

Covered Bridge Tour

First Stop is the Stayton-Jordan Bridge in Pioneer Park

15 South – take Exit 253 for OR-22. Turn left on OR 22. After 13 miles take the exit onto Fern Ridge Rd. In 0.4 mile turn left onto N. Tenth Ave. In 0.8 mile turn left onto N. Seventh Ave. Your destination is 900 ft. ahead. Park your car and we will picnic here.



The original Jordan Bridge spanned Thomas Creek a few miles east of Scio. When Linn County decided to replace the 1937 bridge with a more modern structure, volunteers and Marine Corps reservists from the 6th Engineering Battalion relocated the bridge to Pioneer Park in Stayton. The bridge stood in the park from 1988 to 1994, when Christmas lights set it ablaze. The community rallied and replaced it with a replica of the original.

Restrooms and picnic tables are available. Walk to view the covered bridge.

Hannah Bridge, Camp Morrison Drive

Directions to Hannah Bridge: Drive west on Marion Street, make a left turn onto First Avenue, and then another left onto Kingston-Jordan Road. Follow this road, rolling past hay fields, grazing sheep, and Christmas tree farms until you reach Highway 226. Turn right. After a short drive, Camp Morrison Drive and Hannah Bridge will be on the left. When you drive through the bridge you will notice a small parking area to your right should you want to stop. Without stopping, just continue driving on Camp Morrison Drive as it will loop you back into Highway 226. You will loop left at Our Lady of the Lourdes church before reaching 226 and will be on your way to our next stop.



Hannah Bridge is on Camp Morrison Drive, just a few yards from the highway. There is a sublime swimming hole beneath it, perfect for cooling off on a hot summer afternoon. Drive across the bridge and you'll find a limited parking area with a restroom and picnic table on the other side. A steep wooden staircase leads down to rocky shelves beside Thomas Creek and the clear, green pool in the shadow of the bridge.

The name comes from John Joseph Hannah, who came west with a wagon train in 1853, secured a land claim, and built a sawmill, one of the first in the area. The 105-foot-long covered bridge was built in 1936.

Shimanek Bridge, Richardson Gap Rd

Directions to Shimanek Bridge: As mentioned above, it is easier to return to Highway 226 by driving the loop after you pass through the bridge rather than trying to turn around and go back through the bridge as it is one lane only. You will pass by the Hannah bridge for a second time. After passing the Hannah Bridge, turn right in 3.4 miles onto Shimanek Bridge Drive. Shimanek Bridge stands at the intersection with Richardson Gap Road. There's no good place to park, but the shoulder is a bit wider on the north end of the bridge. Oddly, the Covered Bridge Tour Route sign at the intersection points the other way because we started in a different direction.



Shimanek Bridge is distinctive with its red paint and louvered windows. It's the fifth bridge to span Thomas Creek on Richardson Gap Road; the earliest is thought to have been constructed in 1861. High water, storm-downed trees, and other calamities destroyed the previous bridges.

Built in 1966 and 130-feet long, the current bridge is both the newest and longest covered bridge in Linn

Larwood Bridge, Fish Hatchery Road

Drive through Shimanek Bridge and head south on Richardson Gap Road. Cross Highway 226 (stay on Richardson Gap Road) and turn left onto Larwood Drive. Follow this road until you reach the junction with Fish Hatchery Drive. Just before the intersection, look for a paved wide spot on the right for parking. A footbridge leads to a wayside park at the foot of Larwood Bridge. The covered bridge is just around the corner to the right on Fish Hatchery Drive.



The bridge is near the confluence of Roaring River and Crabtree Creek, where something rare happens: A river flows into a creek.

Larwood Bridge was built in 1939 and stretches 105 feet. It is named for William Larwood, who settled nearby in 1888. He platted the town of Larwood, added a store and a blacksmith shop, and later served as postmaster. The town is gone now, but the covered bridge (at least the second on the site) remains

The park beside [Larwood Bridge](#) is a good place for a picnic, fishing, or a dip in Crabtree Creek. The park has restrooms, picnic tables, and more than 2,000 feet of creek frontage. Spanning that creek is the open-sided. Drive through the bridge and you'll see a sign that says you've reached the end of the Covered Bridge Tour route. Ignore it. You've still got two bridges to go!

Hoffman Bridge, Hungary Hill Drive

From the parking area at the wayside park, turn right onto Fish Hatchery Drive. Go through the covered bridge and continue on Fish Hatchery Drive (stay right at the fork with Meridian Road) until you reach Highway 226. Turn right on Highway 226 and then left onto Hungry Hill Drive. There is room to park on a wide shoulder just before Hoffman Bridge.



Don't be fooled by Google Maps. The stream that Hoffman Bridge spans is Crabtree Creek, not the Santiam River, which is to the south and crosses Highway 226. Even with the error, Google's directions still work perfectly.

Also known as Crabtree Creek Bridge, Hoffman Bridge spans Crabtree Creek about a mile northeast of the town of Crabtree. As you might have guessed, the area was settled by a man named Crabtree — John Crabtree — in 1845. The bridge, however, was built by Lee Hoffman in 1936. Today the 90-foot-long bridge stands on a quiet country road over a tranquil stretch of the creek. Unlike most of the bridges on this tour, the Hoffman Bridge features Gothic windows instead of open sides.

Gilkey Bridge, Goar Road

Drive through the Hoffman Bridge and continue on Hungry Hill Road until you reach Crabtree Drive. Turn right, and after a short distance, turn right again, onto Gilkey Road. Follow Gilkey Road until it meets Goar Road. Go straight onto Goar Road (Gilkey Road makes a sharp turn to the right) until you reach Gilkey Bridge.



To return to where you began, cross the bridge and continue on Goar Road until it meets Robinson Drive. Turn right. Follow Robinson Road to the town of Scio and turn left on Main Street. Near the end of Main Street, turn right onto Stayton-Scio Road, which will return you to First Street in Stayton.

All that remains of the town of Gilkey is the Gilkey Bridge. Named in honor of Allen and William Gilkey, the town served as a railroad shipping point for farm products raised in the surrounding countryside. The covered bridge stands next to a railroad bridge, which was once covered as well. Today this 120-foot-long bridge over Thomas Creek is a popular place for swimming. Built in 1939 and on the National Register of Historic Places, the bridge features open sides and a curved portal. Ample parking is available just before the bridge.