns the business with her husband Doug.

"We are there about 98 percent of the time," she said. "We try to be interactive with the customers and provide the best experience for those



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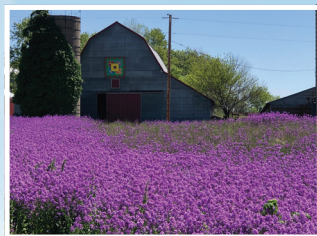
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## One BLOCK at a TIME!



CUSTOMIZE YOUR TOUR TO YOUR LIKING. LISTING IS TO PROVIDE DIRECTIONS AND IS NOT MEANT TO BE A FAVORED ROUTE!

1. **3798 Hwy A, Uniontown** This beautiful white barn owned by Daniel and Alex Lueders, dons a quilt block made in the Dresden Plate pattern taken from a quilt Daniel's grandmother had made. Wilmer and Marie Lueders owned the farm previously since 1937. 37° 37'158" N -89° 39'165" W
2. **1481 PCR 917** owned by Derek & Kelley Dobbela. Kelley chose the "IH" pattern for Derek's birthday as a reflection on his childhood and him growing up helping his dad and grandpa on the farm. Hopefully, one day their three boys will have the same memories with their dad, grandpa and great grandpa. 37° 49'566" N -89° 51'712" W
3. **120 PCR 451, Frohna** owned by Michael and Lois Pilz. The farm was previously owned by Michael's parents Clarence and Dorothy Pilz. The majestic barn is of the gothic design two miles down Hwy Y, which features a unique curved roof, and according to Dorothy was built before they purchased the farm. The barn quilt design is "Twilight Night". 37° 39'800" N -89° 36'011" W
4. **Lakewood Drive, Frohna** Visible from the entrance of Lakewood Drive, Frohna on the barn to the right and is owned by Nathan and Becky Hunt. The pattern is "Corn and Beans" with a Pioneer emblem in the center, as Nathan sells Pioneer corn and bean seed. They also raise Limousin cattle seen in the surrounding field. 37° 38'539" N -89° 37'140" W
- 6-7. **183 Brazeau Creek Lane, Frohna** owned by Clifford and Kathy Stueve. The , pattern on the red barn is "Log Cabin". Cliff and Kathy are huge St. Louis Cardinal fans, hence the bird on the bat in the center. To the right, on the white barn, is another barn quilt with the "Missouri Star" pattern. A portion of their farm is a Missouri Century Farm owned by Wilbert and Gertrude Stueve, Cliff's parents before them, and two generations before them. -37° 39' 25.04" N -89° 37'5.01 "W
8. **861 PCR 434, Frohna** owned by Brent Roth. There are two 2X2 barn quilts on sheds which were painted by his daughters, Kallee and Lilly, during vacation bible school. Patterns are "Square in a Square" and "Stained Glass Cross". 37° 39'754" N -89° 37'320" W
9. **2150 PC-R 436, Frohna** owned by Joyce and Gail Theiss. The pattern, Angus Star, was chosen by Gail, because of her love for animals. 37° 40'173" N -89° 36'802" W
10. **5361 Hwy D, Frohna** owned by the Miesner Brothers. The pattern is "In the Garden" and was chosen because of the love of vegetables and flower gardening by the brothers, Terry and Michael who reside there. 37° 39'845" N -89° 41'212" W
11. **5529 Hwy D, Frohna** owned by DM Koenig, LLC. The pattern, America the Beautiful, was chosen because deceased brother, Dennis, who had owned the farm, was a member of the Missouri National Guard for over twenty years. 37° 39'844" N -89° 41'373" W
12. **16568 Hwy C, Frohna** owned by LeRoy Fritsche. The pattern, "Grandmothers' Flower Basket" was chosen and painted by Janet Koenig, whose grandmother, Mary Hemman, had owned the barn. She loved flowers and was also an avid quilter. The barn is a Bank Barn, because it was built in an embankment. The upper level, which is where the hay was kept, is accessible to ground level and the lower level housed the animals and is also accessible to the outside by a door. 37° 41'350" N -89° 41'103" W
