

Read It/See It Tour

Itinerary for "The Bridges of Madison County"

	<p>Begin the day at Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Center, located at 73 Jefferson Street in Winterset's town square. While at the Welcome Center, catch snippets of the movie <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> and view items from the movie production. The Welcome Center is also where you'll find public restrooms, souvenirs and locally-made products, including bottles of wine from all three of Madison County's wineries.</p>
	<p>Start your tour out at the Roseman Covered Bridge, which figured prominently in the book and movie. Examine the many initials and names carved or written on the walls (thousands of love stories have been documented here).</p>
	<p>Next stop is the Cedar Covered Bridge, which is illustrated on the cover of the book. This is also the site where Oprah filmed her show about the novel <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> in 1993.</p>
	<p>Your third stop on the tour is at Winterset's City Park, home of the Cutler-Donahue Covered Bridge, and the stone bridge Robert and Francesca cross to have a picnic. The park is also home to an English Hedge Maze, among many other attractions.</p>
	<p>Return to Winterset's town square, noting movie sites like "The Blue Note Lounge" (now the Pheasant Run) and the intersection by Frostee's where the "truck scene" was filmed. There are wonderful boutique stores all around the square, if you have time to shop.</p>
	<p>Enjoy lunch at the Northside Café, site of Robert Kincaid's lunch in town. (Clint Eastwood sat on the third stool from the door at the counter.)</p>
	<p>Drive up Cumming Highway to drive past the site of Francesca's House, the 1870 Victorian home used as the Johnson's farmhouse in the movie. (The house and grounds are privately owned and no longer open to the public, so you can only view the house from the road. Please do not trespass.)</p>

To schedule a tour guide, please contact the Madison County Chamber of Commerce at (515)462-1185 or email tourism@madisoncounty.com.

