

# East Black Hawk County Barn Quilt Tour

Welcome to the Black Hawk County Barn Quilt Tour - the eastern side! Enjoy a 2.5 hour drive that begins in historic downtown Cedar Falls. The driving tour will take you through rural Waterloo and surrounding communities.

While researching the quilts in the county, the Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau learned a lot about the rich heritage of various family farms in the area and met a lot of really fabulous people. We thank the 29 participants (14 in western Black Hawk County and 15 in eastern Black Hawk County); many have shared their stories with us and we look forward to adding new quilts and stories in the future. To show your appreciation for the participants, we ask that you please respect all private property as most of the barn quilts are privately owned.

A good barn quilt tour not only provides a treat for the eyes, it's also a feast for the soul; sharing the story of the quilts, the farmstead and the family. The Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau has worked to document these stories and make them available to the public. The eastern side of the tour takes you through rural Waterloo, the towns of Dunkerton, Raymond, Jesup, La Porte City and the township of Buckingham. Along the way you'll discover the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and the Brent Klima Wildlife Area. We hope you enjoy the self-guided tour and the sites along the way as you meander through Black Hawk County.



## 15. Double Aster 4617 Burton Avenue, Waterloo

The Story ~ "After seeing many barn quilts on buildings throughout Iowa, we wanted to display a square that was eye appealing. We also wanted it to be unique to those usually seen on barns with the bolder, bright colors, and yet colorful with ties to our rural life. The square we chose is called 'Double Aster.' We have a real fondness for flowers; especially those with soft colors which led us to choose this pattern. Five colors were chosen for the quilt. These are vibrant and showy when seen from the road, yet still compliment our yard landscaping. This design also blends in with the area where we have many flowerbeds and assorted metal sculptures to accent our gardens. We feel that we have created a setting that tends to be both relaxing and enjoyable and still quite visible to those viewing the quilt square."  
~ Gilbert & Mildred Burger



## 16. Windmill 3845 E. Big Rock Road, Waterloo

The Story ~ "I have been a quilter since approximately 1985. I knew I wanted a barn quilt but struggled deciding on the pattern. I chose the Windmill Block because I feel it shows movement. The bright primary colors show up nicely on our red barn. Since I'm a quilter, not an artist, I commissioned Jan Jefferson of Dunkerton to paint our block. We love the result!" ~ Joe & Teresa Bartholomew

## 17. Jacob's Ladder 4405 E. Big Rock Road, Waterloo

The Story ~ "The cabin quilt pattern, Jacob's Ladder, was chosen by Teresa Hoffman Bartholomew, a great-great-granddaughter of Jacob Hoffman (1836-1920). Jacob was an early pioneer traveling from Illinois to homestead this farm in 1855. He returned to Illinois, enlisted in the Union Army from 1861-1866 during the Civil War. After the war, he came back to Waterloo, building a cabin on this spot of land in 1867. The replica of his cabin was constructed by his descendants in 1989. Jacob's heritage makes the cabin quilt a special display. You can learn more about Jacob Hoffman when visiting the Grout Museum in Waterloo, Iowa. See another replica of his cabin in Overman Park in Cedar Falls, Iowa." ~ Raymond & Darlene Hoffman



**18. Mosaic Star**  
7706 E. Big Rock Road,  
Dunkerton



**19. Star Flower**  
9529 E. Dunkerton Road, Dunkerton

The Story ~ “I decided to paint a barn quilt because we have a greenhouse business using parts of two old attached barns. It added a unique touch after maintenance had been done with roof repair and painting them. I painted it in 2007—put it up in November. The design came from studying quilt patterns, searching for the ‘right’ one. Its uniqueness is in details and colors. The colors are typical in Norwegian rosemaling – reflecting my heritage. Because I taught French, I put the fleur-de-lis design in the eight squares that are also points of a star.” ~ Bruce & Janice Jefferson



**20. 4 Tulips**  
9406 Barclay Road, Waterloo (Dunkerton)

The Story ~ “This barn quilt was a complete surprise from husband, Gene, to me. It is a 4x4 square with four big, beautiful tulips, of four colors: yellow, pink, rose and purple. I’ve always loved tulips and have many in my flower gardens. I am partial to them because of my heritage of my father’s side, which is from Holland. I can see it from our kitchen window and enjoy it every day. It was painted by Jan Jefferson of Dunkerton, Iowa.” ~ Gene & Diane Anderson