13. **19 PCR 328, Farrar** owned by Steve and Ellen Frye, is currently Eggers and 'Company General Store Bed and Breakfast Ellen's grandfather Martin "Tom" Eggers and his brother, Walter were the store owners from 1920-1966. Many original artifacts remain there in tribute to the Eggers family, the town of Farrar and rural America in 'those decades. The quilt pattern is "Grandmother's Flower Garden". The green colors are found throughout Egger's store and the purple appears in an old apron of "Grandma Ella, which Ellen still has. 37° 42'134" N -89° 41'342" W
15. **509 PCR 343, Frohna** owned by Gene and JoAnn Zoellner. The pattern is "Dresden Plate" chosen because JoAnn has made several quilts in that pattern and the colors, shades of blue, because blue is Gene's favorite color. The farm is a Missouri Century Farm which was previously owned by JoAnn's parents, Hilmer and Helen Stueve, and two more generations before them. 37° 42' 16.00" N -89° 41' 12.59" W
15. **1637 PCR 330, Perryville** owned by Bill and Linda Holt. The pattern is "Log Cabin Star" chosen because Linda loves Log Cabin quilts. Linda's love of quilt making can be attributed to her mother, Oleen Saffell, and grandmother, Mary Hemman, who were avid quilters. 37° 41'743" N -89° 42'597" W
16. **414 West Street, Frohna** owned by Brenda Musser on the shed owned by Marvin and Kathy Scholl. The pattern is "Waving America Flag". Brenda also owns a "Sunflower" barn quilt on a shed next to her house that she can enjoy by looking out her window, as she is not able to see the flag from her house. 37° 38'352" N -89° 38'031" W
17. **3419 Hwy A, Frohna** owned by Gilbert and Donna Bock. The pattern is "Harvest Star" and the colors green and yellow were chosen to represent John Deere. The barn quilt was a 50th wedding anniversary gift from their children. 37° 37'078" N -89° 39'524" W
18. **1439 Hwy A, Uniontown** owned by Ricky and Christine Best. The pattern is "American Star". Chris painted it in 2015 after seeing a barn quilt trail while vacationing in Wisconsin. 37° 36'728" N -89° 41'467" W
19. **12065 S. Hwy 61, Uniontown** owned by John and Donna Telle. The pattern is "Martha Washington Star" with the Massey Ferguson emblem in the center. Most days you will see a Massey in use when you drive by. This is a Missouri Century Farm established in 1871. The barn was built in 1914. 37° 37'003" N -89° 42'901" W
20. **256 PCR 531, Perryville** owned by Paul and Kathy Renner. The international emblem was chosen as Paul worked for International Harvester for thirty-seven years. The barn quilt is mounted on an old granary which was built shortly after 1897. The farm has been in Kathy's family over 100 years. 37° 36'835" N -89° 42'953" W
21. **962 PCR 530, Perryville** owned by Larry and Pricilla Hull. The 4X4 on their shed was la Christmas gift from their granddaughter. The colors green and yellow were chosen .because Larry owns several John Deere tractors. 37° 37' 4793"N -89° 44'31.1 O"W
22. **PCR 530, Perryville** Another barn quilt can be viewed on PCR 530 across the road from 1308. It is owned by Toni Ponder. Her husband farmed with Oliver tractors, and in fact the family still owns several. 37° 37'477" N -89° 44'400" W
23. **6220 S. Hwy 61, Perryville** owned by Scott and Stephanie Bronenkant. The pattern is "Snowflake" with an International emblem in the center. Scott owns a 1952 Farmall that he still uses. Many years Scott decorates a Farmall F12 with Christmas lights in December. 37° 40'51 O"N -89° 46'889" W
24. **2398 PCR 206, Perryville** owned by Denis and Barb Ernst. The barn quilt pattern is "Friendship Star" and was a 2017 Christmas gift from their children. The barn previously used for dairy cows, hay/ grain storage and equipment were converted into Country Barn Antiques, which is a renowned furniture refinishing business. 37° 46'934" N -89° 49'892" W
25. **1600 Old St. Marys Road, Perryville** The barn quilt, located within Perryville City Limits, is owned by David & Brenda Stueve. It is adjacent to M&M Meats, a meat processing plant they operate. The pattern is simply known as M&M. 37° 44' 22.07" N -89° 52'47'30" W
