



## Barn Quilt Tours of Carver County MN

Presents

### *The Thimble Loop Tour*

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The Thimble Loop Tour spans approximately thirty-five miles of eastern Carver County countryside. Tour guests will visit six (6) farms sites and one drive-by site, viewing a total of seven (7) barn quilts. Travelling in the comfort of a coach bus, with a guided-tour host, guests will learn local history and vignettes about the farms, barn owners and their barn quilt patterns.

**In addition to the farm sites, other featured attractions, each boasting barn quilts as well may include:**

- ❖ **Barn Quilt Artist Studio** - A visit to the farm studio of Suzanne Thiesfeld, the artist for the Barn Quilts of Carver County project, will give guests a firsthand view of her work in an extraordinary restored barn. Chances are a barn quilt painting will be in production!
- ❖ **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** – the iconic Red Research Barn and Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center sit atop the highest point at the Arboretum’s 1200 acres and are part of the Red Barn Farm Garden Campus
- ❖ **Arts Consortium Art Center** – the Consortium is known for “Connecting Art to the Communities and Communities to the Art”. This vibrant new center offers art exhibits, classes and retail space, showcasing a unique assembling of talented local artists. Housed in the historic brick Notermann building in downtown Victoria adds additional charm.

**Our lunch option for the Thimble Loop includes:**

- ❖ **The Victoria House** – a popular local restaurant serving a wide variety of American food. It welcomes guests with a relaxed atmosphere and offers a beautiful view of Steiger Lake.
  - <http://cuzzys.com/victoriahouse/>

**Other optional stops may include:**

- ❖ **Enki Brewing** – a popular brewery in Victoria hosting a cozy taproom and beer garden where guests can sample its line-up of tasty beers.
- ❖ **J. Carver Distillery** – a popular distillery in Waconia, named after Jonathan Carver, the County’s founder. Learn how the distillery ties local county heritage together by naming one of their distilled gins (Grimm Gin) honoring Wendelin Grimm, a German-American farmer renowned for developing winter alfalfa.

**Schedule your Barn Quilt Tour today!**

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