WELCOME TO IOWA, THE WORLD CAPITAL OF TRAILS!

Here you will find over 1,200 miles of multi-use trails in all corners of the state, and over 670 miles just in central Iowa. Our county road system also offers opportunities to bicycle and explore our beautiful land, small towns, and to meet many friendly people. Enjoy your ride!

TWO COVERED BRIDGES AND A WINERY

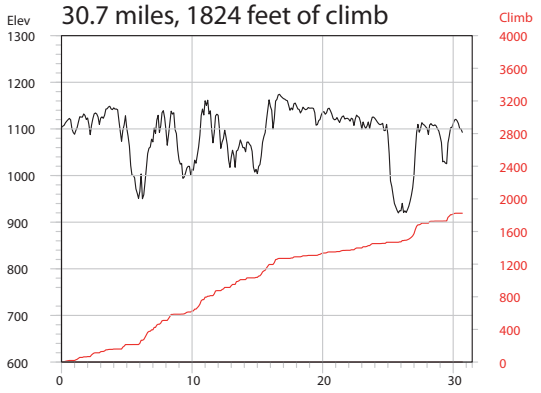
MADISON COUNTY, 31 MILES, PAVED ROADS AND GRAVEL. PARKING AND RESTROOMS: CASEY'S ON SUMMIT DRIVE.

What's more romantic than covered bridges and a winery? Bicycling to them! Imagine that you're Meryl Streep or Clint Eastwood in the movie *The Bridges of Madison County* – in bike helmets. The ride begins in Winterset, then turns west on Hwy 322. Three miles down the road enter Pammel State Park through a tunnel carved in a steep limestone bluff (madisoncountyparks.org; camping and picnic areas). Splash through the Middle River, then wind your way through heavily wooded acres lining the road, which transitions to gravel. On the meandering Fox Trail, catch glimpses of the river. Pedaling 6 miles puts you at the Roseman Bridge, made famous by the movie. Peruse the gift shop for memorabilia.

Head north on Roseman Bridge Road, then back to Hwy 92 and north on Iowa Avenue. The roads are generally flat for next five miles. Plan your next break at Covered Bridges Winery (coveredbridgeswinery.com) at the dead end of Kiowa Lane. Relax on the lawn with a bottle of wine and a picnic lunch (call ahead; no regular tasting-room hours).

Next, cruise to Hogback Bridge located in the North River Valley. It's a fun ride down to the bridge but a steep climb on your return. Follow 195th Street to 8th Avenue, which drops you right back to town. Winterset's square offers specialty shopping and quiet restaurants (the Madison County Dessert Factory is popular). See the Madison County Chamber of Commerce (madisoncounty.com) for more local info, including the birthplace of Hollywood legend John Wayne.

—Kevin Boyle, Covered Bridges Winery



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