26. **221 Shawneetown Road, Shawneetown** owned by Brian and Susan Wahlers. The pattern on his shed is "Shawneetown JD". He also has the "North Star" barn quilt on 2 sides of his barn behind the shed, and "John Deere in Paradise" on the back of his barn, which can be viewed from Cape County Road 514. 37° 33'058" N -89° 39'135" W
27. **2662 State Hwy C, Pocahontas** on a barn owned by Doug and Patricia Overbeck. The pattern is "Friendship Star". 37° 29'983" N -89° 38'364" W
28. **3670 Cape County Road 522, Cape Girardeau** there are 2 barn quilts on a milk parlor and a large barn owned by Marian Pruesser. "Carpenters Wheel" is on the milk parlor and "Gentlemen's Fancy" is on the larger barn. They were painted by Marian's daughter-in-law, Shirley. The farm has been in the Pruesser family over 100 years, now being farmed by sons, Steve and Jeff. 37° 31'978" N -89° 38'881" W
29. **75 Redbird Lane, Altenburg** owned by Bob and Amy Birk. The pattern is "Team America." It was : bought to support Saxony Lutheran High School. Amy stated, "We really liked the patriotic theme of the quilt along with the cross at the bottom, which represents the love of Christ for us." 37° 38'014" N -89° 34'568" W
30. **6125 Hwy P, Perryville** on a shed owned by Mildred Bachmann. The pattern is "The American Flag" and was painted by her son Keith. He had seen other barn quilts going up in the area and decided to paint the flag. It can be seen at night as he put a light over it. A small flag can also be seen on the fence by their house. It was painted on boards from his wife, Sandy's childhood home. The farm has been in the Bachmann family for three generations. 37° 44'505" N -89° 44'492" W
31. **2522 County Rd. 401,- Fridheim** belongs to Arley and Nancy Berkuegler. It is a short distance off the county road, but they don't mind if you drivel down their lane to get a better look. It was painted by their daughter, Laura Schumer, and given to them thel Christmas of 2016. It is called, "Marian's Block" in memory of Arley's brother Marian. The farm has been in the Berkuegler family many years, dating back to the Spanish Land grant. 37° 35'623" N -89°: 47: 119" W
32. **697 PCR 716, Perryville** owned by Rick and Sue Kammler. This barn quilt is nestled on their farm, just past the community of Silver Lake. The pattern is "Starlight Log Cabin" and was chosen because the barn it is mounted on has a section that was built around the Civil War era and was constructed with logs. Sue has made a Log Cabin quilt in the past and they also received a Log Cabin quilt from Rick's mother in 1988. Rick, who is a retired resource forester' with the Department of Conservation, wanted something to symbolize trees, so the color green was chosen for the dark color and yellow was chosen for the lighter colors to follow the theme of the pattern, Starlight. 37° 39'097" N -90° 01'271" W
33. **1985 State Hwy KK, Oak Ridge** owned by Dennis and Beverly Hemmann. She chose "Stars and Checkers" as her pattern as she liked the geometric pattern and :color combinations, and of course the "H" is for Hemmann. Their farm had been purchased in the mid 1940's by Dennis's father, John, and his uncle Ulysses Hemmann. Their son, Jeffery, resides in the original farmhouse. 37° 35'006" N -89° 44'508" W
34. **1408 PCR 518, Perryville** owned by Lawrence and Shirley Buchheit. Their pattern is "Shirley's Ancestry". The colors represent John Deere colors, as Lawrence has used one for many years. Shirley's great, great grandmother was a full-blooded Native American from the Illinois Tribe, hence the feathers in the center next to the "B". 37° 36'914" N -89° 47'756" W
35. **1180 PCR 522, Perryville** owned by Ann Welker. Her pattern is "Donald's 1 Delight", and the colors were chosen to represent John Deere. Her husband, Donald, ,was a John Deere guy and was so proud to own/run John Deere equipment. Being a farmer was his life and

