4-H
4-H is a youth development education program of Penn State Cooperative Extension. It is a non-formal education program for youth between the ages of 8 and 19. Visit us at: http://extension.psu.edu/4-h

Covered Bridges
In Indiana County there are four covered bridges constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s, which are called the Harmon, Rusel, Kintersburg and Thomas. Only the Thomas is still open to traffic and all four are listed as National Historic Places. They are constructional wonders of their time and are in easy driving distance of each other. For more information visit: http://www.indianacountyparks.org

Directions
A map is provided at the end of the quest for you to find each covered bridge. For more instructions to find the bridges visit:
http://www.indianacountyparks.org/bridges/bridges.html

How to Quest
This is a driving quest that central on the Northwest area above Indiana City along route 954. It is a suggestion for a rainy day or a day trip that you should take a picnic and camera to explore history.

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4-H Quest- Covered Bridges in Indiana County

YOUR CLUES
Fill up the car and some snacks and cd’s, this quest’s a driving one so you’ll need plenty of these things. At each stop you can feel free to explore and look around then back to the quest to travel about. A map is provided at the end of the quest to give you support during the quest and if you’d prefer stronger directions you can visit the site listed before for more. So have fun.

Stop 1
In 1879 Amos Thomas had a dream
A 75 foot covered bridge over Crooked Creek
With only 545 dollars his bridge was built
In 1998 when it start to wilt
It was reconstructed at a rather high price
Slightly over one million to be precise
But with three more to see, we must return to the car
the next two bridges are not far apart

Stop 2
Built in 1870 it’s the oldest of our lot
41 feet, who’s builder’s name we know not
After Robert Trusal, a nearby property owner it was named
It’s also known as Dice’s Bridge, so it has only some fame.

Stop 3
Not far way is the Harmon Bridge
One half a mile downstream, really just a midge
At the cost of 525 dollars
It got its name from a Civil War Veteran, J. S. Harmon, I was told by a caller
A man by the name of John R Carnahan decided to build it
At 45 feet, it’s the second shortest

Stop 4
Kintersburg Bridge is the last stop on this trip
The other 3 bridges are known as Town Lattice types yet this bridge tries to give us the slip
This bridge is a Howe, 1 of 5 that remain in PA
This really is the last stop for the day
At 68 feet it cost 893 big ones
So look closely for the treasure, ‘cause I’m running out of puns
Hidden on the bridge, so look carefully
Once you find it, of this quest you will be free
Thank you for joining us on the 4-H Quests. Check out the PA 4-H website for more Quests in the Lumber Heritage Region.

http://extension.psu.edu/4-h/explore/programs/4-h-questing
Historic Covered Bridges of Indiana County

Location and Name of a Non-existing, Historic Covered Bridge

Existing Covered Bridge

One bridge, in Washington Township, crossing Crandall Creek, was built in 1839. Its name and exact location are unknown.

Special thanks to Covered Bridges of Yesterday for the use of information from their website, coveredbridges.org. Their research is ongoing and subject to change.

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