

Red Cloud

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Springtime Itinerary 2 Days in March

Day 1¹

- 2pm: Arrive at [Lodging](#) Facility
- Check in, unwind
- 3pm: Arrive at the [National Willa Cather](#)
- Get here before the tour starts to check out the book store and watch a 17 minute film about Willa Cather
- 3:30pm: 3 building Tour Willa Cather Historic Sites (please schedule in advance)
- 5pm: Shop Downtown Red Cloud or explore [WPA Murals at the US Post Office](#)
- 5:30pm: Visit [Starke Round Barn](#) and get tour from Liz Rasser (please schedule in advance)
- 6:30pm: Pickup Dinner Picnic Basket from [Hometown Market](#) or eat at Subway
- 6:45pm Depart for [Willa Cather Memorial Prairie](#), eat dinner and hopefully catch the sunset
- 730-8pm: Depart Prairie for Lodging Facility

Day 2

- 7:30am Breakfast options are few at the moment. On the right weekend, you should see if [Knock 'Em Over Alley](#) is open as they serve a great Saturday morning breakfast. If you are at the [Cather Second Home](#) there will be a light breakfast provided. [The Corner Nook](#) will have pastries. You could consider buy some breakfast food at [Hometown Market](#) and prepare it yourself at your B&B!
- 8:45am: Checkout of Lodging Facility
- 9am: Arrive at the National Willa Cather Center
- Shop at the Bookstore
- 9:30am: 5-7 building tour with Cather Foundation Guide: Garber Bank Building, St. Juliana Church, Harling House, Grace Episcopal Church, Red Cloud Opera House (Self-Guided)
- 11am: Visit Cather Bookstore & Visit Cather Museum Exhibit in the National Willa Cather Center

¹ This itinerary assumes that COVID-19 restrictions have been removed. Please check before departing.

12pm: Lunch at [The Palace Lounge](#)

1pm: Depart for home!

On your way out of town, I'd suggest stopping at the [Pavelka Farmstead](#) near Bladen, as it's the setting for one of the most famous scenes in all of literature at the end of *My Antonia*.

I'd also suggest taking a tour of the [Yost 1 room schoolhouse](#) if you have time. It will be tough fitting all of the other stuff in though. Ardis, the owner, is nearly 90 years old and gives tours of the schoolhouse. Given her age, this one should be considered tentative and subject to change.

If you come back during the summer or for an extended stay sometime you should do the [Country Tour](#) and visit the [County Museum](#).

WILLA CATHER FOUNDATION: 402-746-2653

JARROD MCCARTNEY: 402-746-2653 or 402-746-4065

STARKE ROUND BARN: 402-746-4165

PALACE LOUNGE: 402-746-9951

YOST SCHOOLHOUSE: 402-746-2856