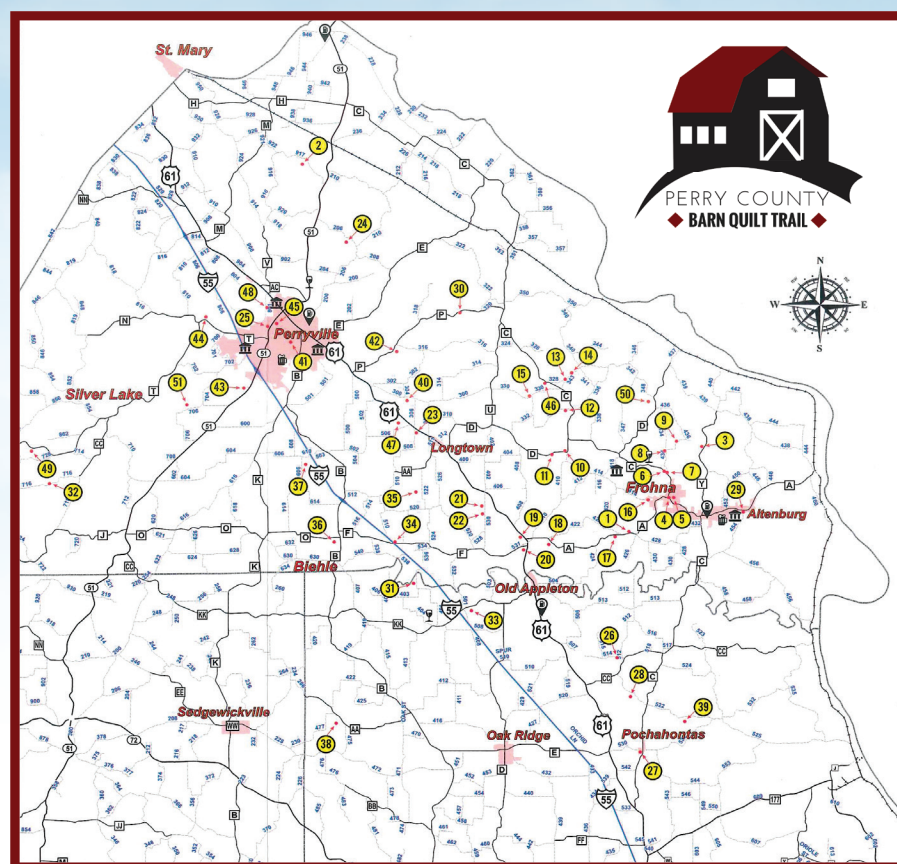


he was so proud and felt blessed to do that. He was excited I .when he got his tractor with a "buddy seat". His grandchildren have fond memories of I their time riding with their grandpa. The barn was previously owned by Donald's parents. The barn once had a loft, but it was removed and replaced with truss rafters and made into a machine shed. 37° 38.354' -89° 46.999' W

