

A QUILTER'S DAY IN WINTERSSET ITINERARY

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



Tour the **Iowa Quilt Museum** (located on the south side of the square in the old J. C. Penney building). The museum offers changing exhibits - three to four per year - of American quilts both vintage and modern. www.iowaquiltmuseum.org.



Inspired? Start shopping for your own materials. First stop at **Ben Franklin** (located next to the IQM), and then the award-winning **Piece Works Quilt Shop** (recently named a Quilt Sampler Top Shop). Piece Works also offers classes (www.pieceworksquiltshop.com).



Return to the **Winterset Historic Courthouse Square** to grab lunch. From American favorites to international cuisine, there's something for everyone around the square.



If you are into fiber arts, don't miss **Heartland Fiber** on 1st Avenue, where you can find a plethora of materials for crocheting, knitting and needlework, as well as fun gifts. They also offer classes for all levels. www.heartlandfiber.net

Visit the **Madison County Historical Complex**, a 25-acre complex is home to a two-story historical museum, the 1856 Victorian Bevington-Kaser House, and a dozen other authentic historical buildings (such as a three-hole privy, a one-room country schoolhouse, a Zion Church and much more). Inside the museum, quilters will want to view the antique quilts carefully preserved by the museum. www.historyonthehill.org.



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Of course, Madison County is also home to the infamous covered bridges and the site of the 1995 movie *The Bridges of Madison County*. In addition, we have the **John Wayne Birthplace & Museum**, a historic town square full of boutique shops and eateries, wineries, breweries, a hard apple cidery, and much more!



If you stay into the evening, take in a movie at the newly renovated **Iowa Theater** on Winterset's town square. Catch a new film or a classic during their Way Back Wednesday series. Enjoy freshly popped Iowa popcorn with real butter, and locally-made wine, hard cider or coffee. Several times a year, local theater company **The Winterset Stage** produces a play or musical. For schedules, visit www.the-iowa.com or www.thewintersetstage.org.

