A trio of farms called ‘Fair View Farm’ feature barn quilts at the following locations (between Meyers Road and M-52):
19732 Pleasant Lake Road (South Side of Road)
19426 Pleasant Lake Road (North Side of Road)
18691 Pleasant Lake Road (South Side of Road)

- Dine in one of these charming spots:
  - Coffee Mill Café
  - Stackwitz/Keller’s
  - Oiler’s Pizza and Grinders
- Stroll the shops on Main Street
- Visit the historic Manchester Mill
- Have an ice cream cone at Dairy Queen or Keller’s

Return to Chi-Bro Park now, or extend your ride by approximately 12 miles by taking the following additional route. Or come back to enjoy it another day!

If you opt to continue your ride, return north on M-52 approximately two miles to Bethel Church Road, turn east, and continue 2.5 miles east to:

**Alber Orchard & Cider Mill**
13011 Bethel Church Road
alberorchard.com

Originally, Michael Alber’s orchard and farm, established in 1890. Open Labor Day through November 20.

Continue east approximately 1 mile to view:

**Goodyear-Braun-Blumeneau Farm**
12100 Bethel Church Road

Greek Revival-style farmhouse with origins in the middle of the 19th century. Continue east approximately 1 mile to view:

**St. Francis Parsonage and Catholic Cemetery**
11007 Bethel Church Road

Built in 1873, the parsonage is now a private residence. St. Mary’s Church in Manchester maintains the nearby cemetery. Continue east approximately 1/2 mile to view:

**Bethel United Church of Christ**
10425 Bethel Church Road
www.bethelonthefhill.org

This stone church was built in 1909. Turn right and travel south on Schneider Road 1 mile to Bemis Road, then turn west on Bemis Road. This 1½ mile route has several hills and turns with views of glacial dells and several farms. At the end of Bemis Road, turn north on Ernst Road, then west on Pfaus Road.

The ‘Shoe Tree’ on Pfaus Road
A bit of local footwear color! The shoe tree is on the left side of the road at the top of the hill.

**John Alber Farm**
7501 Eismann Road

A farmstead which was originally part of the Michael Alber property (see K). Take Eismann Road 1½ mile south to Bemis Road, turn west onto Bemis and take to New Road on left. Turn south on New Road and west on Schaub Road (which turns into Duncan Street in the Village of Manchester), then south on Hibbard Road to City Road:

**Village of Manchester Offices**
912 City Road

The Ford-Manchester Plant was constructed on the site of the old Premium Grist Mill east of town. Henry Ford purchased the site, which is on the River Raisin, in the 1930s and employed 150 people making ammeters, dashboards, and instrument clusters until the mid-1940s. Today it is used to house Manchester’s library and village offices. Restrooms and a drinking fountain are available here when the building is open.

From here, turn north onto Hibbard Road and travel to Main Street, then turn west. You will pass by many historic homes and the Manchester Blacksmith Shop. At the intersection of Main Street and M-52, turn north and return to Chi-Bro Park on your right.

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**ALSO NOTE:** Many of the sites on this tour are private property and are not open to the public. They are intended to be enjoyed from the public right-of-way only. Please be respectful and do not trespass.

This brochure can be viewed on-line at: www.manchestermi.org

Questions and comments can be directed to manchestertours@manchestermi.org

For more information about barn quilts and barn quilt trails, visit: www.barnquiltinfo.com

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A new house but elderly barns surround this barn quilt - 19229 Sharon Valley Road
Located on the west side of road, the barn quilt faces south. This barn quilt was a collaborative creative effort with a young art student, who was given the colors to use but was allowed to create the pattern. The barn quilt was painted and installed in 2007. The original farm house on the family’s land had a cornstove with the year 1875 on it, and it is assumed the barn is of that vintage as well. The original farm covered about 100 acres and was known as the ‘Cash Farm’, where cattle were raised. In 1970 the farm was sold and parcelled out into 5 and 10 acre sections. The family bought the farm house, barns and their land in 1971 and raised sheep, horses and chickens as pets.

