

## Route 1: Bean Blossom/Gatesville Loop (All Paved)

1. From the Visitors Center, take State Road 135 North toward Bean Blossom (5 miles).
  - Two things to see before you get there: the Bean Blossom Overlook and the Bean Blossom Covered Bridge! You'll find the Bean Blossom Overlook jutting off the highway. Stop for sprawling views of the fall colors and snap a quick pic.
  - Right before you get to the neighborhood of Bean Blossom, you'll see Covered Bridge Road on your left. Take a quick detour down that road to discover the **Bean Blossom Covered Bridge**. Built in 1880, it's one of only three Howe Single Through Trusses in existence!
2. Turn around and make your way back to State Road 135 North. Browse **Plum Creek Antiques** before turning right on Gatesville Road. Take that about three miles before turning left onto Bean Blossom Road. Shortly after, you'll stumble across the **Farmhouse Café** on the right. Pop in to enjoy a tasty and oh-so-fresh lunch or dinner in this old 1800s brick farmhouse. Check out the flower and herb barn there too! (3 miles from State Road 135 at Gatesville Road to Farmhouse Café).
3. After the Farmhouse, turn right on Bean Blossom Road for just a bit before taking another right onto Sprunica Road. You'll then take a left on Sprunica Ridge Road and right Vaught Road to see artist Rosey Bolte's **The Uncommon Gourd Studio**. You'll also find jewelry pieces by the talented **Amy Greely** there! (3.5 miles from Farmhouse Café to Uncommon Gourd Studio).



4. From the studio, you'll then hop on Upper Salt Creek Road. This will run right up to Gatesville Road, where you will take a left. Continue onto Salt Creek Road where you'll find the next roadside attraction, the **Gatesville Country Store**. Stop in this authentic Americana mart for grab-and-go items...and some pretty darn good food... Try their breakfast! You can even go gold panning out back too! (4 miles from Uncommon Gourd Studio to Gatesville Country Store).
  
5. Take a left back out onto Salt Creek Road and you'll eventually run into State Road 46 East. While you're tootling on Salt Creek, take the short offshoot on Annie Smith Road to see unique metal art at **Cox Creek Mill**. You also can check out handcrafted furniture and home décor at the **Hoosier Barn & Table** home studio right along Salt Creek Road. (4.5 miles South from Gatesville Country Store to Cox Creek Mill, then 1.5 miles to Hoosier Barn and Table.)
  
6. From Hoosier Barn and Table, drive 1 mile to State Road 46 East where you'll have two options. Turn left to head to Gnaw Bone, home to a local distillery, winery, and a couple other country stores/coffee shops...or turn right to take the highway back to the Village!

Total mileage to each stop on route = Approx. 23 miles

1. 5 miles from Visitors Center to Gatesville Road on State Road 135
2. 3 miles from State Road 135 at Gatesville Road to Farmhouse Café
3. 3.5 miles north from Farmhouse Café to Rosey's Uncommon Gourd
4. 4 miles south from Rosey's Uncommon Gourd to Gatesville Country Store
5. 4.5 miles south from Gatesville Country Store to Cox Creek Mill, then 1.5 miles from Cox Creek Mill to Hoosier Barn & Table
6. 1 mile from Hoosier Barn & Table to State Road 46 near Salt Creek Golf Retreat

