

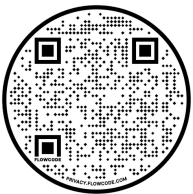


Valley City, ND BRIDGES TOUR



POINTS OF INTEREST

- Rosebud Visitor Center
- Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway
- North Country Trail
- Sheyenne River Water Trail
- Lake Ashtabula
- Medicine Wheel Park
- Barnes County Museum
- VCBC Public Library
- Gaukler Family Wellness Center
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Gateway to the Sheyenne River
 Valley National Scenic Byway

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BRIDGES TOUR

Valley City was founded in 1872 with the name of Second Crossing of the Sheyenne when the Northern Pacific railroad crossed the river. Nestled in the curves of the Sheyenne River, Valley City is bound to be home of many beautiful and historic bridges. Take the tour and see interpretive panels of 8 of the 13 bridges in Valley City.

MAP KEY

- Interpretive Panel Locations
- Sheyenne River National Scenic Byway
- North Country Trail



1 CITY PARK FOOTBRIDGE



With a bridge building connecting it to Main Street, the park became a center of recreational activities. A zoo was installed circa 1910. A band shell was the site of Sunday concerts of the Community Band and a fountain with a wading pool adorned the park. Built in the 1880s, the bridge was originally a wooden structure and the current structure was built in 1911. It is sometimes called the Elks Bridge.

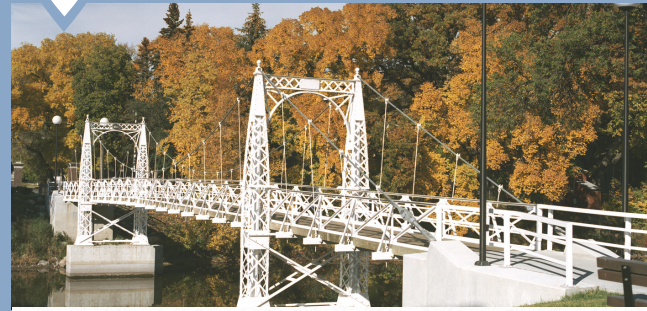
2 WEST CITY PARK BRIDGE



This bridge was built in 1929. The West City Park Bridge was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

City Park was first owned by the Northern Pacific then purchased by land developer B.W. Benson. In 1879, Benson had it cleared and platted for development. The center was set aside for a park. Later, Benson sold the land to the city, creating City Park. The historic bridge was replaced in 2007.

3 VCSU FOOTBRIDGE



A wooden bridge (originally a single plank width with rope handrails) across the Sheyenne opened in the fall of 1892, linking the college to the city. This bridge had to be taken up nearly every year when the ice went off the river.

The current ornate bridge was built in 1901. It is a three-span 150 foot suspension bridge, the only of its kind in North Dakota. The original was replaced in 1995.

4 MILL DAM BRIDGE



The original bridge was a wooden structure built in 1898. This was replaced in the winter of 1936 with a reinforced concrete structure. The second bridge was built by T.M. Swingen & Son. The present bridge was built by his grandson, Jim Swingen, in 1991. Located to the east next to the dam was the first flour mill in Valley City. The mill closed its doors in 1963 and was later torn down.

5 RAINBOW BRIDGE



This is the first bridge built in Valley City and is the only of its kind in North Dakota. It is also the location of the Northern Pacific railroad bridge which gave the town its first name of Second Crossing of the Sheyenne.

The original East Main Bridge was a wooden structure built in 1879. It was replaced by a steel structure in 1899 and was built with concrete in 1926.

6 HOSPITAL BRIDGE



This 3-span, 255 foot bridge, featuring a poured concrete deck and superstructure on rolled steel girders with piling extending 70 feet below the substructure, was built in 1982.

The original wooden bridge was built in 1929 to access the Country Club and Northwest Nursery. The Northwest Nursery land was platted into a residential district. The bridge was virtually rebuilt in 1954 before being replaced by the present concrete structure.

7 HI-LINE BRIDGE



At 3,860 feet long and 162 feet above the river bed, the High Line (Hi-Line) Bridge is one of the longest and highest single track railroad bridges in the nation. The first official train crossed the trestle on May 12, 1908.

Because the bridge was vital in moving supplies and men, it was closely guarded during both World Wars to prevent sabotage. It is still guarded today during high terror alerts.

8 MARYVALE BRIDGE



A wooden bridge was built at this site in 1935. The bridge was reconstructed in 1969 and then replaced in 1995.

Maryvale is the Provincial Center for the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation for the United States Province.

Built in 1965, Maryvale serves as a place of formation for women who desire to enter Religious Life. It is also a Spiritual Life and Hospitality Center and retirement home for the sisters.