

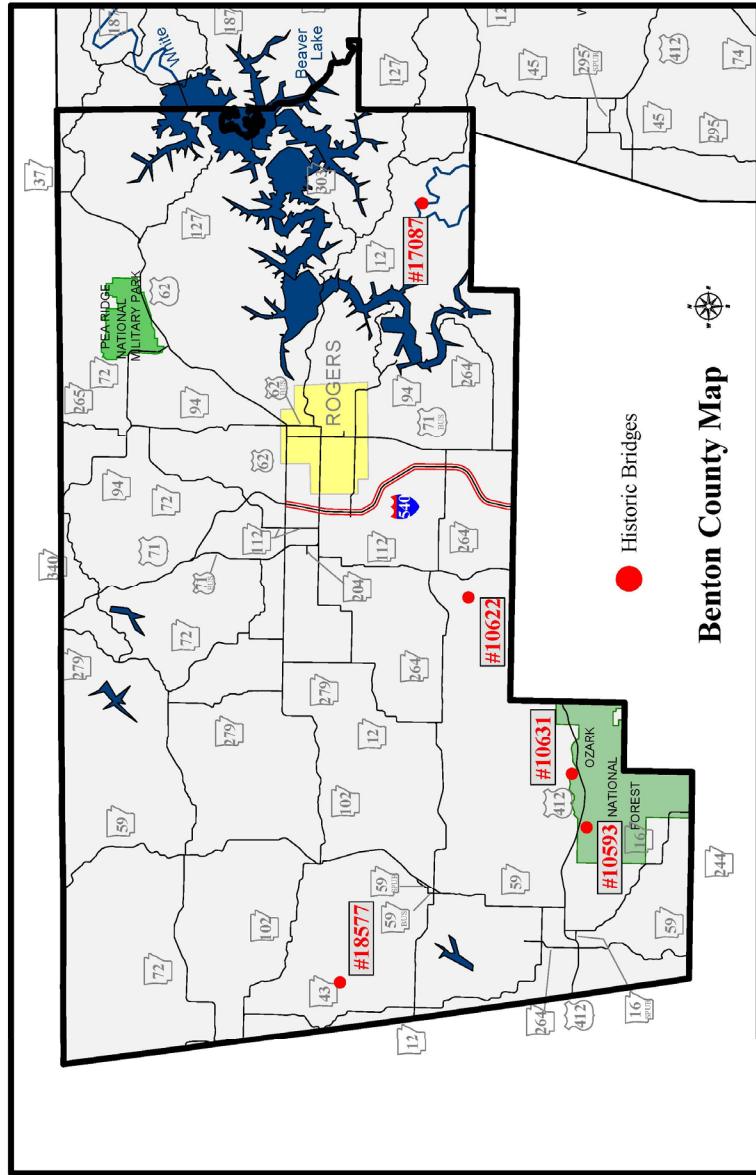


Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

# HISTORIC BRIDGES IN BENTON COUNTY

*Bridges Listed on the National Register of Historic  
Places in Benton County*





## Demolished Historic Bridges



The Spavinaw Creek Bridge was constructed in 1909 by the Illinois Bridge Company. The bridge was a bedstead pony steel truss and was the only one left in Arkansas at the time of its demolition. The bridge was located on Benton County road 29 as it crossed Spavinaw Creek. The Spavinaw Creek Bridge was replaced sometime after 1988.

## Coon Creek Bridge #18577



The Coon Creek Bridge was constructed in 1930 by an unknown builder. The bridge is significant as one of only twenty-three Warren pony trusses left in Arkansas and one of two in Benton County. This bridge was constructed after the creation of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and is an example of the first attempts to use a common design standard across the state. The bridge is located over Coon Creek on Benton county road 24.



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## *Introduction*

This pamphlet was created by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) to inform local governments and the general public of the Historic Bridges located in their County.

The AHTD Historic Bridge Program is designed to balance historic preservation needs with the traffic and safety needs of the public. This program was begun in 1987 by the enactment of the Surface Transportation & Uniform Relocation Assistance Act . This requires Departments of Transportation to inventory all bridges in their state for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places and encourages states to preserve, rehabilitate or reuse historic bridges.

To comply with this law, AHTD conducts historic bridge surveys every five years and will periodically reevaluate previous surveys. This means that the inventory of historic bridges will periodically change with new additions and deletions. This pamphlet contains all historic bridges currently located in this county.

When a bridge no longer meets the requirements for safety and engineering, it is programmed for replacement by AHTD and a review of alternatives to the demolition of the bridge is conducted. These alternatives can include leaving the bridge in place in a non-vehicular capacity with a new bridge constructed next to it, making the bridge a one-way couplet, or the bridge could be rehabilitated for either vehicular, pedestrian or bicycle traffic use. If an appropriate alternative cannot be found, the bridge may be marketed. Marketing is aimed at finding an agency or individual willing to assume responsibility for the bridge, whether the bridge remains in place or is moved to a new location.

## *War Eagle Creek Bridge #17087*



The War Eagle Creek Bridge was constructed in 1907 by the Illinois Steel Bridge Company. The bridge is significant as one of only four Parker through trusses left in Arkansas. The War Eagle Creek Bridge is the only Parker through truss bridge constructed at the turn of twentieth century left in the state. The bridge is located next to a reconstructed grist mill, which is fourth in a series of mills on the same site dating back to 1832. The bridge is located over War Eagle Creek on Benton county road 98.



*Benton County Road Bridge #10631*

The Benton County Road 196 Bridge was constructed by an unknown builder in 1922. The economy of the Pratt design made it a popular choice of many Arkansas county officials. The Benton County Road 196 Bridge is one of seventeen Pratt through truss bridges currently surviving in Arkansas and one of a limited number of pin-connected through trusses in the state. The bridge is located Benton County Road 196 across Illinois River.



In the past some historic bridges have been rehabilitated by the county in which it resides or by the city it serves. When this happens the funding used for these projects has come from Transportation Enhancement Funds distributed by AHTD for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

For more information on the Historic Bridge Program contact Robert Scoggin at 501-569-2077 or email [Robert.Scoggin@ahtd.state.ar.us](mailto:Robert.Scoggin@ahtd.state.ar.us).

### Illinois River Bridge # 10593



Completed in 1922, the Illinois River Bridge was built by the Luten Bridge Company. This intact, 130-foot two span concrete bridge in northwest Arkansas is one of the state's best examples of an early twentieth century reinforced concrete arch bridge. The bridge was completed a year before standardization of bridge design was imposed by the creation of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. This bridge spans the Illinois River on Benton County Road 3 near Siloam Springs.



### Osage Creek Bridge # 10622



The Osage Creek Bridge is an excellent Arkansas example of a Pratt through truss bridge. Constructed by an unknown builder in 1911, its economy of materials and proven structural reliability made the Pratt design a popular choice of many Arkansas county officials. The Osage Creek Bridge is one of seventeen Pratt through truss bridges currently surviving in Arkansas. Its intact lattice guardrail is unique and has not survived on other examples of Pratt through truss bridges in Arkansas. The bridge is located Benton County Road 71 across Osage Creek approximately 1.3 miles south of Healing