A traditional farm setting - 16823 Sharon Valley Road
Located on the south side of road, quilt faces west. “Ohio Star” is the name of the pattern of this barn quilt, which was created by the owners’ daughter and her family in 2010. The family have owned their farm since 1974. They plant and harvest corn, hay, wheat and soybeans, and raise pigs and steers. Their barn was built in the mid 1800’s and remains in use today. Continue approximately 1/2 mile west along Sharon Valley Road to next stop.

An artist’s studio and sheep smallholding - 16500 Sharon Valley Road
Located on the north side of the road. The barn quilt is on the studio. Also note the roof of the house. The barn quilt at this location can be seen on the side of the owner's quilting studio, which was built in 1999. The pattern is called “Flying Geese”, and it was painted and installed in 2003. The owner was inspired in her pattern choice by watching geese flying about or resting in nearby fields in Spring and Fall. She stops to admire them as she goes in and out of her studio. She sketched the design and her nephew fabricated the quilt. The house was built in the 1860’s. When the house was restored, the owner designed and had installed a nine-patch quilt design.

Begin at: Chi-Bro Park
209 Ann Arbor Street (M-52), Manchester
This park, located in the shadow of the Manchester water tower, has a pond, nature trails, picnic tables and a portable restroom. It will also contain a segment of the developing Manchester Shared-Use Trail. Turn north onto M-52, taking a short ride on a busy paved road, and look on the west side of the road for:

McLennan Gardens
10950 M-52 • www.mclennangardens.com
Indoor and outdoor markets with fresh produce and farm products in season, local maple syrup and art. Restrooms.
Turn north onto M-52 (Ann Arbor Road), travel a very short distance, then turn west onto Sharon Valley Road.

A typical dairy barn of the area
19611 Sharon Valley Road
Located on the south side of the road, approximately 1/2 mile west of M-52. Continue west, then curve north on Sharon Valley Road and follow for about 1/2 mile.

A gorgeous woodland setting at the edge of River Raisin - 17750 Sharon Valley Road
Located on the west side of the bridge, north side of the road. This barn quilt was chosen from patterns from computer software and a quilt book. The pattern started out as patriotic stars and stripes with a red-white-blue color palette, then the stars were changed and yellow paint was added. This quilt was painted and installed by the lady of the house in 2007 after she was inspired seeing other quilts in the area. She decided to decorate her family’s pole barn with a quilt square in homage to the agrarian tradition of Sharon Township, although the family does not farm the land.
Note: a steep hill is next
Travel to and cross Sharon Hollow Road, and continue west on Sharon Valley Road a few hundred feet to next stop on tour.

Sharon Mills County Park
5701 Sharon Hollow Road
The mill was originally constructed in 1835 and was purchased by Henry Ford in the 1930’s. Public restrooms and water fountains are located in the rear of the building and are open from 8 am to dusk. The Mill building itself is open for special events and by appointment. http://www.eewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/sharonsmills/sharon.html
Continuing north about 4/10 of a mile on Sharon Hollow Road, watch for the continuation of Sharon Hollow Road from a turn-off on the curve to Pleasant Lake Road. Travel north to Eades Road and turn west to view the next barn quilt about 1/4 mile down Eades, and then double back to Sharon Hollow Road.

A lovely farm with scenic vistas - 16520 Eades Road
Located on the barn on the south side of the road. This barn quilt pattern, ‘Stars and Squares’, was chosen after the family looked at dozens of patterns. Their quilt was painted by local barn quilt artist Mary Beth Day and installed in 2011. This barn was built before 1900. The family moved to their land in 1966, and as far as they know the barn was always used as they have used it, for animals and crops such as hay and corn.
Go back to and head south on Sharon Hollow Road to Pleasant Lake Road, then turn east for the:

Optional Loop
CAUTION: This loop is approximately 6 miles long and takes you along a very busy paved road with a narrow shoulder that doesn’t offer many stopping spots. Please be careful. If you do not wish to do this loop, you will continue south on Sharon Hollow Road.
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