



Barn Quilt Loop Trail

A 90-minute drive around Marshall, NC

A project of the Madison County Arts Council

M-1

The Chicken Barn

Oak Grove Road

GPS: N35° 46' 7" W82° 36' 50"

The barn on which this quilt appears was built in 1954 as a chicken raising facility and operated as such until 1965. As was often the case with farms in the county, a company would pay local farmers to raise their chickens. Every six weeks from April through October, the company would bring 2000 chicks to the barn. Local teenagers worked to round up the 2 ½ pound-sized chicks to ship for processing.



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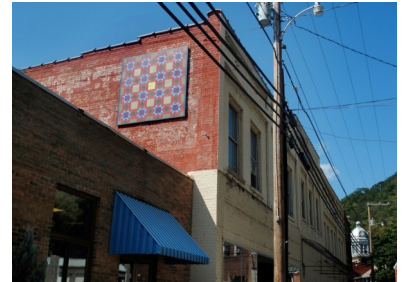
Madison County Arts Center

90 South Main Street

GPS: N35° 47' 49" W82° 40' 57"

Movable and changeable. This barn quilt started on a building that is now the annex to the Stone House Pizza (when it was Zuma Too). When the building changed hands, the quilt was painted over and the Madison County Arts

Council rescued it, carefully repainted and hung it on their building. The entire Barn Quilt Trail program has been a project of the Madison County Arts Council since 2004.



M-2

Ramsey Courtyard

152 South Main Street

GPS: N35° 47' 48" W82° 40' 55"

This building was a livery stable in the early 1900s and then became a building supply store operated by Liston Ramsey and his brother. Ramsey (whose home was across the street) served 4 decades in the North Carolina legislature, the first to serve for 4 terms as the Speaker of the House. His daughter restored the building to reflect what it would have looked like in the mid 1900s.



M-4

E. E. Smith House

1555 Rector Corner Road

GPS: N35° 46' 54" W82° 40' 37"

Madison County was not formed until the late 1800s (carved out from the existing Yancey & Buncombe counties) although settlers came to the area 100 years earlier. E.E. Smith and his wife Vista Hawkins Smith built this beautiful old house in the late 1800s and the house has been in the family over 100 years. Smith made his living as a farmer.



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Cox Family Barn

288 Frank Rector Road

GPS: N35° 46' 29" W82° 39' 57"

Traveling even farther on land that was originally owned by the Rector family, you will catch a glimpse of one of those beautiful long views of the mountains in back of the Cox family barn on Frank Rector Road. The owners chose a propeller design to honor Retired Lieutenant Colonel Steve Cox's service in the Air Force where he was a C130 pilot.



M-8

Redmon Shed

4580 Little Pine Road

GPS: N35° 46' 23" W82° 45' 05"

This property is just before the intersection with Upper Paw Paw Road. Throughout Madison County, you will find roads named for families and for geographic features. The paw paw is a tree, one type of which is native to the eastern part of the U.S. and only to the northwestern part of Madison County. Because of the glacial movement during the Ice Age, the southern Appalachians (including western North Carolina) can boast of the greatest biodiversity (variety of plant and animal species) in the country.



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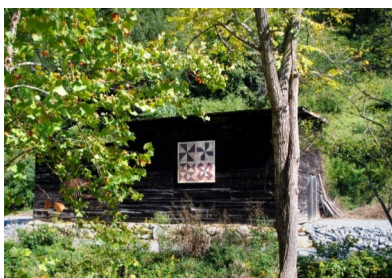
Payne Family Barn

3115 Little Pine Road

GPS: N35° 47' 09" W82° 44' 12"

Until 1981, Madison County was the top producer of burley tobacco and Burlon Payne had one of those 3200 tobacco farms. This barn is an example of the architecture of tobacco barns where the design allows the air to come through and dry the hanging leaves of tobacco.

Burlon Payne was featured in noted photographer/author Tim Barnwell's book *The Face of Appalachia* with pictures of Payne and his family which also includes an oral history.



M-9

Sluder Family Barn

600 Secluded Valley Road

GPS: N35° 44' 48" W82° 46' 20"

Born in 1911, Kat Sluder still works in her garden a few hours a day and then sews the rest of the day. Reputed to be the "best quilter in Madison County," she chose this pattern from one that she made for her grandson. Hand stitching on a quilt is highlighted by brush strokes throughout this barn quilt pattern.



If you take the optional side loop to M-9A, that quilt is described on the next page

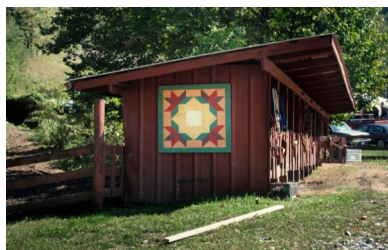
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Sandy Bottom Trail Rides Shed

1459 Caney Fork Road

GPS: N35° 46' 7" W82° 43' 26"

A little-known "gem" in Madison County is the Little Pine Garnet Mine at Sandy Bottom Trail Rides. The property was mined before the current owner's grandfather purchased the mine and the property in 1913. He and his son mined it until the early 1950s. They had a contract with Tiffany in New York City to ship all the good garnet stones to their stores there. And today you can dig in the "spoil piles" from the old mine.