**21. Starburst**  
9334 Independence Avenue, Waterloo

The Story ~ The inspiration for our barn quilt came from a family quilt made by my mother, grandmother and aunt during the 1930s. The quilt is in our possession, currently being used.” ~ Mick & Earline Williams

**22. Double Windmill**  
208 N. 3rd Street, Raymond

The Story ~ “We’ve been big fans of the barn quilt phenomenon, noting especially the barn quilts in Fayette County on our frequent trips to northeast Iowa. Several years ago, Kenny attended a meeting at the Extension Office, hoping there was a groundswell of support for a quilt project in Black Hawk County. While that never materialized, he did meet Jan Jefferson there. In 2009, we celebrated 25 years on our acreage and thought it was the perfect time to display a barn quilt of our own. We wanted to find a design that reflected our favorite feature of old farmsteads – the windmill. We approached Jan with our ideas. She helped us find the perfect ‘double windmill’ pattern and painted the quilt for us. In the fall of 2009, we hung our quilt on the north side of our barn, and it welcomes everyone traveling south on V-49 into the town of Raymond.” ~ Kenny & Nancy McKenna



**23. Norwegian & UNI Panther**  
202 S. 3rd Street, Raymond

The Story ~ “We both retired in February 2012 and friends gave us a 4x4 barn quilt to be made by the Bremer County Extension Office. When we went to select the design and colors, we decided to purchase another one for the other end of our barn. Mike wanted UNI purple and gold colors and I wanted Norwegian colors – red, white and blue. We had them hung in a diamond shape and are really enjoying them.” ~ Michael & Pam Flanders





**24. Starry Path & Hawkeye**  
**6226 S. Canfield Road, Jesup**

The Story ~ "I got the idea to paint a barn quilt from seeing them in Sac County where I visit my sister there. I bought a brochure with pictures to get ideas. I am an Iowa Hawkeye fan so that is why I drew and painted a Hawkeye quilt."  
 ~ Wayne & Jo Weber

**25. Variable Star**  
**5835 Jesup Road, Jesup**



**26c. Blue Diamond Farming Company**  
**6814 Jesup Road, Jesup**

The Story ~ "In the old days, signs were painted on barns and other farm buildings to advertise feed and grain products or local tourist sites and now they boast beautiful quilt blocks. About five years ago, we put up a very large machine shed with a very blank side. I decided it needed some decorating. So, I bought two 4x8 sheets of finished plywood and three cans of basic colors (Carnival Red, Acorn Squash and Stunning sapphire) as I feel pastel colors do not 'make a statement.' I put on four coats of paint."

"We farm with our son with the logo 'Blue Diamond Farming Company' and have the diamonds on various trucks and machinery. I wanted to put this design on the quilt and wanted the four grandchildren to feel the connection, so I drew that into the plan. When I showed them, they drew my attention to it looking like a Swastika. My next pattern was the present one. Four other of our farmsteads are nearby so I made 4x4 foot quilts for building there. In our yard I have a gazebo made of a cutoff wire corn crib and I've hung old saws and etc to adorn it. A three-foot circle saw blade looked the perfect item to put a quilt on and hang it up there - thus my 5th and all alike beauties to help decorate our south east corner of the county." ~ Roland & Arlene Riensche



**Blue Diamond Farming Company - Jesup**

**26b. 11607 Rickard Road**  
**26a. 11007 Rickard Road**



**27. Lodge Pine Tree**  
**1100 Hwy-218 N., La Porte City**

The Story ~ As a nursing facility for seniors with an agricultural background, we felt it would be a good idea to have our own barn quilt here. For over 30 years, we have had an annual quilt raffle to raise money for residents' Christmas gifts so quilts were a major part of our service, here too. Our facility nickname is "The Lodge" due to our facility décor and our logo includes a pine tree so we thought it was fitting to have a barn quilt of a tree. The Union High School art students agreed to paint the barn quilt if we supplied the materials. The quilt was completed and hung on the patio side of the building in 2012.  
 ~ La Porte City Nursing and Rehab Center



**28. Good Fortune**  
**11530 La Porte Road, La Porte City**

The Story ~ My family made the frame for my 60th birthday. I painted it and then my family hung it on the barn. I picked the block 'Good Fortune' because I feel we have been fortunate in life. Because we are ½ mile off the highway, I thought a two-color block would show up better.  
 ~ Linda & Ted Mahood

