



HOGBACK BRIDGE
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START YOUR MADISON COUNTY

TRAVEL PLAN

Check out these easy steps or
go to our website to get started!



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WHEN TO VISIT

Spring



- Winterset Wine Walk (May)
- John Wayne Birthday Celebration (May)
- Iowa Quilt Festival (June)
- Spring Blossoms
- Seasonal Openings
- Cooler Temperatures

Autumn



- Madison County Fall Crawl (September)
- Madison County Covered Bridge Festival (October)
- Fall Foliage
- Cooler Temperatures
- Harvest Time

Summer



- Paint Madison County (June)
- Madison County Fair (Mid-July)
- Hinterland Music Festival (End of July/Beginning of August)
- Outdoor Recreation/Camping
- Farmers Market
- Live Music
- Most Like the Movie!

Winter



- Festival of Lights (November)
- Winter Solstice Market (Dec.)
- Holiday Events & Shopping
- Fewer Crowds
- Cozy Lodging & Indoor Activities

HOW TO GET HERE

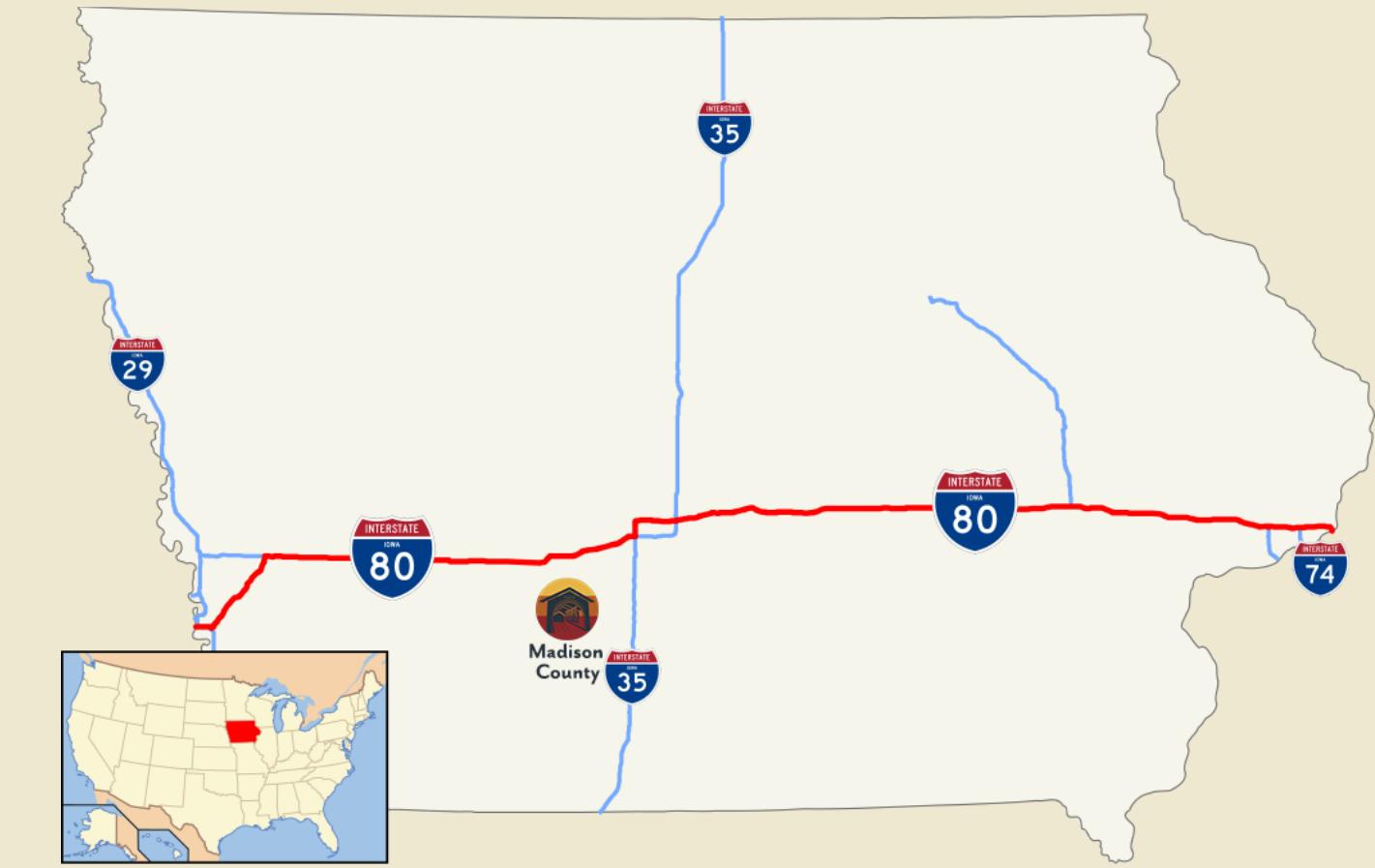
FLY

Closest Airport:
DSM (Des Moines, IA)
35 miles to Winterset

&

RENT A CAR

No public transportation
to, or in, Madison
County, unfortunately



DRIVE

2 hours from Omaha, NE
3 hours from Kansas City, MO
4 hours from Minneapolis, MN
6 hours from Chicago, IL

WHERE TO STAY



LODGING TYPE

Hotel/Motel

- Professional Staff & Services
- Amenities (i.e. Fitness Room)
- Housekeeping
- Security

Rental Property

- More Space/Multiple Rooms
- Privacy & Independence
- Home-Like Amenities
- Unique Lodging

Bed & Breakfast

- Host/Hostess
- Homecooked Breakfast
- Social Opportunities

Camping/Cabins

- Nature & Recreation
- Independence
- Cost-Effective

<https://exploremadisoncounty.com/stay>

WHAT TO DO

DAY 1

- Check-in, unpack, decompress
- Explore historic city park in Winterset
- Visit covered bridges or book a guided tour!
- Grab a local lunch &/or dinner
- Visit a winery, cidery, brewery, or taproom

DAY 2

- Shop, Dine & Explore the Historical Courthouse Square
- John Wayne Birthplace & Museum
- Iowa Quilt Museum
- Madison County Historical Complex
- The Iowa Theater

DAY 3

- Scenic drive or hike through Pammel Park
- Visit Madison County Conservation Center
- Venture to Earlham or St. Charles' main streets for shopping and dining
- Take time for a farm visit, such as Rusty Stars Alpacas or Howell's Greenhouse & Pumpkin Patch

ADD-ONS

- Visit “The Bridges of Madison County” movie locations
- Enjoy a farm-to-table dinner on the prairie
- Shop the Madison County Farmers Market (May-October)



GET STARTED!

PICK A SEASON

- SPRING
- SUMMER
- AUTUMN
- WINTER

FLY OR DRIVE

- FLY & RENT CAR
- DRIVE

CHOOSE LODGING

- HOTEL/MOTEL
- RENTAL PROPERTY
- BED & BREAKFAST
- CAMPING/CABIN

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR

- FLIGHT/CAR RENTAL
- LODGING
- COVERED BRIDGE TOUR



Need help? Reach out to us!

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