

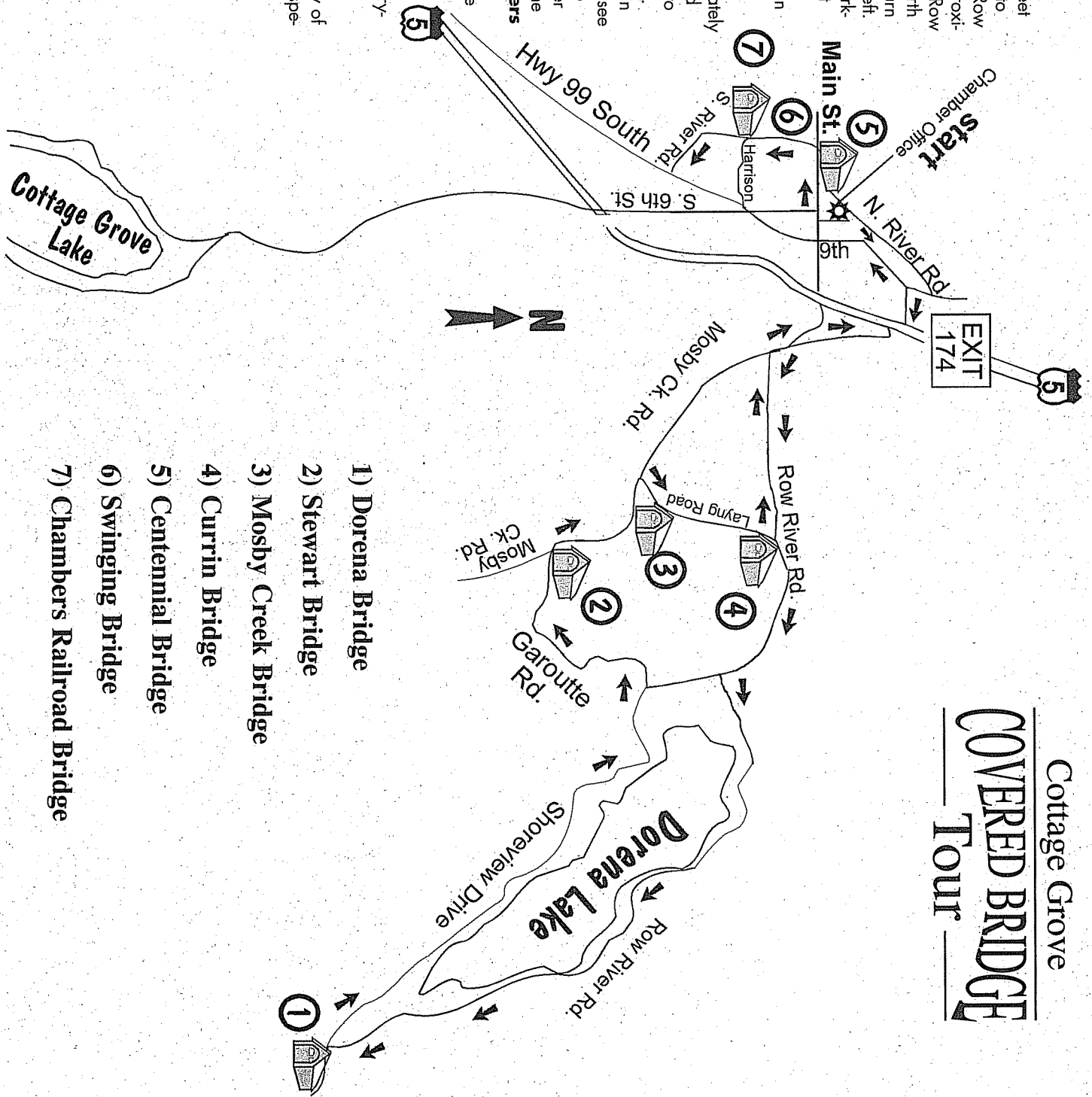
Suggested Route:

Starting at the Chamber Office, go to 9th street and turn left. Follow 9th street (which turns into Hwy. 99), taking the connector road east to Row River Road. Proceed on Row River Road approximately 4.6 miles and turn left to continue on Row River Road. (This will take you around the north side of Dorena Lake) At the end of the lake turn right. The **Dorena Bridge** will be on your left. (restrooms and parking) When exiting the parking lot, turn left onto Shoreview Drive and left again on Garoutte Road, approximately 5.5 miles. Follow Garoutte Road to the intersection at Mosby Creek Road. There you will see the **Stewart Bridge**. Turn right. The **Mosby Creek Bridge** is on Laying Road, approximately 1.2 miles. Continue north on Laying Road and you will see the **Currin Bridge**. Turn left onto Row River Road and return to Cottage Grove. Proceed south on Hwy. 99. Turn right on Main Street and head west to River Road. You will see the **Centennial Bridge** on the right, next to City Hall. Cross the river and turn left on River Road. As you continue south, you will pass the **Swinging Bridge** on the left. The **Chambers Railroad Bridge** is just south of Harrison Street. Continue south on River Road, past the High School, to the stop sign. Turn left to get back on Hwy. 99.