**29. Bird's Nest**  
**2134 W. Tama Road, Buckingham**

The Story ~ The original barn quilt at the Beck Farm was created by Bill and Jeanine Davidson as a tribute to my husband, Don Beck, who died in June 2010. It was a spectacular 8x8 foot pattern placed high upon our white 1890s barn. It was visible from a mile away. A fire in May 2011 changed the backdrop of our farm life when the classic barn and our precious barn quilt were ruined. Twelve days later, an identical quilt was delivered by our friends, the Davidsons, and installed on the north barn. ~ Ruth Beck

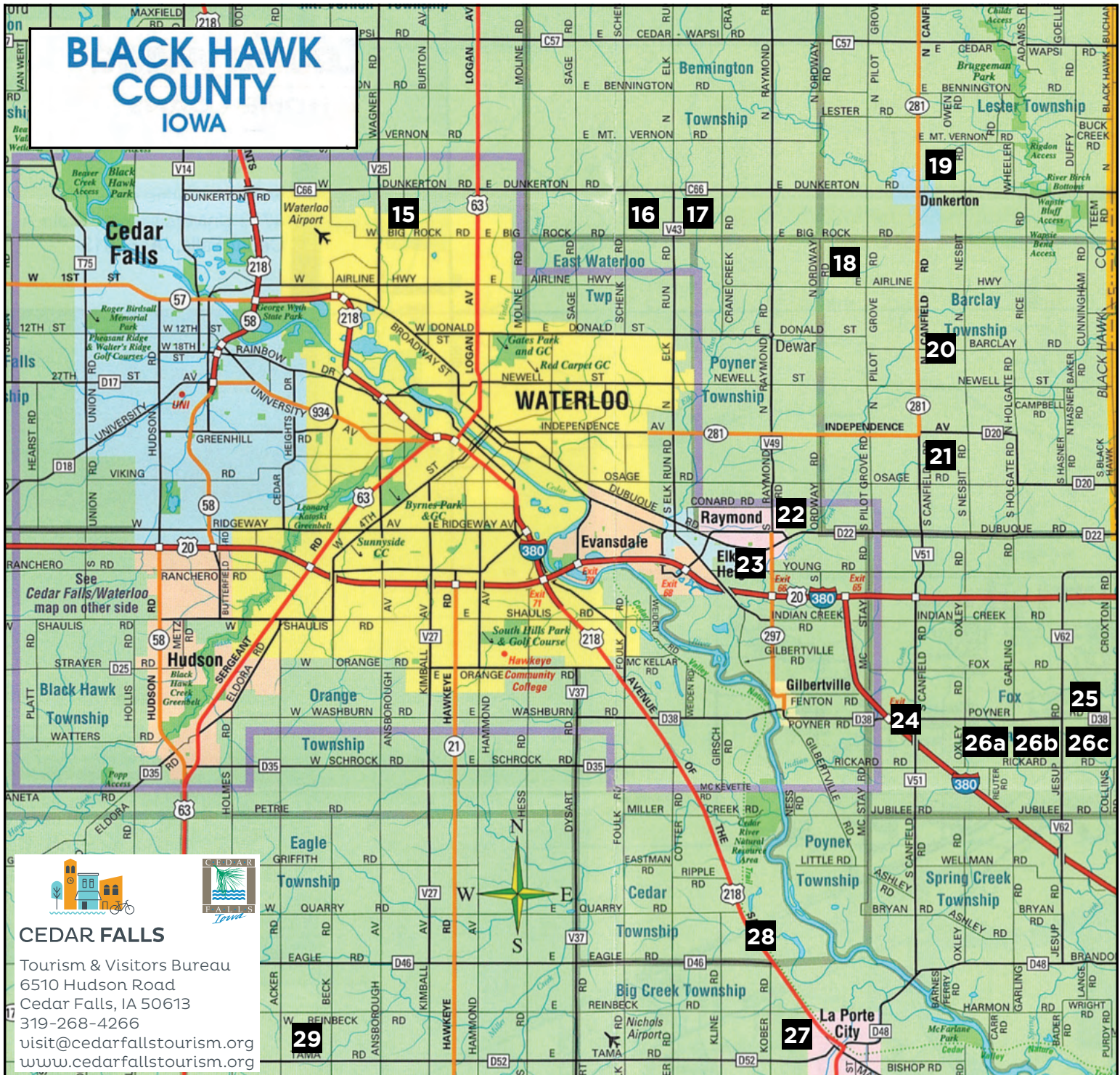


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# East Black Hawk County Barn Quilt Tour

