

INDIANA COVERED BRIDGE



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Nine Bridges, Six Counties, One Great Time!



HISTORY IS WAITING FOR YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE.

For those of us who grew up in Southern Indiana, we remember being loaded into the family station wagon and driving down a winding county road on a pilgrimage in search of a covered bridge. We were too young to fully understand the historical significance of these bridges—we just thought they were very cool. Like a huge old barn crossing over the river. Today, we have a unique opportunity to see for ourselves and share with family and friends these landmark structures. It's an unforgettable experience of being transported back in time while creating a memory that lasts a lifetime.

Indiana is fortunate to have an amazing collection of historic covered bridges. Many painstakingly restored—many still in need of preservation. The Indiana Covered Bridge Loop gives you a chance to connect with an important part of American history. A loop that guides you to nine covered bridges in six counties. When you travel the loop by car, motorcycle, or bicycle, not only will you be able to cross over into a part of history, but you'll also discover the vast beauty of Southern Indiana.

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For more information about lodging, restaurants, events, and attractions, contact these area Visitors Centers.

**Columbus Area
Visitors Center**
506 5th St.
Columbus, IN 47201
800.468.6564
812.378.2622
www.columbus.in.us

**Brown County Convention
and Visitors Bureau**
10 N. Van Buren St.
P.O. Box 840
Nashville, IN 47448
800.753.3255
812.988.7303
www.browncounty.com

Decatur County Tourism
2020 N. Montgomery Rd.
Greensburg, IN 47240
877.883.5447
812.222.8734
www.visitgreensburg.com

**Jackson County
Visitor Center**
100 N Broadway
P.O. Box 607
Seymour, IN 47274
888.524.1914
812.524.1914
www.jacksoncountyin.com

**Jennings County
Visitor Center**
325 N. St. Hwy. 3 & 7
North Vernon, IN 47265

**Lawrence County Tourism
Commission**
533 W. Main St.
Mitchell, IN 47446
800.798.0769
812.849.1090
www.limestonecountry.com

The Indiana Covered Bridge Loop is approximately 216 miles. Perfect for a long weekend of sightseeing or a day-long adventure on two wheels or four.

Your adventure on the Indiana Covered Bridge Loop can be started at any point. There is no start or finish line. Just scenic Indiana beauty and historic covered bridges all around.

For more information about the history of Indiana's covered bridges, visit www.indianacrossings.org

A great wealth of information about Indiana's Historic Landmarks can be found at www.indianalandmarks.org

Are you a historic bridge fanatic? There's more information than you can imagine at www.bridgehunter.com



Williams Covered Bridge

Lawrence County

Built by Joseph J. Daniels in 1884 and named for the nearby town of Williams, this bridge crosses the East Fork of the White River. It is the longest double span bridge in Indiana.

- Howe Truss Design
- Length 402' including 13' overhangs
- Portal clearance 16'w x 12' 6"h
- National Register of Historic Places



Medora Covered Bridge

Jackson County

This triple span bridge is the longest wooden historic covered bridge in the U.S. Built in 1875 by J. J. Daniels for \$18,142, this magnificently restored bridge spans the East Fork of the White River.

- Multiple King Post Truss Design w/Triple Burr Arch
- Length 460' including overhangs
- Portal clearance 16'w x 13'h
- National Register of Historic Places



Ramp Creek Covered Bridge

Brown County

Indiana's oldest bridge built in 1838 by Henry Wolf, it's the only Double Tunnel Bridge in Indiana and one of four in the U.S. Moved from Putnam County in 1932, it crosses Salt Creek at Brown County State Park.

- Single Span Burr Arch Truss Design
- Length 110' including 7' overhangs
- Portal clearance both lanes 11'w x 12'h
- National Register of Historic Places



James Covered Bridge

Jennings County

Named for property owner Thomas James and built by Daniel Baron (Barron & Hole) in 1887, this single span bridge crosses Big Graham Creek southeast of Lovett and is open to single lane traffic.

- Howe Truss Design
- Length 140' including 8' overhangs
- Portal clearance 15'w x 14'h



Shieldstown Covered Bridge

Jackson County

This double span bridge was built in 1876 by Joseph J. Daniels at a cost of \$13,600. Located northeast of Brownstown, the bridge crosses the East Fork of the White River and carried traffic until the 1980s.

