

RURAL OTTAWA BARN QUILT TRAIL



*Showcasing Ottawa South's
rural landscape & its communities*



OSGOODE TOWNSHIP MUSEUM'S RURAL OTTAWA BARN QUILT TRAIL

Each barn quilt has a story to tell! Barn quilt blocks are designed by the respective owner, and share the story of their family history or family farm.

[VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE MAP LINK HERE!](#)



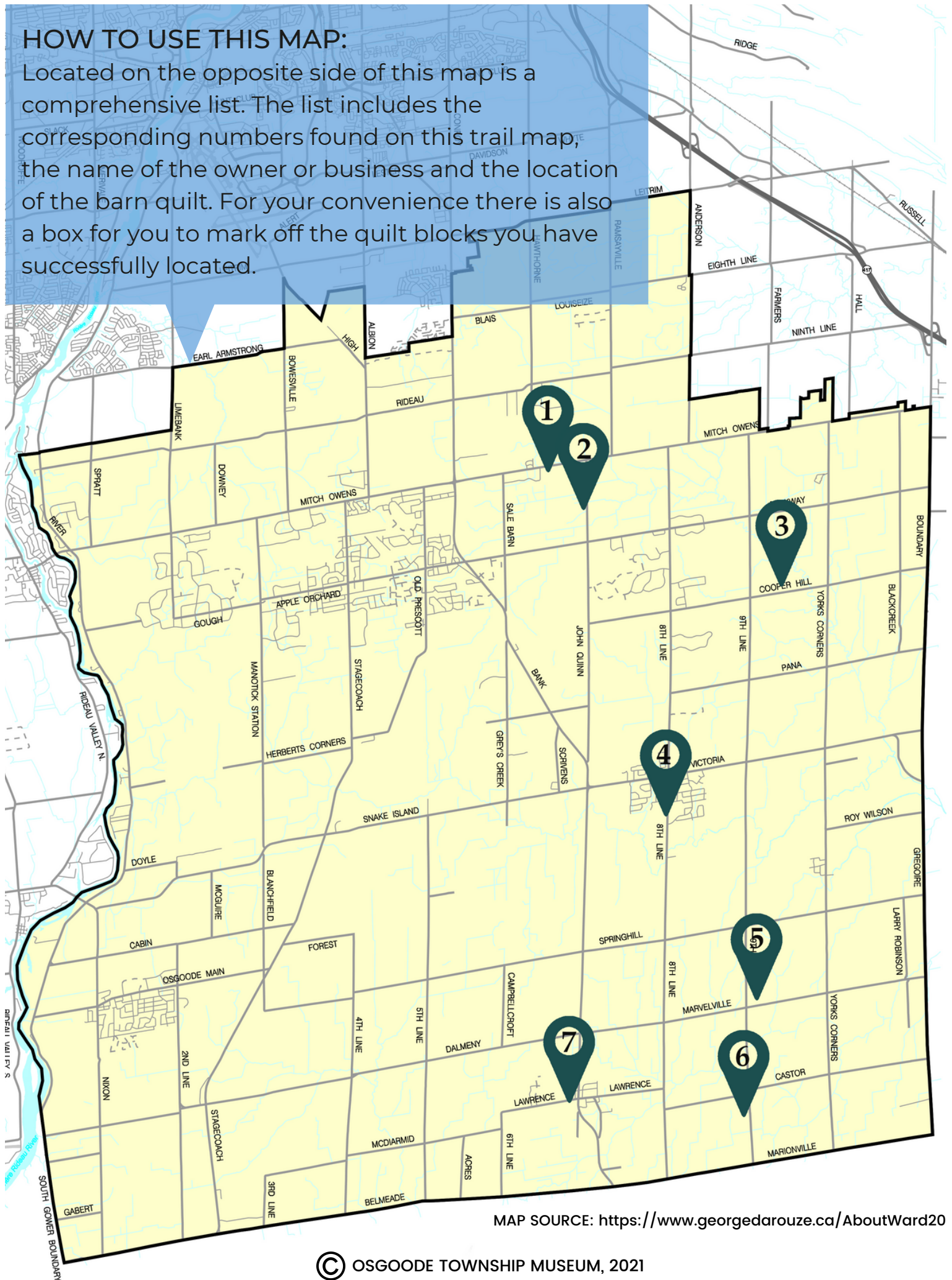
When visiting and enjoying the Rural Ottawa Barn Quilt Trail, please use caution when slowing or stopping. Barn quilts located on private property should be viewed **ONLY** from the public roadside.

Be considerate!

When visiting the trail, be sure to also check out the local museums, restaurants, farmers' markets and other attractions!

HOW TO USE THIS MAP:

Located on the opposite side of this map is a comprehensive list. The list includes the corresponding numbers found on this trail map, the name of the owner or business and the location of the barn quilt. For your convenience there is also a box for you to mark off the quilt blocks you have successfully located.



MAP SOURCE: <https://www.georgedarouze.ca/AboutWard20>



1 - Quaile Family Farm

7564 Mitch Owens Rd, Greely (viewable from Mitch Owens and John Quinn Roads)

The Quaile family has been farming in the area, and specifically on Mitch Owens Road, since the 1840s. The barn quilt is displayed on their current property, originally farmed by the Findlay family, purchased by Eldon and Elwood Quaile (father & son) in 1980, due to its position on the hilltop and proximity to their other agricultural properties.



