



2020 Historic Hills Scenic Byway Bale Trail

Please join us in participating in the second Historic Hills Scenic Byway Bale Trail, as we construct fun art sculptures with hay, straw and corn stalk bales. The Bale Trail is being organized through a collaborative effort of the Historic Hills Scenic Byway and local community members, organizations and businesses.

The Bale Trail will be constructed along a 100 mile route of the Historic Hills Scenic Byway. Landowners along J3T and Highway 63 from Moravia to Bloomfield; J40 from Bloomfield to past Bonaparte; and Highway 2 from south of Bonaparte to Donnellson are encouraged to participate as property owners along the Historic Hills Scenic Byway. There is no limitation to the number of art installations, or who can create an art sculpture. A simple registration process with Historic Hills Scenic Byway will provide guidelines for construction of the art pieces, as well as allow us to recognize those persons responsible for their construction and help us locate the art sculptures.

Bale art structures will highlight the collaboration of landowners along the Historic Hills Scenic Byway with local community businesses, organizations and youth to create an entertaining attraction for travelers coming to our area. Bike Van Buren riders, visitors to our county fairs, summer activities, and fall festivals can witness our creativity (and possibly humor) as they experience the unique bale art structures in our rural area.

Pathfinders RC&D/Historic Hills Scenic Byway will market the Bale Trail before, and for the duration the art structures are present, through such means as Travel Iowa, Instagram, Facebook, and local newspapers, radio and television. A map showing the art pieces and identifying each bale art team, will be created.

To register an art structure location please go to: [REGISTER HERE](#) and register online or print registration forms to mail.

*****The first 30 registrants to turn in required documentation (registration form and picture of assembled bale art piece) between June 15 and July 1 will receive a \$100 reimbursement check sent to listed address on registration form.*****

Can't wait to see what you create. Now we're ready to get the 'bale' rollin'!



2020 Historic Hills Scenic Byway Bale Trail Guidelines

1. Bales of hay, straw or corn stalks will be used to construct art pieces along the 100 mile route of the Historic Hills Scenic Byway.
2. Businesses and organizations will partner with a landowner for use of a location and hay, straw or corn stalk bale to create an art structure.
3. Any size and shape of hay, straw or corn stalk bales may be used. Bales may be wrapped or unwrapped; round or square. Use of animal friendly paints is highly recommended so the hay or corn stalks can be fed at a later time. **We strongly encourage the use of older bales or those that are not ideal for feeding.**
4. The art structure may incorporate other items as accents, but hay, straw or corn stalk bales must comprise the largest portion of the art structure.
5. No sharp or dangerous items will be present in the completed art structure.
6. Hay bale art piece must sit on private property, not on highway right of way.
7. Each artist group will give their bale art structure a TITLE.
8. A number will be assigned to each art structure by Historic Hills Scenic Byway. These numbers will be used in locating the art pieces on a map.
9. Per DOT, art pieces will be created with art (not marketing) in mind. No commercial signage in association with an art structure is allowed.
10. The creators of the art structure will make a sign to be placed next to their art structure showing the title, name of the group (business or community) and the name of the landowner (if desired) who created the piece.
11. Title signage will not exceed 4' x 8' in size and be securely positioned. The letters on the sign should be easily read from the roadway.
12. Pathfinders RC&D/Historic Hills Scenic Byway will provide a sign for each art structure designating "Please keep off the art structure." "Not responsible for accidents." as determined by legal.
13. The property on which the art piece sits must be free of known defects (holes, fencing, tree stumps, etc.)
14. Artists may begin their creations June 15, to be completed by July 1st. Dismantling may begin October 2nd, with all art structures disposed of by October 30.

15. The creators of the art piece are responsible for maintenance of their art. Constant monitoring for care (trash, weed control, and repair) will need to be done regularly thru the spring/summer wind and rains. Each team will repair or remove their art structure if damaged.
16. Youth working on the art sculpture will have adult supervision at all times.
17. Pathfinders RC&D and Historic Hills Scenic Byway will do marketing before and during the time of the Bale Trail, to include maps, social media posts, news releases and magazine articles.
18. Miniature hay art structures will be encouraged throughout the communities the byway passes thru. Permission of property owner, and consideration of non-obstruction of visibility for sidewalks and roadways should be considered.
19. ***A “Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk for Landowner” must be completed by each landowner. A “Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk for Artists” must be completed by each person working on the construction of the project. These documents must be on file with Pathfinders RC&D/Historic Hills Scenic Byway prior to the start of art piece construction.***

Submit Your Registration Form

You can submit your registration form online at: [REGISTER HERE](#)

OR attached you will find a printed copy of the form that can be completed and submitted via mail or email.

Mail to: Pathfinders RC&D, 304 South Maple, Fairfield Iowa 52556

Email to: ashley@pathfindersrcd.org

The following Historic Hills Scenic Byway members in your local area are available to answer any questions you have regarding this project:

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The first 30 registrants who turn in all required documentation between June 15 to July 1, will receive \$100 reimbursement for their bale costs. Required documentation include registration form and picture of assembled bale trail art piece.

Please contact Ashley Utt at ashley@pathfindersrcd.org, or by phone at 641-472-6177, if you have further questions regarding this Historic Hills Scenic Byway Bale Trail project.