

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

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Start your day at the **Madison County Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center** (73 Jefferson St.), where you'll find maps and directions to the covered bridges, souvenirs and locally-made products, as well as *The Bridges of Madison County* movie memorabilia. Visit www.madisoncounty.com for seasonal hours and contact information. You can also schedule a personal guided tour of the bridges through the Chamber!



Tour **Roseman Covered Bridge**, which figured prominently in the movie. (It's the bridge Robert is looking for when he first stops at the Johnson's farmhouse, where Francesca pins a note inviting Robert to dinner, and where she requests that her ashes be scattered.) On the way back from Roseman, stop at the water ford at **Pammel State Park**, where Michael and Carolyn read their mother's diaries in the movie.



Arrive at **City Park**. Just past the **Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge** is the stone bridge that Robert and Francesca cross to have a picnic in the grass.



A few miles away is **Hollowell Covered Bridge**, which Francesca and Robert visit after spending some time in town. This was Clint Eastwood's favorite bridge.



Return to **Winterset's courthouse square**, where many of the movie's exterior shots were filmed. The intersection of Green Street and 1st Street/John Wayne Drive is where the "truck scene" was filmed. **Frostee's** is still here, but the general store and Texaco gas station are gone. The **Pheasant Run Pub** was used as the interior of the Blue Note Lounge where they go dancing.



Drive north on Cumming Highway and turn east on 130th Street in order to drive past the site of the Johnson farm (it's the second house on the left). The 1870 home was used as **Francesca's house** in the movie. The house was closed to the public in 2003 after an arson destroyed the back of the house. The property is privately owned and fenced off now, so you can only view the house from the road.



If you stay into the evening, take in a movie at the newly renovated **Iowa Theater** on Winterset's town square. The local premiere of *The Bridges of Madison County* took place here in 1995. Catch either a new movie or a classic picture during their Way Back Wednesday series. Enjoy freshly popped Iowa popcorn with real butter, and locally-made wine, hard cider or coffee. For a schedule, visit www.the-iowa.com.



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