DAY TRIP TO BRIDGEPORT

From Hinton · Caddo County, Oklahoma

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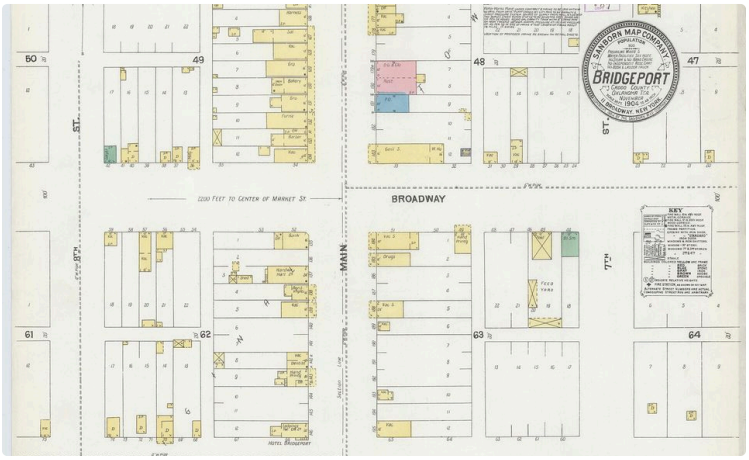

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SMALL TOWN · 97 PEOPLE (2020)

An incorporated town of 97 people at the 2020 census (99 per the state encyclopedia). The town government was posting news of Route 66 road work in August 2024, Route 66 News reported, and an RV park on the old highway corner takes guests. Legends of America describes most homes as abandoned, with no businesses open in town, but gives no visit date.

Bridgeport makes a short Route 66 stop from Hinton or Oklahoma City. See the 1907 church and the old post office from Market Street, drive the 1934 concrete highway, and stop at the Pony Bridge, which its National Register nomination calls the longest state-built bridge on US 66.

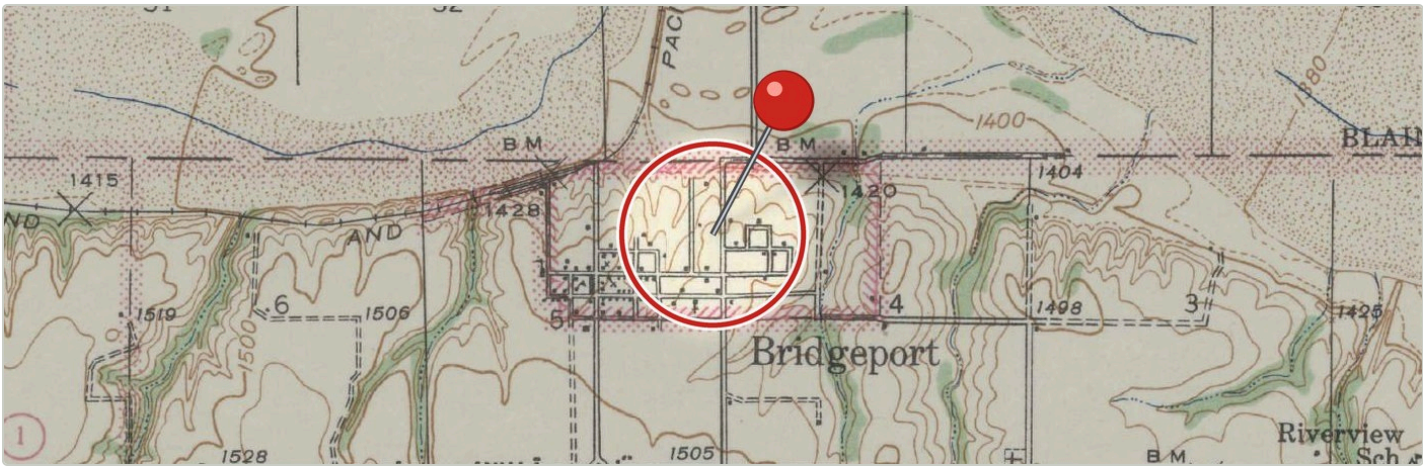
A SAMPLE DAY

☐	9:30 a.m.	Leave downtown Hinton north on Broadway (US 281). It's about 13 minutes to Bridgeport.
☐	**9:45 a.m.**	Drive the grid. Stop on Market Street for the 1907 church at Broadway and the old post office.
☐	10:15 a.m.	Head back to Route 66 and east to Hinton Junction to see the ruins of the cafe and courts from the road (caving in, in a 2021 view).
☐	**10:45 a.m.**	Continue east to the Pony Bridge if the road is open. Look for the Grandpa Joad marker at its west end and the Compass sculpture.
☐	11:30 a.m.	Return west on Route 66 and follow the 1934 concrete toward Hydro, or go back to Hinton.

Check the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for work on the bridge west of the Pony Bridge before driving that stretch.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The Pony Bridge.** Shoot down the deck from one end to line up the 38 yellow trusses.
- **The 1907 church.** Frame it from Market Street with the empty lots around it.
- **Hinton Junction.** The roadside ruins read best from the shoulder of Route 66, with the junction behind.



USGS topographic map, 1942 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	7 mi, about 13 min each way from downtown Hinton. From Oklahoma City: 52 mi, about 1 h 01 min.
ADMISSION	Free. The town's streets and the highway are public; the church, homes and the old post office are private.
TIME ON SITE	Half an hour in town, plus an hour for the Pony Bridge and Hinton Junction.
FOOD AND WATER	Legends of America says no businesses are open in Bridgeport. Bring food and water.
OVERNIGHT	Territory Route 66 RV Park, on the old highway at the Bridgeport turnoff, has 19 full-hookup sites, a tent site and showers, and answers its phone (405-542-6566) around the clock, its own site says.
RESPECT	Bridgeport had 97 residents in 2020. Look from the street and don't enter the old post office.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 35.54750, −98.37750 · 35°32′51″N 98°22′39″W

Directions Google Maps

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oklahoma/bridgeport/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.