36. **9990 Hwy B, Perryville** actually in the heart of Biehle on a barn owned by Larry and Karen Baer. Their pattern is a variation of the "Ohio Star". Karen liked the red and yellow color combinations. The barn was used mostly for horses due to its structure and layout. 37° 36.460' N -89° 50.380' W
37. **1770 PCR 606, Perryville** owned by Roger and Cindy Besand. The barn does , not have an address, but the nearest address is the one listed. Continue about a half mile down the county road. This farm was purchased in 1982, but the neighboring farm has been in the Besand family since 1920. The barn was built in the 1940's. They !liked the pattern "Sunflower" because it is a happy-feeling type of barn quilt. 37° 39.335' N -89° 51.736' W
38. **2823 State Hwy AA, Daisy** owned by Ron and Janette Habeck. Their pattern is "Carpenter's Wheel" with an "H" in the center. Janette remembers helping haul hay in it with her grandpa, uncles, cousins and dad, as a young girl. 37 30.957' N -89 50.134' W
39. **779 County Road 522, Jackson** This beautiful collection of barn quilts is owned ,by Mary Koerber! Rechenberg. The one on the left is called "Iris in a Diamond" and was designed after a quilt that was made for her high school graduation. Her mother made the iris blocks and she sewed them together and learned to quilt on it. The middle one's design was taken from a Christmas card and is called "Christmas Snowflake". The third one is called "Made in the USA" and was designed by Mary, who is a retired educator and now writes children's books. 37° 31.105' N -89° 36.235' W
40. **1405 PCR 300, Perryville** on a barn owned by Phillip and Tammy Hacker. The barn quilt was put on by Phillip's aunt, Anna Hacker Lexow and is titled "Mother's Choice" or also known as "Dove at the Window". The colors represent John Deere colors and the "H" of course is for Hacker. The farm has been in the Hacker family for four generations, first purchased by Phillip's great grandparents, Charles and Gusta Hacker, then by their daughter-in-law, Irma Hacker, then by her children Robert and Anna Hacker Lexow, and now by Robert's son, Phillip. 37° 41.693' N -89° 47.530' W
41. **2607 PCR 616, Perryville** owned by Bob and Ronnie Hershey this pattern was found amongst her Grandma's quilts, an older pattern called Kings Crown. Bob decided this would be what he made for her 73rd birthday gift. Ronnie selected the bright colors. Proudly displayed on the barn at their farm, previously known as the Highland Blueberry Farm.
42. **5779 N. Hwy 51, Perryville** owned by Mike and Sue Regelsperger this quilt pattern is known as "Patriots in Petticoats" from 1840. Also included are eight small stars for each family member that had served or is currently serving in the military.
43. **2720 S. Hwy 51, Perryville** owned by John and Carlene Rauh. The pattern is the "Lone Star" quilt made by Carlene's mother. The barn quilt is lighted and can be seen at night. The farm is a Missouri Century Farm (1841) previously owned by Carlene's parents, grandparents and earlier generations of the Bey family. 37° 41.698' N -89° 54.263' W
44. **41156 Hwy 11", Perryville** owned by Mike Warren. This pattern is known as "Simple Message" and was the inspiration of this not so simple design. The quilt block is uniquely lighted from behind the pattern with its own light source that Mike designed himself. This tiny house has a big message. 37° 44.243' N -89° 55.675' W
45. **336 E. South St., Perryville** owned by Justin & Stephanie Pyland. This sunflower pattern titled "Volunteer" was inspired by the local barn quilts and the volunteer sunflowers the birds plant each year in their yard. This quilt block can best be seen from their backyard view

