










The Best of Madison County (One Day Group Tour)

Covered Bridges, John Wayne & Quilting

	Begin the day at Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Center , located at 73 Jefferson Street in Winterset's town square, where you will meet your step-on tour guide. Your two-hour guided tour is \$10.00/per person (up to 29 passengers or \$8.00 per person (30-50 passengers)). 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.
	Start your tour out at the Roseman Covered Bridge , which figured prominently in the book and movie <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> . Examine the many initials and names carved or written on the walls (thousands of love stories have been documented here).
	Next stop is the Hogback Covered Bridge, which was also mentioned in the book, and a stop at the North River Stone Schoolhouse (a one-room country schoolhouse that was in use from 1874 to 1945). Or your tour guide may take your group out to the Hollowell Covered Bridge, the longest of the covered bridges.
	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 in the movie. The park is also home to an English Hedge Maze, among many other attractions.
	Return to Winterset's town square, noting movie sites like "The Blue Note Lounge" and the intersection by Frostee's where the "truck scene" was filmed. Explore Winterset's fantastic retail shops around its historic town square.
	Enjoy lunch at the Northside Café , featured in the movie. Group options and seating are available (please ask us for more information). Or choose one of our many other group or individual dining options, including two local churches for a home-cooked meal.
	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, and recently won the Iowa Tourism Award for Outstanding Attraction. Be sure to pose with the full-size John Wayne bronze statue out front. Groups of 20 or more pay just \$10.00 per person.
	If you have quilters, artists or history buffs in your group, a tour of the brand new Iowa Quilt Museum is a must! The museum offers changing exhibits of American quilts both vintage and new. Admission is \$6.00 per person.
	Visit Winterset Cidery (1638 Hwy 169) for a tour and tasting of their handcrafted hard apple cider. They are only the second cidery to open in Iowa! The tasting and tour fee is \$5.00 per person. Or stop by Covered Bridges Winery's new location also along Highway 169 for a wine tasting (\$5.00 per person).

To book your group's tour or to customize your itinerary, please contact Teddi Yaeger, Tourism Coordinator & Marketing Manager, at (515)462-1185 or tourism@madisoncounty.com.