



The covered bridges of Frederick County are conveniently located near the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway. This byway traverses three states and stretches 175 miles from Gettysburg, PA to Charlottesville, VA. Beginning at the Mason Dixon line, the 38-mile Maryland portion of this scenic and historic route follows US15 from north to south through Frederick County, winding along the picturesque Catocin Mountain chain to the Potomac River. Along the way, the byway is dotted with local and nationally recognized attractions, natural areas and parklands, roadside orchards, important historic and cultural sites and vibrant economic Main Streets.

OTHER NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Catocin Mountain Park (NPS)
Cunningham Falls State Park
Catocin Iron Furnace
Catocin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo
Town of Thurmont
National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes
National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park
Town of Emmitsburg
AND MORE!

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COVERED BRIDGES OF FREDERICK COUNTY



Frederick County's Covered Bridges

Northern Frederick County is blessed to have three of only eight known remaining covered bridges in Maryland. At least 34 such structures once graced the landscape of Frederick County, but storms, fires, progress, and neglect have claimed almost all of them.



Roddy Road Covered Bridge
is located just north of
Thurmont and was built
in 1856. The single-span
bridge over Owens Creek can
be found just east of US15
where Roddy Creek Road
intersects with Roddy Road.

covered bridges, this structure features a King Post design and measures 40 feet in length.

Loy's Station Covered Bridge, an original truss bridge built around 1880, is located on Old Frederick Road, south of MD77, east of Thurmont. The picturesque Loy's crossing is a barn-red, one-lane covered bridge that spans Owens Creek. The bridge's design utilizes multiple king post trusses covered with clapboard. It was rebuilt after an arsonist's fire nearly destroyed it in 1991. The bridge is 90 feet in length and 12.2 feet high.

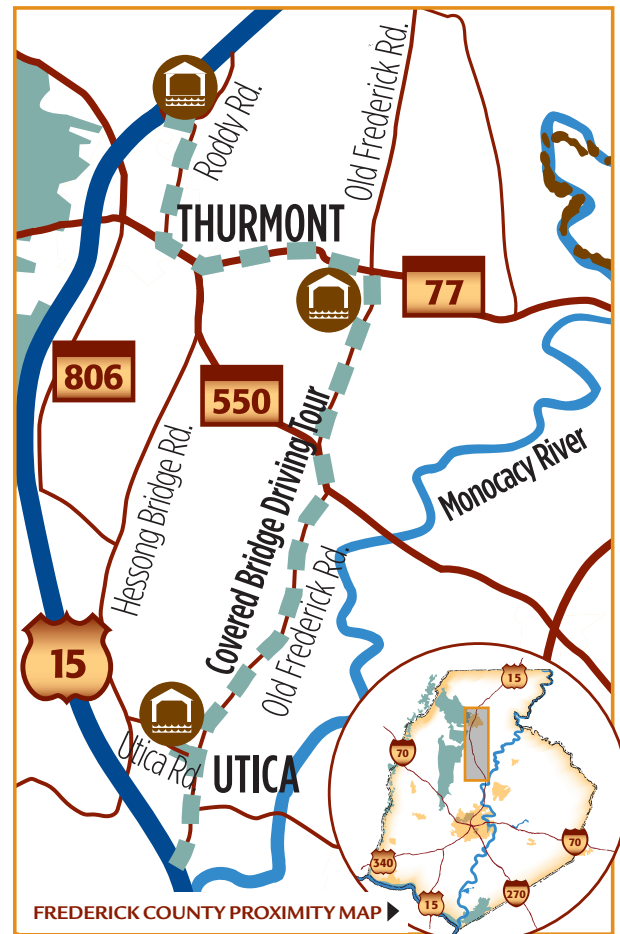


The original **Utica Mills Covered Bridge** was built around 1850 and is located on Utica Road off of Old Frederick Road over Fishing Creek. The bridge originally spanned the nearby Monocacy River but was washed away during a severe storm in 1889. Local citizens gathered the remains and reconstructed the 101-



foot long Burr arch truss bridge at its present location crossing Fishing Creek.

Weather permitting, be sure to bring a picnic as each of the three bridge sites features an adjacent recreation area. Groups of 30 or more, please contact the Frederick Visitor Center to receive special guidance and safety information.



From Frederick City, the tour is approximately 33 miles long, roundtrip. Start the tour north of Frederick at the junction of US15 (Catoctin Mountain Highway) and Old Frederick Road. Turn right (east side of US15) onto Old Frederick Road. Drive 1.5 miles and make a left onto Utica Road, to Utica Mills Covered Bridge.

Return to Old Frederick Road and make a left onto it. Drive 3.9 miles to a stop sign. (Just before the stop sign you will see a sign indicating that you are now in Creagerstown.) At the stop sign make a left onto MD550. Drive 0.4 miles and make a right onto Old Frederick Road. Travel 2 miles and make a left into the parking lot of Loy's Station Park.

From the parking lot of Loy's Station Park, make a left and go through the bridge. Drive 0.3 miles to a stop sign. Make a left onto Rocky Ridge Road (MD77). Drive 2.7 miles on Rocky Ridge Road and make a right on Apples Church Road in Thurmont. Go straight on this road for 1.6 miles to the bridge (the road will become Roddy Road at the Graceham Road intersection). Drive through the Roddy Road Covered Bridge to a parking lot on the left.

Getting Home: From the parking lot of the Roddy Road Covered Bridge make a right onto Roddy Creek Road. Drive 0.4 miles to a stop sign at the junction of US15. The ride back to the starting point is approximately 15 miles.