

Fall Adventure - Fun Tour for Children (& all Kids at Heart)

Fall Selfie Scavenger-Hunt through History

Follow **QR Codes** Apple & Local History Theme **Self-Guided**

FINAL STOP - Ben Ferrel Platte Co Museum - 220 Ferrel St - ENTER for PRIZE (see below)

Driving North to Platte City on Hwy N. Alldredge Apple Orchard 10455 N. Hwy.

Platte City <https://alldredgeorchards.com/> What kind of apples grow at this orchard? What farm animals do you see? Fun Fact: Pioneers planted the first apple trees in Missouri almost 200 years ago. "Ben Davis" was the name of one of many popular apples in Platte County nearly 100 years ago. **Take a fun selfie at Alldredge Orchard**

United Methodist Church 14040 N. Hwy www.plattecityumc.com This church was established in the 1860s. Take a selfie by the historic bell. It once hung in an older church building. **Please DO NOT ring the bell**

Next Stop - Main St., Platte City in 2 miles



Driving East to Platte City on Hwy 273 Weston Red Barn Farm 16300 Wilkerson Rd,

Weston <https://westonredbarnfarm.com> On this real working farmstead, what animals do you see? Which one might have helped pull a cart or wagon of apples? Fun Fact: Platte County had 181,500 apple trees in 1912.

Take a fun selfie at Weston Red Barn Farm! Next Stop - Main St., Platte City in 5.5 miles

Historic Platte City - Self-Guided - Do ALL or Some Stops

1st & Main Stop 1: SETTLER'S CROSSING PARK at the Platte River (West end of Main Street, Platte City) Beyond the hill is the **Platte River**, a tributary of the Missouri River. People would cross the river as early as **1828** on a boat owned by the pioneer Zadock Martin. Soldiers crossed through this area as they traveled between Liberty & Ft. Leavenworth. Soldiers sometimes had dried apples in their rations.



Stop 2: WILLIAM PAXTON – Historic Marker Sign (at Settler's Crossing Park, Platte City) **Spring of 1839** – Paxton came to this area on horseback. What book did he write? What jobs did he have? In Platte City, he describes seeing **Carolina Parakeets** (birds now extinct) (1840s); buildings burned down in the Civil War (Dec. 1861); an apple at the Platte Co Fair that weighed 2.4 pounds (1869). **For your selfie, pose in front of the Paxton Historic Marker.**



2nd & Main Stop 3: BEE CREEK CAFE –242 Main The café takes its name from a local creek. A "Champion Bee Hunter" named the creek "Bee Creek" because near it he found "bee trees" - wild bee honey in the trees.



Stop 4: LANDMARK NEWSPAPER- 252 Main – *The Landmark* started in Weston & moved to Platte City around **1871**. Look Up! Can you see *The Landmark's* historic sign? In 1895, the Landmark advertised apples at 40 cents per dozen. **Take a selfie while pointing up at the sign.**

Travel by Car on N. 3rd St. Stop 5: SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH: 300 N. 3rd Street

Private property/ no public access. Freed slaves founded this church in **1867** in a nearby location. The present church was built about 20 years ago. In 1865, Missouri ended slavery, 2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

Follow 3rd St. north & turn east onto to N. 4th St.

Travel by Car on N. 4th St. Stop 6 LIONS CLUB Building 100 Block of

North 4th St **Private property/no public access** Built as Dunbar School in 1948 for grades 1-8. Before that, it was the site of a school for African American children after the Civil War. Explore More in this QR Code:



Travel by Car - Return to Main St. - 4th & Main **Stops 7-10: PLATTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE- FRONT LAWN**



Courthouse Dedication Stone: What year is carved on this? This Courthouse replaced one burned down during the Civil War.

Oak Tree: Can you find an oak tree on the courthouse's front lawn? What kind of Oak Tree is it? Pioneers would look for clues in the tree's LEAVES & seeds (acorns) or bark- **see more in the CR Code on the right.** **Do you find a white**

oak, bur oak, red oak or pin oak tree nearby? Fun Fact: White Oak wood repels water. It was used for building boats & barrels that held things like whiskey, water & apples. 8-10,000 barrels were made just to hold apples for two Platte County orchards in 1912.



Guy B. Park's Historic Marker What years during the Great Depression did Guy Park serve as Governor? As a lawyer, he would have spent a lot of time at the courthouse – what might be a good shade tree for him to rest beneath?

Movie Nights: On **Saturdays**, people would sit on the courthouse lawn & watch films on an outdoor screen. What was a popular movie in 1939? Clue: it starred a lion & a tin man. **Selfie Fun: pose for a selfie on the courthouse steps**

3rd & Main **Stop 11: HOPSHOP ANTIQUES** –313 Main. **Can you find a unique antique outside the window for a selfie backdrop?**



Stop 12: 319 Main - OPERA HOUSE Long Ago! Today it is **Cohen's Art & Framing.** The Opera House (opened **1885**), for plays, concerts, parties, & other events. The Opera House showed silent movies in the 1920s. Explore more on small-town opera houses via the QR Code on left. Watch a 3-minute comic film (from 1928) of Charlie Chaplain with code on right. **Selfie Fun: See the 'opera house' frame in the window? Pose in front for your selfie!**



Walk or Travel by Car South on 3th St. to Ferrel St **Stop 13: BEN FERREL PLATTE CO. MUSEUM 220 Ferrel St.** Built in 1882, the house is a 'mini mansion' (mini version) of the Missouri Governor's Mansion. The bricks were made in Platte City & the roof is made of slate (a type of rock). The museum opened in **1985.** **CAN YOU FIND THE HITCHING POST?** Touch this hitching post – you are reaching back into pioneer days. **Take a selfie in front of the museum.**



14 & 15. OWL & APPLE – Can you find the owl looking out from the **MUSEUM?** Many apple farmers from long ago viewed owls as the **guardian friends of orchards** (owls hunted moles & rodents). What did those owls sound like? LISTEN to owl calls with the QR Code on the right:



Please Share Selfies & Snapshots - On Facebook with the Hashtag



#Fun@BenFerrelMuseumPCHS You also can message us on FB or tag photos with *Platte County Historical Society OR Ben Ferrel Platte County Museum*

MUSEUM PORCH - SATURDAYS - 11:30 – 2 pm

SEPT 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3, 10 **ENTER TO WIN** *Johnny Appleseed Storybook*

About this tour by PLATTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (PCHS): This scavenger-hunt tour includes optional **selfies & CR codes** to explore more with smartphones. Children on this tour should be supervised by adults. *Please note that codes may not link to correct websites if clarity is lost in printing, but you can access this tour online at* WWW.PCHS1882.ORG Why a time-travel tour themed to apples? Pioneers carried apple tree varieties to this region & apples are part of a Platte County story. For questions/info & additional open days, call **Ben Ferrel Platte County Museum (816) 431-5121**