- Multiple King Posts Design w/Double Burr Arch
- Length 355' including overhangs
- Portal clearance 16'w x 12'6"h



Bean Blossom Covered Bridge

Brown County

Crossing Bean Blossom Creek, this single span bridge was built in 1880 by Joseph Basley for \$1,175. Originally the main road to the Nashville art colony until 1936, it's the subject of more covered bridge paintings than any other in Indiana.

- Modified Howe Truss Structure
- Length 69' including 4'6" overhangs
- Portal clearance 12'w x 13'h



Scipio Covered Bridge

Jennings County

Built in 1886 by the Smith Bridge Co. at a cost of \$600, this single span bridge crosses Sand Creek at the north edge of Scipio. Originally intended as a railroad bridge, it never served as such, and it is still open to single lane traffic.

- Howe Truss Design
- Length 156' including 4' overhangs
- Portal clearance 15'6" w x 14'h



Westport Covered Bridge

Decatur County

Built by Archibold M. Kennedy and Sons in 1880 for \$16 per foot, this single span bridge was restored in 2004 and opened again to limited traffic. Features windows the full length of the bridge.

- Burr Arch Truss Design
- Length 130' including 7'6" overhangs
- Portal clearance 16'w x 13'h
- National Register of Historic Places

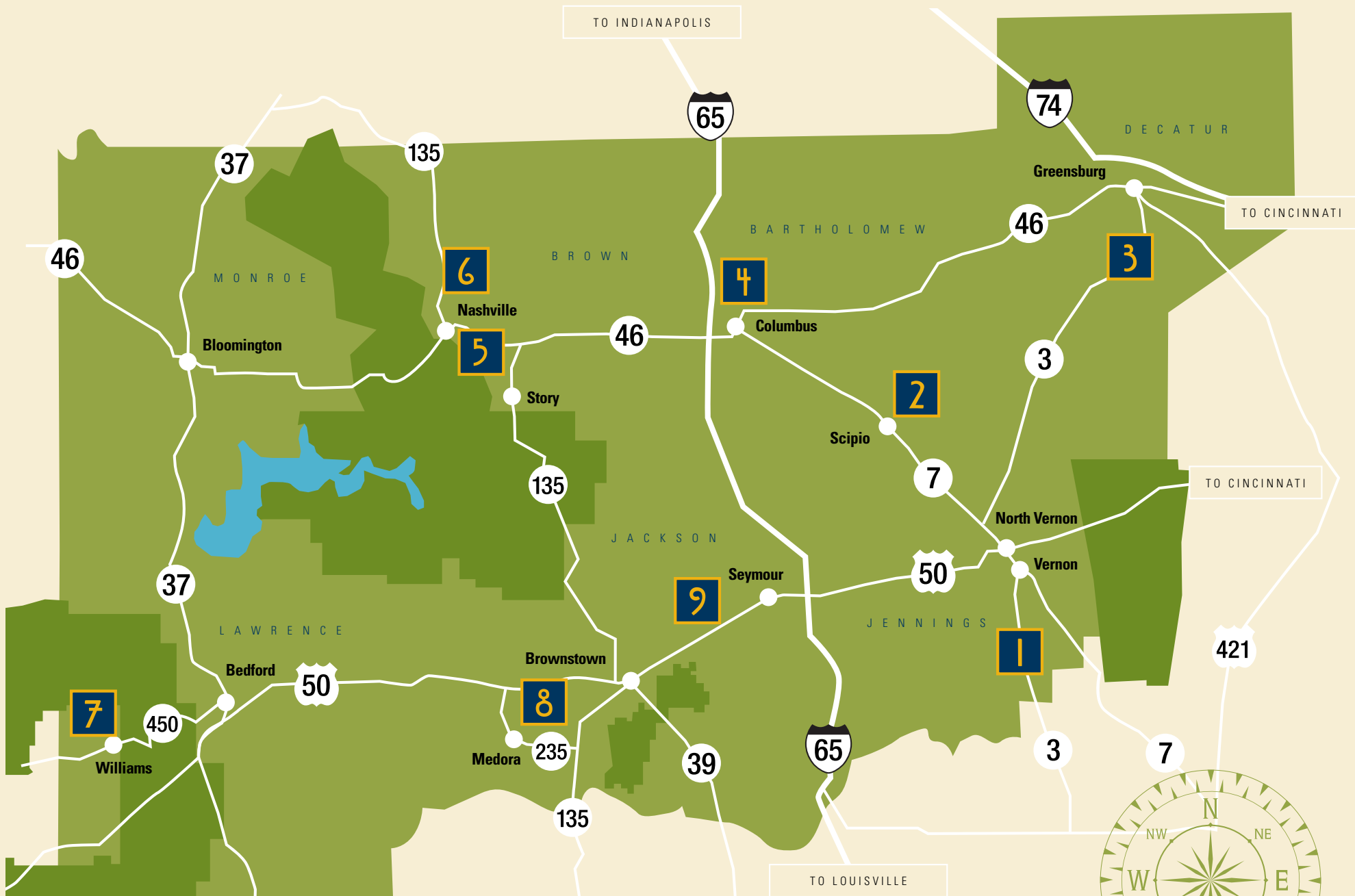


New Brownsville (Clifty) Covered Bridge

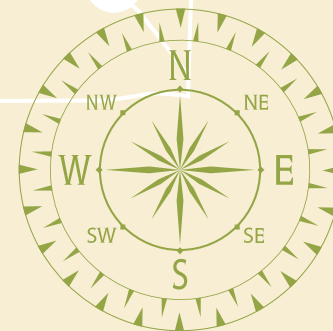
Bartholomew County

Built in 1840 by Adam Mason to cross the East Fork of the Whitewater River near Brownsville, this bridge was disassembled in 1974 and stored near the Eagle Creek Reservoir. It was rebuilt to replace the damaged Clifty Bridge at Mill Race Park in 1985.

- The only Long Truss Structure in Indiana
- Length 102' including 8' overhangs
- Portal clearance 15'6" w x 15'6" h



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James Covered Bridge
Jennings County

Directions:
Take SR 3 south of Lovett, turn east on W CR 650 S, bridge crosses Graham Creek on CR 625 S
Coordinates:
N 38.89300 W 85.61567
38°53'35" N, 85°36'56" W
Open to traffic



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Scipio Covered Bridge
Jennings County

Directions:
Take SR 7 just north of Scipio, turn east on N CR 575 W, bridge crosses Sand Creek
Coordinates:
