

## Barn Quilt History

The Quilt Trail project began in Adams County, Ohio, when Donna Sue Groves, a field representative for the Ohio Arts Council, decided that she wanted a quilt square painted on her barn to honor her mother, a lifelong quilter. Donna Sue shared her idea with friends in the community, who offered their help. They decided that if they were going to paint one quilt square, they might as well paint twenty and create a driving tour to attract tourists to their rural community.

The project was such a success that word of it traveled quickly, and soon other communities were contacting Donna Sue asking if they could join in the project. Donna Sue offered her enthusiastic support.

The Quilt Trail project has taken deep root in Kentucky and spread quickly. The first square in Kentucky was painted and hung in Carter County by local volunteers with support from the Gateway Resource Conservation and Development Council.

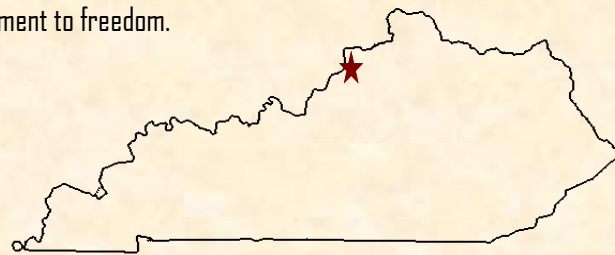
The project has spread as a grassroots movement with each community introducing its own twist, painting quilt squares not only on barns, but also floodwalls, craft shops and restaurants. (Kentucky Arts Council - Kentucky Quilt Trials)

More information on the Kentucky Quilt Trail can be obtained at: Kentucky Arts Council - Kentucky Quilt Trail

<http://artscouncil.ky.gov/QTrails/QTrails.htm>

## Trimble County Project

Trimble County Cooperative Extension Service and County Extension Homemakers took the lead role in 2007 for the Barn Quilt Project. Community members, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Trimble County Soil Conservation, landowners and the Trimble County Arts Council were instrumental in the success of this project. The theme for the Trimble County Cooperative Extension County Homemakers was the "Underground Railroad", which is depicted on most of the barn quilts throughout the county. The Underground Railroad pays homage to the slaves that made their way out of bondage through Trimble County. Certain quilt blocks were used as a code to guide slaves to freedom which was part of the movement to freedom.



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# Trimble County Barn Quilts





**1 Jacobs Ladder**  
 Hwy. 421 N  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N38° 36.932'  
 W085° 19.379'



**2 Bear Paw**  
 Bray Orchards  
 2580 Hwy. 42 W  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N 38° 34.048'  
 W 085° 19.890'



