

This trip is 25 miles and takes 90 minutes to complete. The Tour begins and ends at the New Glarus Tourism Booth at the corner of Railroad Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. *All stops are on private property, so please stay on the public right-of-way. The mile numbers at the end of each stop is the mileage from one stop to the next. An R or L indicates on which side of the road the site is located.*

**#1-Stauffacher Farm-N7422 HWY 69 L**

The barn nearest the road is a three-story barn, that enabled the farmer to drive in the top story to unload corn, etc. to feed the livestock housed on the ground floor. This was a very efficient use of space. **3.0 Mi**

**#2-Voegeli Farms-N-7190 HWY 69 L**

The Voegeli Brown Swiss farm was established in 1854. This barn along with the previous barn are featured in Jerry Apps' **BARNs OF WISCONSIN**. The Rolph Bros., Monticello, built this barn using 56' long single piece beams brought in from the west coast. The Voegeli Farm cattle are known worldwide for their quality. Howard Voegeli was one of the founders of the World Dairy Expo. **3.5 Mi.**

**#3-Freitag Estate Farms. N7904-53 HWY 69. R & L**

The barns on both sides of the road utilize side wall ventilators to help cure hay and ventilate the barn. The small white house was used for the hired man and his family. The owners lived in the large brick home. Between the two houses is a plaque commemorating the location of the first cheese factory in Green County. This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. **4.0 Mi.**

**First Cheese Factory Historical Marker, HWY 69, L, 1 mile south of Freitag Estate Farm in Monticello, next to the vertical MONTICELLO sign at Lake Montesian.**

**#4-Edelweiss Creamery, W6117 CTY HWY C.**

This four corners was typical of rural Wisconsin in the 1940's-50 when small rural businesses served a much larger farm population. The far end of the ranch style house served as a small country store. Washington Mill, Implement and Town Hall still serve the neighbors. Edelweiss Creamery is owned by Bruce & Kathy Workman, who recently opened a cheese shop on 1<sup>st</sup> St. in New Glarus. He is a world champion cheesemaker. **8.9 Mi.**

**#5-Hefty-Blum Homestead Farm-W6303 Hefty Rd. L**

This farm has been in the same family since 1848. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The stone barn was restored in the 1990's. A tornado destroyed the stone silo in the early 1950's. **11.2 Mi.**

**#6-Limburger Cheese Marker, W5355, Meadow Valley Road.**

This is the site of the first Limburger cheese factory in the US. Please read the inscription on the plaque next to the white fence. **12.7 Mi**

**#7-Don & Jane Elmer Farm. W6408 CTY HWY H. R**

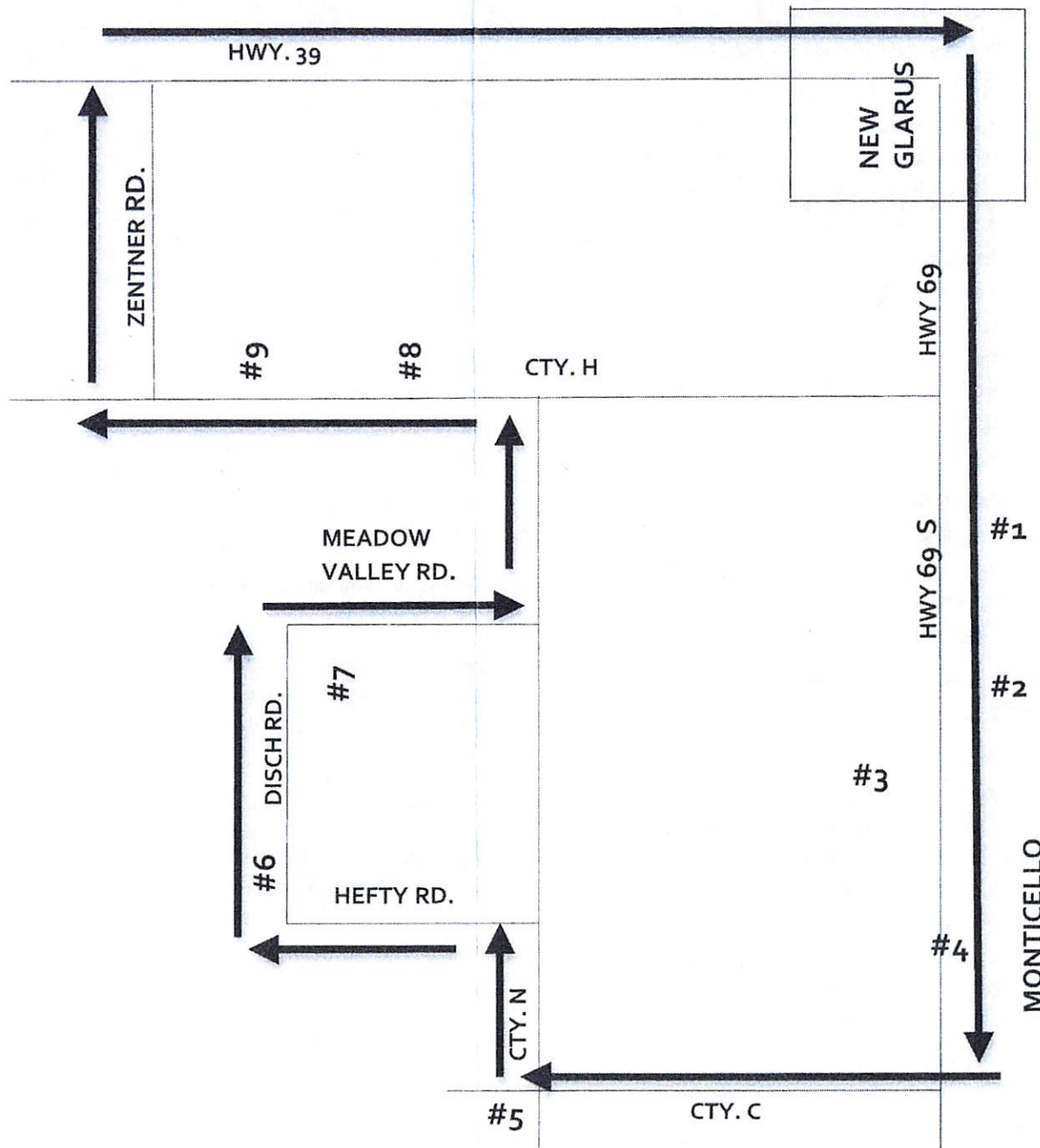
This is a typical Pennsylvania Dutch hillside barn also favored by the Swiss. This barn is featured in **BARNs OF WISCONSIN**. **15.6 Mi**

**#8-W6604 CTY HWY H. R**

This native limestone building built into the hillside was used as a cheese storage building for a number of years. **16.5 Mi.**

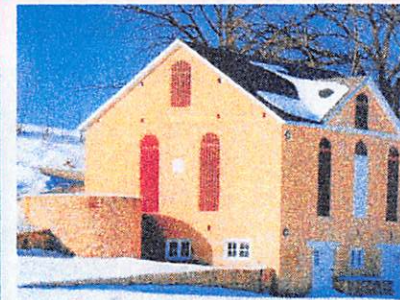
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## Historic Barns, Farms and Cheese Factories

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