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Map of Madison County, Iowa

Covered Bridges in Madison County

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Signed Routes to Bridges

Paved Road

Rock Road (gravel)

Municipal Limits

Interstate Highway

U.S. Highway

State Highway

County Highway

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THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY were originally covered to help preserve the large flooring timbers, which were much more expensive to replace than the lumber used on the bridge sides and roof.

Roseman Covered Bridge (1883)
107 feet in length, Roseman was renovated in 1992 at a cost of $152,515. It is featured in the movie and book versions of The Bridges of Madison County.

Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge (1870)
79 feet in length, Cutler-Donahoe bridge is located in Winterset’s City Park.

Holliwell Covered Bridge (1880)
The longest covered bridge, Holliwell measures 122 feet. Featured in The Bridges of Madison County movie, it was renovated in 1995 for $225,000.

Hogback Covered Bridge (1884)
97 feet in length, Hogback was renovated in 1992 at a cost of $118,810.

Imes Covered Bridge (1870)
Measuring 81 feet in length, Imes sits over a ravine in a park near St. Charles.

Cedar Covered Bridge (1883)
76 feet long, Cedar is pictured on the cover of The Bridges of Madison County novel. It was destroyed by arson on September 3, 2002. A replica was dedicated October 9, 2004.

*Birthplace of John Wayne
John Wayne began his life in Winterset in 1907. The 4-room home features Wayne memorabilia and is open daily (an admission fee is charged).

Northside Cafe
In existence on the square since 1876, it is the restaurant in the Bridges film where Robert Kincaid stops for coffee and offers Lucy Redfield a stool.

Texaco Station
A closed Conoco station at John Wayne Dr. and Greene St. was transformed into a 1965-era Texaco station through Hollywood’s magic. It was torn down in 2008.

Pheasant Run
This tavern on the southeast corner of the square was used for the interior shots of The Blue Note Lounge in the Bridges movie.

Stone Bridge
The gracefully arched stone bridge in a park where Francesca and Robert go for their ‘getaway’ picnic is actually located right in Winterset’s City Park, just south of the Cutler-Donahoe covered bridge.

Pammel Park Middle River Ford
The shallow river crossing where Francesca’s grown children discuss her diaries is located in Pammel State Park just southwest of Winterset.

*various admission prices are charged at these locations.

OTHER MADISON COUNTY, IOWA LOCATIONS IN THE FILM THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY:

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