



WILLA CATHER'S RED CLOUD: TOUR ITINERARY
Saturday September 19, 2026 & Tuesday September 22, 2026

HOSTED BY: Ruth Haley Keene and Steve Shively

Join us for a day in Red Cloud, home of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather! On this one-day bus trip, you will experience the "Divide" as described in *O Pioneers!*, tour the recently restored Willa Cather Childhood Home, and visit other settings from her acclaimed novel *My Ántonia*.

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| 8:00 AM | Meet at Goodwill parking lot, 8457 West Center Road, Omaha (Park on the west side) |
| 8:15 AM | Leave for Lincoln |
| 9:15 AM | Pick up Lincoln guests at Shoemakers, I-80 Exit #395 (Park along the north or east perimeter) |
| 11:30 AM | Arrive at the National Willa Cather Center (413 N Webster St., Red Cloud, NE 68970) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch introductory video |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch at Hotel Garber |
| 12:50 PM | Depart for Tours of Cather historic sites <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farmers and Merchants Bank• Willa Cather Childhood Home, a National Historic Landmark• Red Cloud Burlington Depot• J. L. Miner House of <i>My Ántonia</i>• Grace Episcopal Church |
| 3:00 PM | Return to National Willa Cather Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Browse permanent exhibit, <i>American Bittersweet: The Life & Writing of Willa Cather</i>• Refreshments and time to shop the bookstore• Meet the archivist and view select special collection pieces |
| 4:00 PM | Depart for Pavelka Farmstead of <i>My Ántonia</i> (2031 Rd 1100 Bladen, NE 68928) |
| 5:30 PM | Pick up boxed dinner for dining on the go |
| 7:45 PM | Arrive in Lincoln |
| 8:45 PM | Arrive in Omaha |

Note: The Cather Center and three of the historic sites are accessible to those who use walkers or wheelchairs. This tour involves walking and stairs, but we can offer a modified route with fewer steps for those who need it. Please let us know about any mobility considerations in advance of your visit.