## Turn-by-Turn Directions



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18. Mosaic Star—7706 E. Big Rock Road, Dunkerton
19. Star Flower—9529 E. Dunkerton Road, Dunkerton
20. 4 Tulips—9406 Barclay Road, Waterloo (Dunkerton)
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22. Double Windmill—208 N. 3rd Street, Raymond
23. Norwegian & UNI Panther—202 S. 3rd Street, Raymond

24. Blazing Star & Starry Path—6226 S. Canfield Road, Jesup
25. Variable Star—5835 Jesup Road, Jesup
- 26a. Blue Diamond Farming Company—11007 Rickard Road, Jesup
- 26b. Blue Diamond Farming Company—11607 Rickard Road, Jesup
- 26c. Blue Diamond Farming Company—6814 Jesup Road, Jesup
27. Lodge Pine Tree—1100 Hwy-218 N., La Porte City
28. Good Fortune—11530 La Porte Road, La Porte City
29. Bird's Nest—2134 W. Tama Road, Buckingham



Begin from Main Street,  
Downtown Cedar Falls

15. Double Aster

4617 Burton Avenue, Waterloo 14 minutes

- Start out going north on Main Street, continue through the intersection of 1st Street/IA-57.
- Cross the bridge and turn slight right onto Lincoln Street.
- Travel 1.45 miles; Lincoln Street become W. Airline Hwy.
- Travel 2.02 miles then turn left onto Wagner Road.
- Travel 1.98 miles then turn right onto W. Dunkerton Road.
- Travel 1.01 miles then turn right onto Burton Avenue. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.32 miles; 4617 Burton Avenue is on the right.**

16. Windmill

3845 E. Big Rock Road, Waterloo 9 minutes

- Turn around and travel north on Burton Avenue. (portions unpaved)
- Travel 0.32 miles then turn right onto W. Dunkerton Road.
- Travel 5.04 miles then turn right onto N. Elk Run Road/County Hwy-V43.
- Travel 1 mile then turn right onto E. Big Rock Road. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.11 miles; 3845 E. Big Rock Road is on the right.**

17. Jacob's Ladder

4405 E. Big Rock Road, Waterloo 1 minute

- Turn around and travel east on E. Big Rock Road.
- **Travel 0.52 miles; 4405 E. Big Rock Road is on the left.**

18. Mosaic Star

7706 E. Big Rock Road, Dunkerton 14 minutes

- **Continue on Big Rock Road for 3.2 miles; 7706 E. Big Rock Road is on the right. (Road is unpaved)**

OR 18 minutes

- Turn around and head west on E. Big Rock Road.
- Travel 0.42 miles then turn right onto N. Elk Run Road/County Hwy-V43.
- Travel 1 mile then turn right onto E. Dunkerton Road.
- Travel 3.98 miles then turn right onto N. Pilot Grove Road. (portions unpaved)
- Travel 1 mile then turn right onto E. Big Rock Road. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.38 mile; 7706 E. Big Rock Road is on the left.**

19. Star Flower

9529 E. Dunkerton Road, Dunkerton 9 minutes

- Depending on how you arrived at 7706 E. Big Rock Road, you may need to turn around—you need to head east on E. Big Rock Road.
- Travel 0.38 miles then turn left onto N. Pilot Grove Road. (Portions Unpaved)
- Travel 1 mile then turn right onto E. Dunkerton Rd/County Hwy-C66.
- Travel 0.49 miles and E. Dunkerton Road/County Hwy-C66 becomes W. Dunkerton Street.
- Travel 0.65 miles and W. Dunkerton Street becomes E. Dunkerton Road.
- **Travel 0.45 miles; 9529 E. Dunkerton Road (Jefferson Orchard) drive past the address and turn around as the barn quilt can only be viewed when heading West. 9529 E. Dunkerton Road is on the Right.**

20. 4 Tulips

9406 Barclay Road, Waterloo (Dunkerton) 7 minutes

- Continue west on E. Dunkerton Road.
- Travel 0.45 miles and E. Dunkerton Road becomes E. Dunkerton Street.
- Travel 0.14 miles then turn left onto S. Canfield Street/IA-281/County Hwy-54/County Hwy-281.
- Continue to follow IA-281/County Hwy-54.
- Travel 3.23 miles then turn left onto Barclay Road. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.38 miles; 9406 Barclay Road is on the right.**

21. Starburst

9334 Independence Avenue, Waterloo 4 minutes

- Turn vehicle around and head west on Barclay Road. (portions unpaid)
- Travel 0.38 miles then take left onto N. Canfield Road/IA-281/County Hwy-54.
- Travel 1.76 miles then turn left onto Independence Avenue.
- **Travel 0.34 miles; 9334 Independence Avenue is on the right.**

