Webster County Self-Guided Tour

Please call ahead to make arrangements 866.731.7304

10:30 a.m. Arrive at Red Cloud Opera House for 17-minute educational video about famed author, Willa Cather's life and work

11:00 a.m. Seven-building tour of the Willa Cather historic sites (tour departs from Red Cloud Opera House)

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Cafe A'Moore, 345 N Webster Street

1:45 p.m. Tour the Webster County Museum and explore the rich heritage of early settlers of Webster County

3:00 p.m. Shopping on the bricks at Cather Books & Gifts, Shades West, Village Pharmacy, Meadow Creek, Kountry Kreations, and Willowberry Mercantile

4:30 p.m. Visit the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie for bird watching and hiking (5 miles south of Red Cloud on Highway 281). On your way to the Prairie, the Republican River is an ideal location for viewing wildlife; species include eagle, turkey, upland birds, deer, and bobcat. The chalk cliffs are a naturally occurring geological feature, exposed by the action of the Republican River. On the bluff south of the river, you may ascend to the Indian grave and view the Republican River Valley.

Don’t miss the Starke Round Barn Historic Site, located 3 miles east of Red Cloud along Heritage Highway 136

Evening - Drive to your next stop, return home, or spend a relaxing evening in the Cather Second Home guest house – please call for reservations 866.731.7304