

# Roscommon County

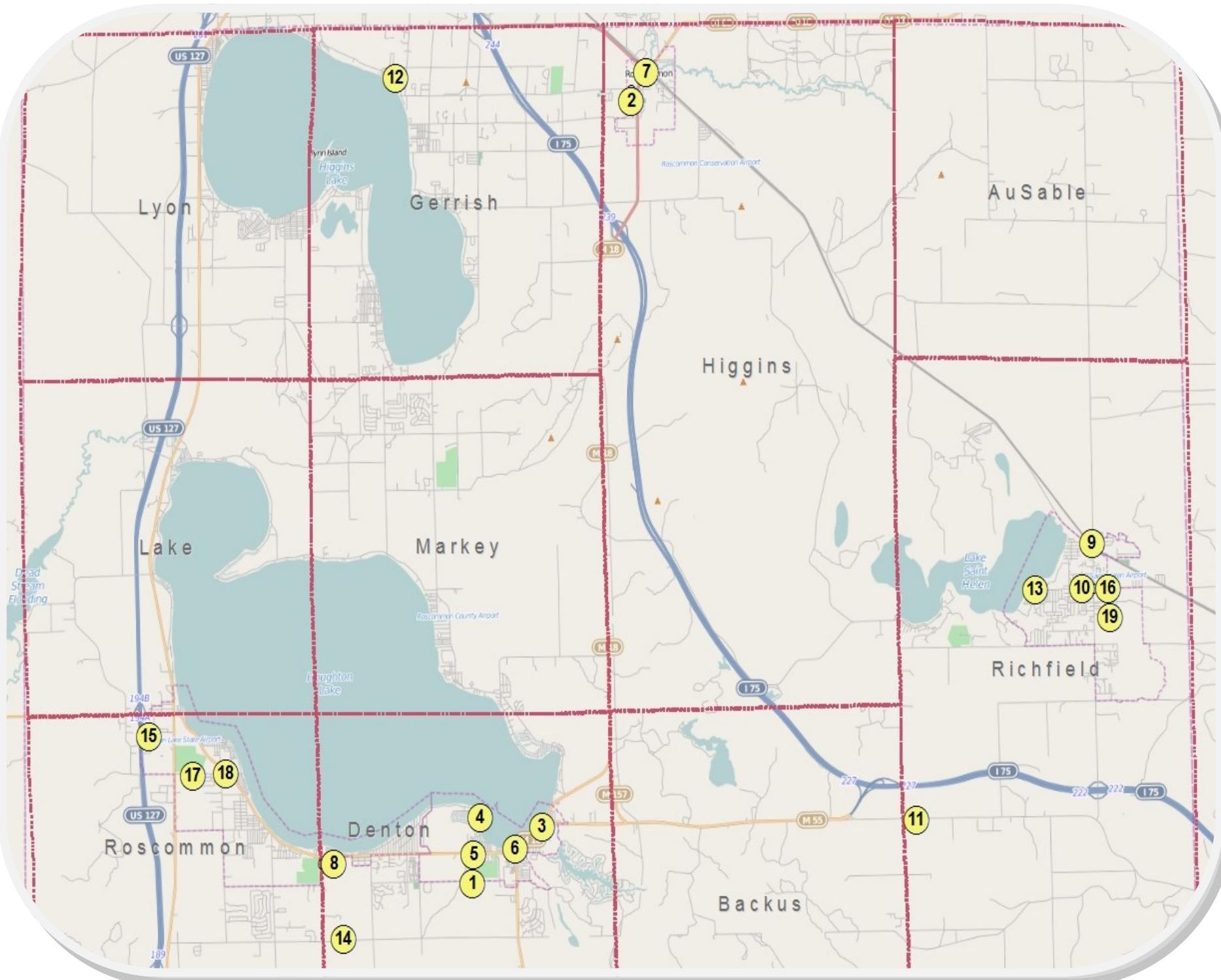
## Quilt Trail Guide



Cherished Family quilts are made with love and handed down through generations. Now, we share them with you through the many brightly colored quilt blocks scattered throughout Roscommon County. Visit our beautiful county on a self-guided tour to find and see our colorful quilt blocks. Many of the quilt patterns tell stories about family, history and culture.

Please use caution when you slow or stop to view the quilt blocks. Some of the quilt blocks are located on a highway, and some are on private property. Please be respectful when viewing the quilt blocks.

Quilt Trail is promoted by the Houghton Lake Area Historical Society, the Higgins Lake-Roscommon, Houghton Lake, and St. Helen Chambers of Commerce and the Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation. 





**1** 1681 W. Houghton Lake Dr. Houghton Lake  
**Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse**

This original block represents the dancing heritage of the building. Johnson's Rustic Dance Palace was built in 1927. It had live dance bands until 1942 when W.W. It took away the young men. It became the Houghton Lake Playhouse in 1962. It held summer plays until 1969, and featured shows with some famous professional entertainers who traveled a circuit in Michigan. Bought by the Chamber of Commerce and rented out, it closed down in 1998. It was bought by the Historical Society in 2001. You can now rent it for your event.



**2** 404 Lake St. Roscommon  
**Roscommon Area Historical Society**

The "Water Lily" quilt block is on the little Silsby/Jacobson building. The original quilt, made by Ella Gallimore prior to 1935, is on display in the Gallimore Boarding House. Ella and husband James ran the GBH 1904-1931. The Richardson School museum, the GBH and the S/J buildings are open Fri.-Sat., 12-4 from Memorial Day—Sept. 30. Free admission.