22. Double Windmill

208 N. 3rd Street, Raymond 6 minutes

- Turn vehicle around and head west on Independence Avenue/County Hwy-D20.
- Travel 3.35 miles; enter next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto County Hwy-V49/N. 3rd Street.
- **Travel 1.96 miles; 208 N. 3rd Street is on the left.**

23. Norwegian (back side of barn) & UNI Panther

202 S. 3rd Street, Raymond 12 minutes

- Continue south on N. 3rd Street/County Hwy-V49.
- Travel 0.10 miles then turn right onto Lafayette Road/County Hwy-V49.
- Take the 1st left onto S. 3rd Street/County Hwy-V49.
- **Travel 0.09 miles; turn right on W. Central Street; 202 S. 3rd Street is on the left (house faces 3rd Street; barn quilt is on building behind house and can be viewed from W. Central Street).**

24. Blazing Star and Starry Path

6226 S. Canfield Road, Jesup 9 minutes

- Turn around and head east on W. Central Street.
- Turn right on S. 3rd Street/County Hwy-V49.
- Travel 0.24 miles then turn left onto Dubuque Road.
- TTravel 3.16 miles then turn right onto S. Canfield Road.
- **Travel 4.16 miles; 6226 S. Canfield Road is on the right (just past the Poyner Road intersection).**

25. Variable Star

5835 Jesup Road, Jesup 4 minutes

- Turn vehicle around; head north on S. Canfield Road.
- Travel 0.31 miles then turn right onto Poyner Road.
- Travel 3 miles then turn left onto Jesup Road.
- **Travel 0.15 miles; 5835 Jesup Road is on the right.**

26c. Blue Diamond Farming Company

6814 Jesup Road, Jesup 1 minute

- Turn vehicle around; head south on Jesup Road.
- **Travel 1 mile; 6814 Jesup Road is on the right.**

26b. Blue Diamond Farming Company

11607 Rickard Road, Jesup 1 minute

- Continue south on Jesup Road.
- Travel 0.15 miles then turn right onto Rickard Road. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.36 miles; 11607 Rickard Road is on right.**

26a. Blue Diamond Farming Company

11007 Rickard Road, Jesup 3 minutes

- Continue west on Rickard Road. (portions unpaved)
- **Travel 0.59 miles; 11007 is on the right.**

27. Lodge Pine Tree - Care Initiatives

1100 Hwy-218 N., La Porte City 21 minutes

- Turn around and head east on Rickard Road (portions unpaved)
- Travel 0.95 miles then turn right onto Jesup Road.
- Travel 4.01 miles then turn right onto Brandon Road.
- Travel 4.62 miles then Brandon Road becomes 8th Street.
- Travel 0.73 then 8th Street becomes Commercial Street.
- Travel 0.09 then turn right onto 4th Street/Hwy-281/US-218N (4-way stop).
- **Travel 0.72 miles; 1100 Hwy-218 N. is on the left.**

## 28. Good Fortune

11530 La Porte Road, La Porte City *2 minutes*

- Turn left onto Hwy-218/US-218 N.
- **Travel 2.17 miles; 11530 LaPorte Road is on the left.**

## 29. Bird's Nest

2134 W. Tama Road, Buckingham *14 minutes*

- Turn around and head southeast on LaPorte Road US-218 S.
- Travel 0.64 miles then turn right onto E. Eagle Road.
- Travel 4.08 miles then turn left onto Dysart Road/County Hwy-V37.
- Travel 2 miles then turn right onto E. Tama Road.
- **Travel 5.2 miles; 2134 W. Tama Road is on the right.**

**This concludes the Eastern Tour of Black Hawk County Barn Quilts. Finish the tour in the Downtown District to dine, shop or take a stroll. *25 minutes***

- Continue west on W Tama Road.
- Travel 2.83 miles then turn right onto S. Hudson Road/US-63N.
- Travel 5.80 miles then turn left onto S. Hudson Road/IA-58.
- Travel 4.80 miles then merge onto US-20 E/IA-58 E.
- Travel 0.85 miles then take the IA-27N/IA-58 N exit, EXIT 225, toward Cedar Falls/Airport.
- Travel 0.33 miles then turn left onto IA-27 N/IA-58N.
- Travel 5.82 miles then merge onto IA-57 W toward Cedar Falls.
- Travel 1.32 miles then turn left onto Main Street.
- **Enjoy the Cedar Falls Downtown District.**



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