on St. Joseph Street. 37 ° 43.469' N -89° 51.455' W

46. **At the junction of Hwy C and PCR 328 Perryville** which leads to the small community of Farrar. The barn quilt is on the side of East Perry County Rural Firehouse and the pattern is "Log Cabin Cross" in patriotic colors signifying the love of God and country by the residents of the community and especially Salem Lutheran Church. It is dedicated to all the quilters past and present, in the area and especially the members of Salem Lutheran Ladies Aid who are seven members strong and still meet every Thursday at the school to quilt. 37° 42.122' N -89° 41.869' W
47. **5367 S. Hwy 61, Perryville** owned by Frank and Deborah Wideman. The 1 design was chosen because it looks exactly like one of Deborah's grandmother's quilts. She used to design quilts and clothing for her family and community, so it was titled "Granny's Star". 37 ° 40.845' N -89° 47.547' W
48. **1173 PCR 801 Perryville** owned by Brad and Christy Moll. The pattern is "Log Cabin" and was chosen by Christy because she has always liked that pattern. Their shed is called Copper Shack, explaining the shack in the center. 37° 44.672' N -89° 53.143' W
49. **920 PCR 728 Perryville** on the south side of the barn is owned by Tom and Debbie Nation. The pattern is Slip Knot and the barn quilt is titled "Circle of Life". It signifies the 1 five generations of Nations who settled and owned this property. Beginning with the red . heart in the center, you see the given name initials along with paths in blue. Each generation provided a path toward the farm you see today. 37° 39.756' N -90° 02.493' W
50. **8844 Hwy D, Frohna** owned by Don and Glenda Barber. It was a 50th wedding anniversary gift for them and the design was chosen because Don has been a "John Deere guy" all his life. In fact Don's father Robert Barber, was part owner of a John Deere dealership in Perryville in the 1940's. He sold the dealership to the Wichern family, who owned it for years. The farm is a Century Farm and has been in the Barber family for five generations. 37° 41.548' N -89° 37.778' W
51. **2095 PCR 706, Perryville** owned by H. Wayne & Carol Taylor. The farm was previously owned by Wayne's grandparents, John & Ora Taylor. The pattern is a variation of the Martha Washington Star and was chosen to display their love of 1 "God & Country". 37° 41.293' N -89° 56.293' W
52. **1590 PCR 810, Perryville** owned by Dale and Nancy Monier. The pattern is a 4X4 "Sunflower" design which is hanging on their barn shed. A 2020 Christmas gift from their daughter, Kristi Meyr and family, who also painted it.
53. **512 PCR 516, Perryville** owned by Gary and Evelyn Pingle. The pattern is known as "We Are Family" and was designed by Evelyn including their names and their sons, Craig and Keith. The "P" stands for Pingle. The farm was owned by Gary's parents and grandparents before he and Evelyn moved there in 1989.
54. **652 PCR 424, Uniontown** owned by Milan and Stephanie Klaus. The farm was purchased in 2016, a few weeks after we were married. We knew we needed a barn quilt as soon as we saw the beautiful barn! It was built in the 1940's with lumber cut from trees off the surrounding farm. The barn is slowly being restored and some of the lumber from it was used as flooring in our new house. The pattern is called "Carpenters Wheel".
55. **2852 Hwy D, Perryville** owned by Don and Diann Mueller. This barn quilt was named "Diann's Delight" because Diann kept changing the pattern until it was to her liking and its mostly red because that is her favorite color. We bought the farm in 1978 with this big white barn beside the road. We used it for directions to our farm by telling people to look for the white barn right beside the road. We painted the barn red with white trim in 2020 before the barn quilt was put up. On our farm and in this barn are registered Polled Hereford cattle which are now raised and shown by the fourth generation of Mueller's. One interesting fact about the barn is that the county road "D" used to run on the other side of the barn between the barn and



MAP KEY

**GAS STATIONS**

**WINERY**

**MUSEUM**

**BREWERY**

**THIS IS A RURAL COUNTY TOUR.**  
**NOT ALL ROADS WILL BE HARD SURFACED.**

the 140-year-old, two story log home that we still live in.

56. **1374 Hwy U, Perryville** owned by Glen and Renee Brueckner. Renee created and added two reverse image 8-point star barn quilts for her son Nick since he has revived the family farm by starting a new cattle operation. They reminded her of the quilts Grandma Leona Bruckner made.
57. **1157 PCR 430, Frohna** owned by Earl & Diane and Gene & Emily Weber, this design was a collaboration of ideas for the Weber Family Homestead established in 1892. The flag depicts our family's patriotic heart. The Scripture verse (As for me and my house ... ) was on the outside of the house/barn of the ancestral home in Germany as a statement of the Weber family faith. We keep that tradition alive by considering this our Family Motto. Please feel free to come in the driveway to see it up close.