Now that you have toured some of the countryside, we invite you to visit Cottage Grove's Historic Downtown and get a taste of what Cottage Grove has to offer. There is a variety of shops to explore including gift, antique and specialty shops, bookstores and restaurants. We hope you enjoy your visit to Cottage Grove.



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COVERED BRIDGE
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1. DORENA BRIDGE (aka Star Bridge)

- ~ Constructed in 1949 (restored in 1996)
- ~ Cost \$16,547 *Span 105 ft.
- ~ Design, Howe truss.
- ~ Closed to traffic.

This bridge was built after Dorena Dam was built in 1949, and the town of Dorena was inundated by Row River waters to form the lake you see today. The town was moved to a location upstream. The Dorena Bridge spanned the river to tie the roads on the north and south sides of the lake for residents' use, and to gain access upstream or to Cottage Grove. Rehabilitated and modified with new windows in 1996, this bridge now serves as a rest area and popular wedding site.

2. STEWART BRIDGE

- ~ Constructed in 1930 (Restored in 1996)
- ~ Cost \$4,125
- ~ Span 60 ft. *Design, Howe truss
- ~ Closed to traffic.

This bridge remained open until about 1982 with considerable effort because so much damage occurred when floodwaters brought debris from upstream. This structure has semicircular portal arches, ribbon openings at the eaves, and decorative S-curve brackets. One of the best swimming holes in the country is under this bridge.

3. MOSBY CREEK BRIDGE

- ~ Constructed in 1920 (Restored in 1990)
- ~ Cost \$4,125 *Span 90 ft.
- ~ Design, Howe truss
- ~ Open to traffic.

This bridge is the oldest covered bridge in Lane County. It is one-lane only, has semicircular portal arches, ribbon openings near the roofline on each side, and board-and-batten cladding on the outside. It was named for pioneer David Mosby, a substantial farmer, who staked claim to 320.95 acres east of Cottage Grove in 1853. The setting is very picturesque.

4. CURRIN BRIDGE (aka Row River Bridge or Laying Bridge)

- ~ Constructed in 1925 (Restored in 1995)
- ~ Cost \$4,696 *Span 105 ft.
- ~ Design, Howe truss
- ~ Closed to vehicles.

This is one of the oldest bridges in the county and the only one with white portals and red sides. This bridge replaced an earlier covered bridge built in 1883 by well-known local bridge builder, Nels Roney. It was named for a pioneer family who had a Donation Land Claim in the area bordering the Row River.

5. CHAMBERS RAILROAD BRIDGE

- ~ Constructed in 1925
- ~ Span 78 ft.
- ~ Design, Howe truss.

This bridge, built by lumberman J.E. Chambers, was used to transport logs across the Coast Fork of the Willamette River to his sawmill from timberlands west of town. In 1942, a fire destroyed the Chambers mill. The mill, rebuilt in 1944, weathered another fire in 1950. The bridge was in operation from 1925 until 1951 at which time the logging railroad was sold for scrap. Still privately owned and derelict, it is still hoped to save this bridge for the future. The heavy steel reinforcing needed for trains is still in place.

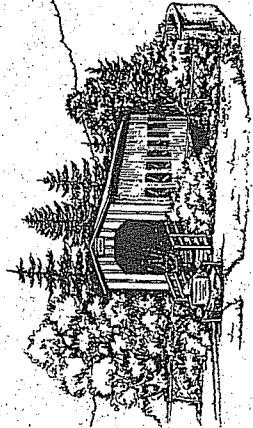
6. "SWINGING BRIDGE."

No bridge tour should be without information about the "SWINGING BRIDGE." It is located about a half-mile from the Centennial Bridge crossing the Coast Fork upstream. It was built for foot and bicycle traffic from the West side of the river for students to cross the river to school in early days. The present bridge is at least the 4th one that we know of, built on this site. In the old days, it was not nearly as sturdy as this one. Strung on long cables, a person could easily make it swing from side to side. Young men especially loved to hear the girls scream while crossing it. It is a unique experience, and the view up and down river is beautiful.

7. CENTENNIAL BRIDGE

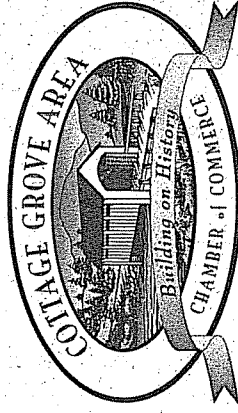
- ~ Constructed in 1997
- ~ Span 84 ft.
- ~ Design, Howe truss.

This covered bridge was built to scale, but is for pedestrians only. Built in 1997 at the time of Cottage Grove's Centennial. Volunteers performed the work and donated funds were used. It was constructed from two bridges in Lane County that had been torn down. It was placed on the abutments of the old Main Street Bridge, which stood until the 1950's. The abutment walkway on the east approach has bricks purchased by citizens for construction costs. Some are memorials from descendants of early day pioneers in Cottage Grove.



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COVERED BRIDGE Tour



Self-Guided Historic Covered Bridge Tour and Map

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