**3** 104 Hillside Ave. Prudenville  
**Riviera Resort**

The original design represents a lodge built in 1889 for railroad housing. In 1959, the Braza's bought and ran it as a hunting lodge. In 2010, Liz's Lounge and Riviera Restaurant was established. On it's 4th generation "The Family" still operates the Riviera. In 2013, 4th generation Adrianna Salyers assisted in painting this block.



**4** 102 Chickasaw Trail Prudenville  
**Home of Pat & Denny Kiroff**

This "Tree of Life" quilt pattern is one of Pat's favorites. It was the first quilt she made as a child. The seven trees have extra meaning to Pat, one for each member of her family.



**5** 1701 W. Houghton Lake Dr. Houghton Lake  
**Houghton Lake Historical Village—Town Hall**

This courthouse steps "Log cabin" block design represents the rich logging heritage of our area. The village represents a typical village of the late 1800's to early 1900's.



**6** 2378 S. Gladwin Rd. Prudenville  
**Denton Township Trestle Park**

Trestle Park is named for the 1880's logging railroad train trestle that stood on the site and extended about 700' into Houghton Lake. Universally accessible, the park invites you to picnic, stroll and enjoy the waterfront view, while remembering the shanty boys who worked on the trestle so many years ago.



**7** 105 N. Fifth St. Roscommon  
**Antiques & Uniques**

This colorful "Northern Lights" quilt block is hung at Antique & Uniques, an antique business with many vintage gifts of distinction. Karen Walper and Barbara Wood are partners in bringing memories to life. Visit their store full of yesterdays.



**8** 2625 S. Townline Rd. Houghton Lake  
**Roscommon County Commission on Aging**

The RCCOA operates three centers and has an in-home service program. Their purpose is to promote the welfare, independence, safety and health of its seniors through various programs. The quilt block "Old Maids Ramble" was made and donated by the Friday Afternoon Quilters in appreciation for use of the facility.



**9** 2705 N. St. Helen Rd. St. Helen  
**St. Helen Veterans' Memorial**

The St. Helen Veterans' Memorial Park is dedicated to all men and women who have served or are serving in the military.



**10** 1991 N. St. Helen Rd. St. Helen  
**Cedar Inn**

The Cedar Inn in St. Helen is the oldest business in continuous operation at its original site. The friendly staff serves up food, beverages and good times.



**11** 6260 E. West Branch Rd. St. Helen  
**Maple Valley Bison Ranch**

The Maple Valley Bison Ranch was started in 2011 with 15 bison and today there are 31. The bison are grass fed for 28 months before they go to market. Bison meat is shown to be a much healthier choice for its protein, fat and minerals and its caloric value.



**12** 115 Clyde St. Roscommon  
**Home of Carol and Tom Koscinski**

This block was designed by Carol for Tom. The Mariner's Compass represents his love of sailing and the RV-9 is the plan he built and flies. The colorfulness is reflective of Carol, who loves color.



**13** 8910 Iroquois St. St. Helen  
**Lake St. Helen Access Park**

Experience the feeling of walking on water by visiting our universally accessible floating fishing pier. Paddle the lake and discover miles of uninhabited shoreline using our universally accessible canoe/kayak launch with transfer station. Enjoy walking trails along the shoreline, a sandy beach, boat launch, picnic tables and park benches.



**14** 5580 Emery Rd. Prudenville  
**Bischoff Farm**

Jim and Donna Bischoff bought their 40 acre farm in 1972. They market the lambs from the 40 head ewe flock. The wool is sold to Zielinger Wool Co. They have haflinger horses for farm and recreational use. They cut hay for winter feed at two remote locations. Maple syrup is made for family and for gifts.



**15** 370 Cloverleaf Ln. Houghton Lake  
**Houghton Lake Travel Park & Campground**

The "Jacob's Ladder" block, used in the Underground Railroad during the Civil War, is also a biblical name. This block told slaves "Now is the time to travel." Though not part of the U.R. they do have a safe place to stay while you travel. It's a clean, family-oriented park where you can enjoy outside activities. Open April-Oct 15th. Check their website: [www.houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com](http://www.houghtonlaketravelparkcampground.com) for date of their annual quilt show.



**16** 10415 E. Airport Rd. St. Helen  
**Trailhead**

St. Helen offers a combined total of over 200 miles of snow & ORV trails for your enjoyment. With our all-sports lake, we are truly a recreational paradise.



**17** 8555 Knapp Rd. Houghton Lake  
**Roscommon Township Hall**

The Roscommon Township Park offers a variety of activities, as shown in this quilt block. They regularly host a Movie in the Park night and offer space for a variety of sporting activities, including disk golf, soccer, softball, and fishing. It is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the Houghton Lake area! Roscommon Township embraces and acknowledges what is its unique Up North environment; a true outdoor recreational mecca.



**18** 7914 Knapp Rd. Houghton Lake  
**Premier Storage**

The owners chose this star pattern because the colors are reminiscent of the sunrises and sunsets over Houghton Lake, and also of the colors of the fall trees. Need extra space? We have it!



**19** 10415 E. Airport Rd. St. Helen  
**St. Helen Campground**

Saint Helen Campground currently has 30 sites with electric and water and 100 rustic sites. Easy access to beautiful Lake St. Helen and the DNR trail system. Trails are groomed year round.