N 39.08450 W 85.72033
39°05'04" N, 85°43'13" W
Open to traffic



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Westport Covered Bridge
Decatur County

Directions:
Take E Main St. east out of Westport, becomes W CR 1100 S, turn east on W. Layton Dr., bridge crosses Sand Creek
Coordinates:
N 39.16685, W 85.54628
39°10'01" N, 85°32'47" W
Open to traffic



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New Brownsville Covered Bridge
Bartholomew County

Directions:
In Mill Race Park, Columbus. Park Entrance at 5th St. and Lindsey St., bridge crosses branch of Driftwood River
Coordinates:
N 39.20611, W 85.92917
39°12'22" N, 85°55'45" W
Open to traffic



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Ramp Creek Covered Bridge
Brown County

Directions:
Take SR 46 East of Nashville, bridge is located at the North Gate Entrance to Brown County State Park and crosses Salt Creek
Coordinates:
N 39.19533, W 86.21650
39°11'43" N, 86°12'59" W
Open to traffic



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Bean Blossom Covered Bridge
Brown County

Directions:
Just south of SR 135 intersection with SR 45 in Bean Blossom, turn west on Covered Bridge Rd., bridge crosses Bean Blossom Creek
Coordinates:
N 39.26100, W 86.25533
39°15'40" N, 86°15'19" W
Open to traffic



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Williams Covered Bridge
Lawrence County

Directions:
SR 450 west of Williams, turn south on Huron-Williams Road. Bridge crosses East Fork of the White River
Coordinates:
N 38.79700, W 86.66483
38°47'49" N, 86°39'53" W
Open to pedestrians only



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Medora Covered Bridge
Jackson County

Directions:
SR 235 east of Medora, turn north onto road leading to covered bridge (runs parallel to new highway and bridge), which crosses East Fork of the White River
Coordinates:
N 38.81905, W 86.14765
38°49'09" N, 86°08'52" W
Open to pedestrians only



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Shieldstown Covered Bridge
Jackson County

Directions:
US Hwy 50 East of Brownstown, turn north onto E CR 200 N to Shieldstown, bridge crosses East Fork of the White River
Coordinates:
N 38.91533, W 86.00283
38°54'55" N, 86°00'10" W
Open to pedestrians only

