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### **Covered Bridges of Bedford County**

Bedford County offers 14 covered bridges found in a variety of picturesque landscapes throughout the county that allows visitors an opportunity to view the countryside we have to offer as well as the unique structures.

The covered bridges were built by craftsmen almost entirely by hand approximately 150 years ago. The craftsmanship continues to hold despite decades of harsh weather and hard travel. Of the 14 covered bridges, 9 bridges can still be crossed by a vehicle.

A covered bridges brochure is available to help aid visitors in their travels to the structures. The brochure includes GPS coordinates, driving directions from major county roads and general information about each bridge. A full-sized map is also available inside the brochure with each covered bridge marked.

For visitors who do not wish to spend the time traveling to all 14 covered bridges, a loop has been created that will take you to 9 of the bridges. The self-guided tour takes approximately 2 hours and is available in the center of the Bedford County Visitors Guide.

The short self-guided driving tour also provides directions to Gravity Hill in New Paris if visitors choose to take the slight detour. Gravity Hill is a unique feature of Bedford County where gravity is defied by cars rolling uphill and water flowing the wrong way. For more information about Gravity Hill, visit [www.gravityhill.com](http://www.gravityhill.com).

More information on the covered bridges of Bedford County is also available on the website at [www.visitbedfordcounty.com/coveredbridges](http://www.visitbedfordcounty.com/coveredbridges), or by calling the Bedford County Visitors Bureau staff at 1-800-765-3331 to request a free visitors packet.

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