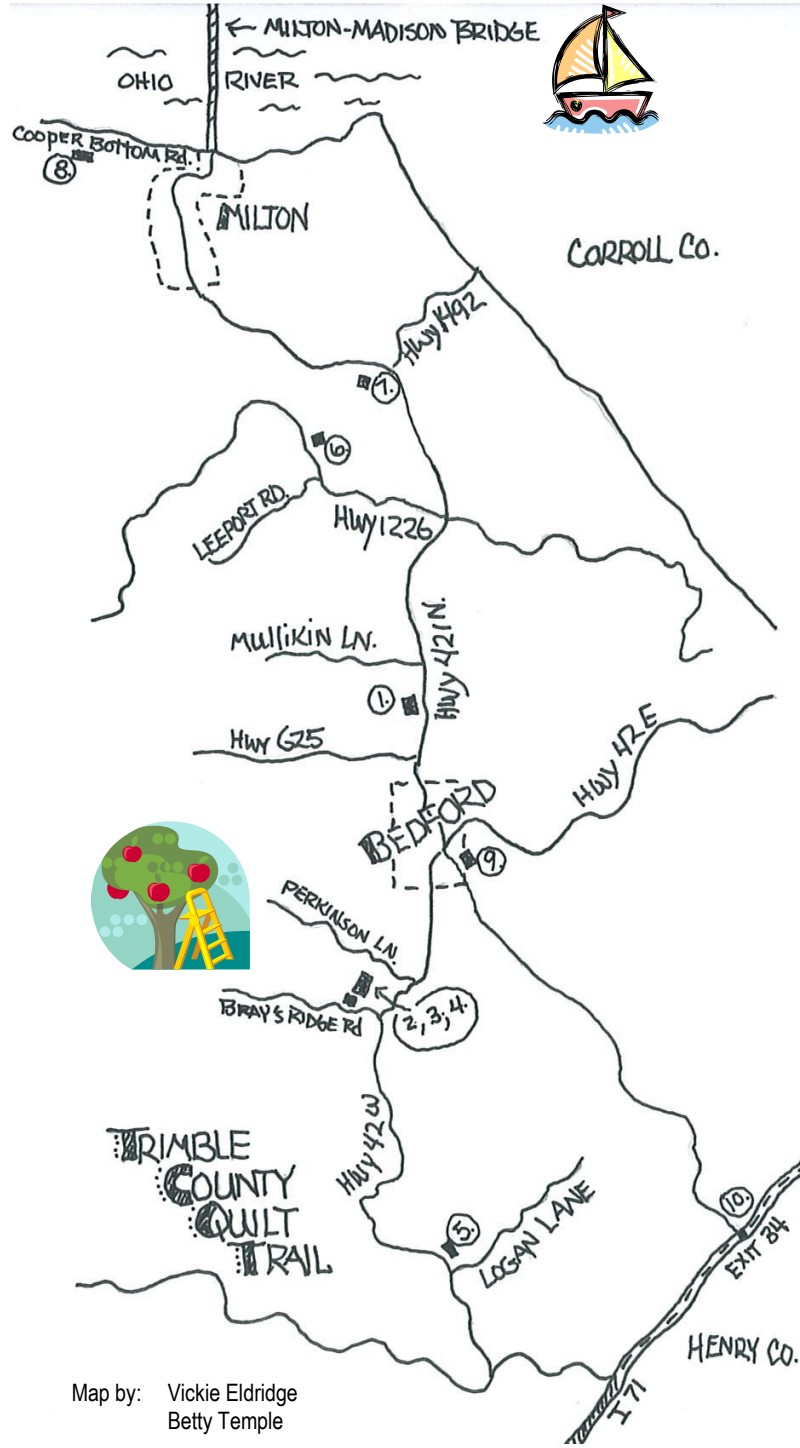
**3 Flying Geese**  
 Bray Orchards  
 2580 Hwy. 42 W  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N 38° 34.048'  
 W 085° 19.890'



**4 Baskets**  
 Bray Orchards  
 2580 Hwy. 42 W  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N 38° 34.048'  
 W 085° 19.890'



**5 Log Cabin**  
 7185 Hwy 42 W  
 Pendleton, KY 40055  
 N38° 31.246'  
 W085° 19.130'

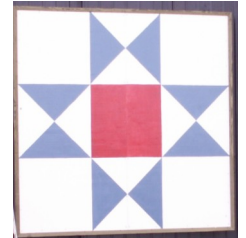


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**6 Crossroads**  
 Milton-Bedford Pike  
 Milton, KY  
 N38° 39.977'  
 W085° 20.567'



**7 Ohio Star**  
 Hwy 421 North  
 Milton, KY 40045  
 N38° 41.185'  
 W085° 19.743'



**8 Sailboat**  
 1012 Coopers  
 Bottom Rd  
 Milton, KY 40045  
 N38° 35.301'  
 W085° 19.045'



**9 Carpenter's Wheel**  
 Apple Tree Studio  
 101 U.S. 42  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N38° 59.194  
 W085° 31.791



**10 Double Wedding Ring**  
 6668 Hwy, 421 S.  
 Bedford, KY 40006  
 N38° 31.650'  
 W085° 15.115'