**The TRAIL continues to GROW...**  
*more to come...*

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## THE ARTIST & INSPIRATION BEHIND THE TRAIL

Janet Brueckner Koenig was born and raised in Perry County. She and her husband Willis of 57 years have raised five wonderful children on their cattle farm near Farrar, Missouri. Now she enjoys many activities following their fourteen grandchildren that range from showing cattle to basketball games. Janet is a huge St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan herself.



Janet's love for quilts began with her grandmother and mother who were avid quilters. She grew up learning the art of quilting from them and then about five years ago she saw her first barn quilt. Soon after she traded her needle in for a paint brush and began creating works of quilt art for barns around the Perry County, Missouri area. In 2014 Janet retired from a 49 year nursing career. Since then she has passionately committed herself to spreading the love for barn quilts throughout the Southeast Missouri region by not only creating her own pieces of art but by helping others create unique family heirlooms in their barn quilt designs.

Sharing her love for quilts, history of barns and telling their stories of styles, Janet continues to enjoy each step of her barn quilt journey in growing the Southeast Missouri trail.



# GREAT WEEKEND getaway ideas



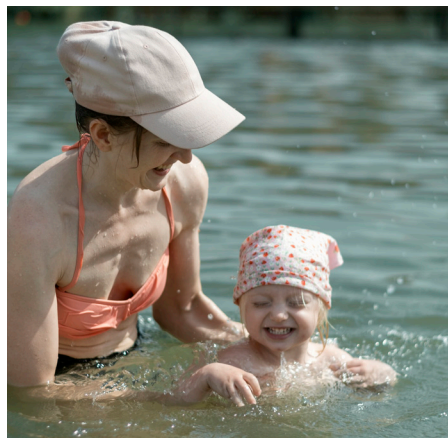
Few things embody a summertime vibe better than a day spent soaking up the sun and enjoying a warm breeze in the great outdoors. Warm weather and generally dry conditions are one reason why summer is so popular among vacationers. Even individuals who can't get away on vacation this summer can still look to the weekend as a great time to hit the road or the friendly skies for weekend getaways.

Convenience and proximity are two selling points when choosing weekend getaway destinations. The following are some weekend getaway ideas that are tailor-made for summer fun.

## • TAKE YOURSELF OUT TO THE BALLGAME.

The pandemic forced millions of baseball fans to stay home as their favorite team battled it out on the diamond. No fans were allowed during the shortened 2020

season, and the 2021 season began with many teams allowing only limited attendance. Some fans might not have felt comfortable returning to packed stadiums last summer. Now that attendance restrictions have been lifted, what better way to enjoy America's pastime than in person? Take a weekend to follow your favorite team on the road or visit a stadium you've never been to. Many ballparks are now surrounded by great restaurants and five-star hotels, making a ballpark trip an ideal way to experience a new city in style.



## • MAKE IT A WATER-BASED WEEKEND.

No matter where you live, a body of water is no doubt nearby. Though the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicates that roughly 40 percent of the United States population lives in a coastal region, oceans aren't the only places to find some sand

and enjoy a warm summer breeze. Lakes and rivers are great places to relax, and getaway seekers can utilize sites like Airbnb and Vrbo to find short-term waterfront rentals.



## • SOAK UP THE CITY LIGHTS.

Big cities tend to clear out on summer weekends, which can make this an ideal time to visit. City visitors won't have to contend with the sizable crowds that descend on metropolises in winter, when indoor entertainment is in high demand. That means savvy travelers also may find discounts on live theater and local concerts. It also won't be as difficult to book reservations at the latest culinary hotspots, particularly for travelers who book early.

There's no wrong way to get away. Summer travelers who don't have much time to escape can look to some unique weekend getaway ideas and enjoy a relaxing taste of something new.

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