M-10

In the process of being moved
March 2013

Quilting is a traditional way of preserving both heritage and the sense of community and family. This quilt serves as an example of all of that. The pattern is a variation of a quilt sewn by one of the founding members of the Walnut Community Center who funded the quilt and selected the pattern. Hazel Ramsey's granddaughter now has that quilt. The barn itself, a tobacco barn design, was built right after World War II with chestnut wood logged from the family property.



M-9A

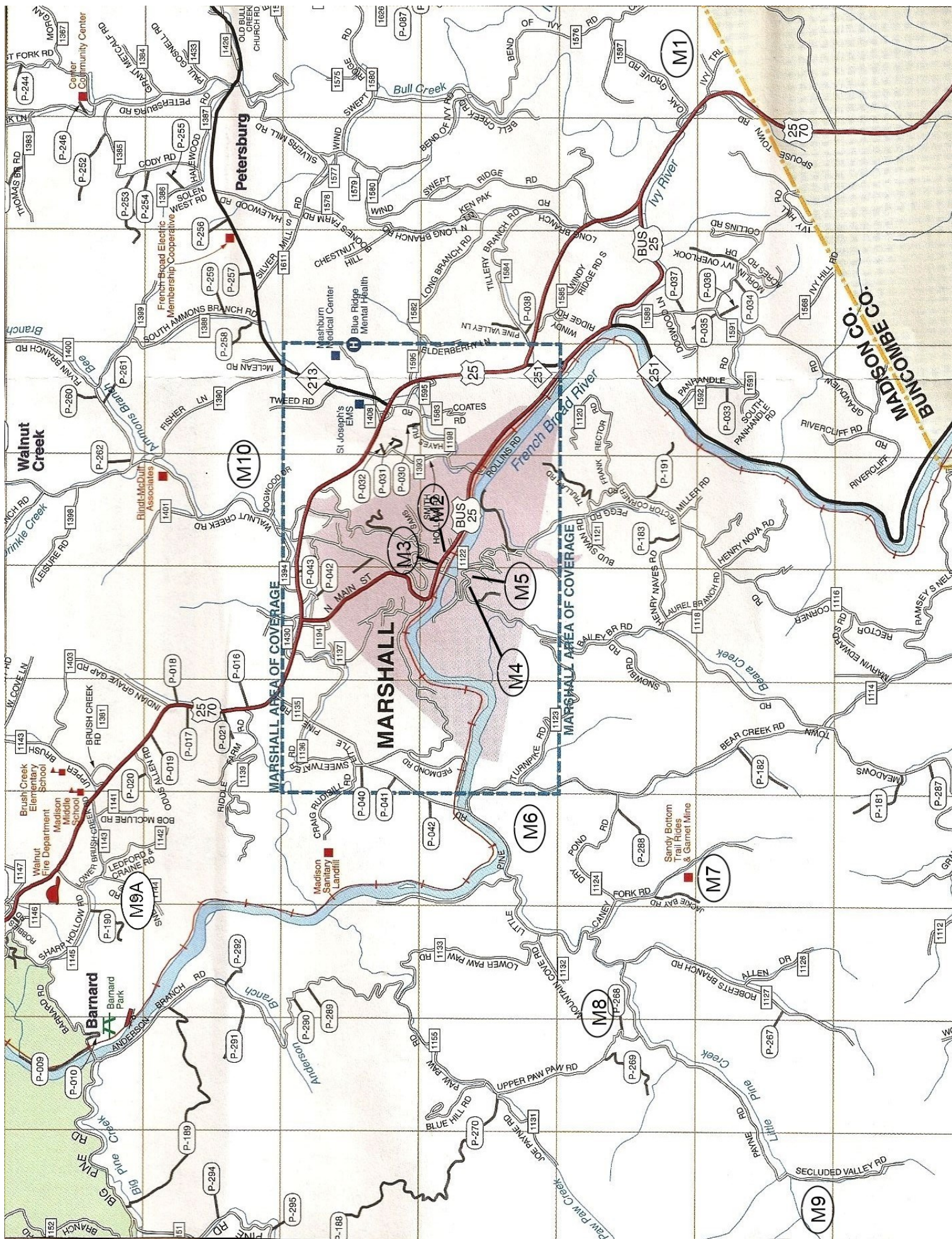
Pulleyn Barn

150 Ledford & Craine Road

GPS: N35° 51' 20" W82° 44' 40"

When the Madison County Arts Council received a grant to start the barn quilt program in the county, Rob Pulleyn (a great supporter of the arts in the community) agreed to host a kick-off party. Neighbors, community leaders and local politicians came together to help paint this quilt and enjoy a picnic lunch. This sense of commitment to our community is a feeling that is evident throughout the entire county.





