

Madison County, Iowa: Half-Day Tour Itinerary

9:00 am – Start the day at **Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Center**, located at 73 *Jefferson Street* in Winterset's town square, to pick up a free map of the locations of the six covered bridges in the county, as well as their other attractions. 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. If you skipped breakfast, be sure to pick up an apple fritter from **The Bakery Unlimited** (119 *John Wayne Drive*) before you head out.

9:30 am – Arrive at **City Park** in Winterset (enter at the corner of 9th Street and South Street). Walk across the **Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge**, stroll through the **English Hedge Maze** (and see if you can find the hidden sundial), then hike or drive the two miles roundtrip to **Clark Tower** (one of Madison County's best photo ops).

10:00 am – Drive across the **Cedar Covered Bridge** then get out of your car for a photo of the bridge with its reflection in the Cedar River.

10:30 am – Visit the **Roseman Covered Bridge** and stop in the gift shop if they are open.

11:00 am – Explore Winterset's fantastic shops along its historic town square, especially local favorites **Pine Creek Ltd**, **Madison County Mercantile**, **Angel Wings & CT**. Don't miss **1st Avenue Collective** where you can shop for handcrafted items in the county's old jailhouse!

12:00 pm – Enjoy a true Midwest lunch at the **Northside Café** (61 E. Jefferson Street), such as a huge Pork Tenderloin or the Hot Beef Sandwich, or choose one of their specialty salads if you prefer lighter fare. If you still have room for dessert, be sure to order their blueberry crisp or a slice of homemade pie.

1:00 pm – Tour the only museum in the world dedicated to Hollywood legend John Wayne. **The John Wayne Birthplace & Museum** (205 S. *John Wayne Drive*) honors Winterset's own in grand style. Be sure to pose with the full-size John Wayne bronze statue out front.

2:00 pm – Depart Winterset, stopping on your way out of town to pick up a refreshing soft-serve cone or Cyclone at **Frostee's** (101 E. *Green Street*).