Valley City, ND—The City of Bridges

The Rosebud Visitor Center on Main Street in Valley City is the hub for information and railroad history. Inside you will find an 1881 Superintendent’s railcar with the original furnishings—one of a kind! The North Dakota Agriculture Hall of Fame honors the pioneers that made agriculture the mainstay of North Dakota. Located on the west side of the building is an outdoor display railroad signs and other artifacts including a beam off the Hi-Line Bridge. (2 hours)

Start the Historic Bridge Tour at the Visitor Center. There are 8 interpreted bridges that you can view by walking or driving. (1.5 hours driving, 4 hours walking tour)

Downtown Valley City has many Specialty Shops like Bong’s Bootery, the Quilted Ceiling and The Vault. Railroad enthusiasts will want to stop at the Barnes County Museum and put your quarter in the slot to watch all the trains! Enjoy a meal at Vicky’s Viking Room or The Parlour. (2-4 hours)

Historical Buildings Abound in Valley City! See an Andrew Carnegie library with original furnishings and woodwork downtown. Two blocks north of the library is the first Episcopal Church in North Dakota. At the end of Central Avenue across the footbridge is Valley City State University. It is a historical district- history buffs will enjoy the architecture inside and out. (2 hours)

Medicine Wheel Park is named for the replica of a Native American solar calendar. Learn about Native American burial mounds found in the park. Take a tour of the solar system on a walk of the planets starting with the Sun in the middle of the wheel and all the way to Pluto. (1.5 hour)