MARSHALL BARN QUILT LOOP TRAIL DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Asheville, begin here

I -26 to Exit 19 B (Weaverville is Exit 19 A). Turn right on Hwy 25/70 and travel for 6 miles. When you cross into Madison County (marked by a sign "Welcome to Madison County "Jewel of the Blue Ridge"), watch for the second right turn which is Oak Grove Road. Turn right on Oak Grove. The barn quilt is on a barn on the right side about 300 yards down. **Quilt M-1**

Return to Hwy 25/70.

Turn right to continue toward Marshall. Go 1 mile and turn left on Business Hwy 25/70 which will come to a "T" intersection at the French Broad River. Turn right and continue into downtown Marshall.

From Mars Hill, begin here

From Mars Hill, take Hwy 213 for 8 miles and then continue straight for 1.2 miles on Hayes Run to the "T" intersection at Business Hwy 25/70 at the French Broad River and turn right into downtown Marshall.

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From Marshall, begin here

ALLOW APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES FOR THE ENTIRE LOOP FROM HERE

Drive into town from the south. After the sign "Historic Downtown Marshall," continue for a little more than 1/10 of a mile. The quilt will be on the left side at 152 S. Main Street (the address is marked on the front of the building). The barn quilt is mounted on the inside of a fence in a parking courtyard accessible by walking from the street. You can park and walk into the courtyard for a closer look. **Quilt M-2**

Continue down Main Street to the stoplight at the post office on the left side of Main Street. Look up at the two story building which adjoins the post office for the Madison County Arts Council (90 South Main Street) barn quilt installed on the outside wall of the second story. **Quilt M-3**

Continue on Main Street to the stoplight and turn left to cross the bridge over the French Broad River. After crossing the bridge, stay on Baileys Branch Rd for about 3/10 of a mile and turn left on Rector Corner Road. Go 1.5 miles. The quilt is on an old house at 1555 Rector Corner Road (no mail box) on the left side of the road. You can pull into the driveway of the house if you wish. **Quilt M-4**

Continue for 6/10 of a mile and turn left on Frank Rector Road. Go 2/10 to 3/10 of a mile to mailbox for 288 on the right side of the road. There will be a quilt on a barn down the driveway about 200 yards. Please do NOT drive down the driveway. Just find a convenient place to turn around. **Quilt M-5**

Make a U-turn and backtrack to Baileys Branch. When you reach the intersection with Baileys Branch, turn left (away from the town of Marshall). Continue for 3.7 miles and turn right on Bear Creek Road. Follow for about 3.4 miles and turn left at the "T" intersection with Little Pine Rd. Follow Little Pine Rd for a little more than 1.2 miles. The barn quilt will be on a barn on the left side of the road at 3115 Little Pine Rd. If you want to get out, the preferred way would be to continue down the road a little and park at the intersection with Lower Paw Paw and walk back. There is also an interesting wheel on the barn constructed from tobacco sticks. **Quilt M-6**

Continue on Little Pine Road for 6/10 of a mile and turn left on Caney Fork Road. Continue for 1.4 miles and the barn quilt is on a small shed to left of the road at Sandy Bottom Trail Rides, 1459 Caney Fork Road. **Quilt M-7**

Make a U-turn to come back to Little Pine Road and turn left. Continue for 7/10 of a mile to the barn at the address 4580 Little Pine Road on the right side of the road. It is BEFORE the intersection of Little Pine and Upper Paw Paw. It is directly past the house at 4580 Little Pine Rd and the address is clearly visible. The quilt is on a little outbuilding on the right side of the road, easy to spot if you aren't driving too fast. **Quilt M-8**

Continue on Little Pine road for 2 miles to the next left on Secluded Valley Road (a gravel road). The quilt is on a barn 2/10 of a mile down the road on the right side. **Quilt M-9**

Return to Little Pine Road and turn right. You will be driving back to Hwy 25/70 (not to downtown Marshall). Continue for 6.6 miles to the intersection with Hwy 25/70 and turn left to view quilt 9A. Optional: you may decide to complete your tour and just turn right to go to Marshall, Mars Hill or Asheville.

If you have turned left, continue on Hwy 25/70 for 1.8 miles to the traffic light and turn left onto Lower Brush Creek Road. Go 6/10 of a mile to the intersection with Ledford and Craine Road and turn left for 2/10 of a mile. Turn down the driveway at 150 Ledford and Craine where there is a sign "Pulleyn" where you can see the quilt on a barn. For the best view, go down to the driveway in front of the barn as the quilt may be blocked by a tree. You can turn around in this driveway just in front of the barn. **Quilt M-9A**

Go back to Hwy 25/70 (by turning right onto Upper Brush Creek) and turn right. Go 3.2 miles to the next traffic light where you will turn left onto Walnut Creek Road. The quilt is on a barn 1.1 miles up the road on the right side at 1656 Walnut Creek Road. **Quilt M-10**

Make a U-turn at the most convenient location (there is a driveway just after the quilt but it is somewhat dangerous there to back out onto the road) to return to Hwy 25/70 and turn left to return to Marshall, Mars Hill or Asheville.