2 - Lyall Farm

7564 Mitch Owens Rd, Greely

The Lyall family home was established in 1983 by Stephen and Deborah Lyall. The area has been long standing farming fields. The home was handcrafted by Stephen with logs sourced from the Larose Forest. Deborah has had long standing career in Custom Picture Framing and as an artist at her home studio.



3 - Patterson Farm

8777 Cooper Hill Rd, Metcalfe

Bought in the 1960s by Ford & Carol Patterson to become a potato farm and then evolve into Patterson's Berry Farm where thousands of people enjoyed picking farm fresh produce and seasonal events such as Pumpkinland & spring Pancake House . Today Dean & Heather Patterson have a cash crop operation and live in the original century farmhouse on the property with their children.



4 - Metcalfe Fair Barn Quilt Collective

8281 8th Line Rd, Metcalfe

The Metcalfe Fair is an agricultural fair held in the village of Metcalfe, a community located in the southern part of the City of Ottawa, Ontario. This fair has been held annually since 1856. There is something for everyone at this annual agricultural exhibition held each fall in late September or early October. It first began in the communities south and east of the newly founded town of Ottawa in the Province of Canada, eleven years before Canadian Confederation in 1867. The County of Russell Agricultural Society was formed in 1856 for the purpose of presenting an Agricultural Fair in September. Originally intended to rotate annually in the Townships of Gloucester, Osgoode, Russell, and Cumberland, the fair found a permanent home in the Village of Metcalfe in 1861. In 1912, the year the Titanic sank, the County of Russell Agricultural Society changed its name to the Metcalfe Agricultural Society. Today, Metcalfe Fair is one of the largest major agricultural fairs in Eastern Ontario. For more information visit metcalfefair.com



5 - Cooper-McEwen Star

8745 Marvelville Rd, Metcalfe (viewable from 3790 9th Line Rd, Metcalfe)

The McEwen family immigrated to Canada in 1829 with four other families from Perthshire Scotland. Peter McEwen, his wife Isabella (McLaren) and their toddler sons arrived at Lot 35, Concession 9 Osgoode Township in January 1830. The 200 acre farm was purchased for 25 pounds from Holmes family (UEL) of Williamsburg. The McEwens had one of the township's first cows. The log part of the barn that houses this quilt block was built sometime in the 1850s, around the same time as the balloon frame house which still stands today. The acreage on the corner of Marvelville Rd and 9th Line was donated by second generation Peter II for the building of the "Scotch School"; which served for many years as the one room school for the district. It has since been converted into a private residence nestled among the maple trees at the corner. The main gambrel-roofed barn was built in 1919 by third generation George W. McEwen and put the family on the leading edge of the dairy industry. His wife Katie (Grant) is credited with the naming of the farm Heather Crest; representing the knoll on which the farm is located and the native plant of the family's homeland. Heather Crest became the prefix used to register holstein cattle. J. Lynden McEwen was the fourth generation to operate the farm with son Hugh. Additional acreage was purchased to the west and south bringing the current land to approximately 350 acres used for cash crop farming. In 2006, fifth generation farmer Hugh converted the barn to a free-stall and added a milking parlour to the west side of the barn, milking approximately 30 head cattle. Hugh continues to operate Heather Crest with the assistance of his children Kate and Stuart McEwen. It is one of the oldest family run farms in Ottawa-Carleton region. Hugh's wife Cheryl A. Cooper is responsible for the design and production of this barn quilt featuring colours from the McEwen Family tartan.



6 - Skuce Repairs

4384 9th Line Rd, Vernon

Skuce Repairs was opened full-time in 1988 by Albert (Ab) and Linda Skuce on this property, purchased years before from descendants of Ab's great-grandparents John MacGregor and Mary Anne Andrews. John immigrated to Canada from Scotland between 1845-1850. The present shop was built in 1995, and Ab died in 1998. The quilt design is a tribute to the AC Tractor Company because before Ab opened his own company, he worked for Cameron Equipment in Vernon, an Allis Chalmers dealership.



7 - Osgoode Township Museum

7814 Lawrence St, Vernon

The Osgoode Township Museum has been serving our community as a museum since 1973! The OTM tells the story of Ottawa's agricultural and rural heritage, with a focus on agriculture in the former Osgoode Township. The Museum houses a collection of approximately 10,000 artefacts, ranging from housewares and clothing to full sized tractors and other farming equipment in our two main exhibition spaces. If you visit during the spring, summer, or fall, you'll get a chance to wander around the 10,000 square foot heritage garden modeled after a 1907 school garden, orchard, and grounds. Inside the museum, our brand new permanent exhibition space displays the incredible story of our township and its people. Learn stories of how Indigenous people and the first European settlers paved a path for our current day rural community members, and how these residents are cultivating their connections with the past, present and future! The museum hosts a variety of family-friendly online workshops, talks and programs, and creates connections through partnerships with other organizations in the community. Our largest event of the year is the Harvest Festival, a true celebration of our rural heritage. The site on which the museum stands was once the Campbell and later the Moses Mill complex. In the early 1900s, it employed between 20 - 30 people in its carding mill, grist mill and cheese box factory. The quilt block pays homage to the communities' rural and agricultural roots.

More to come!