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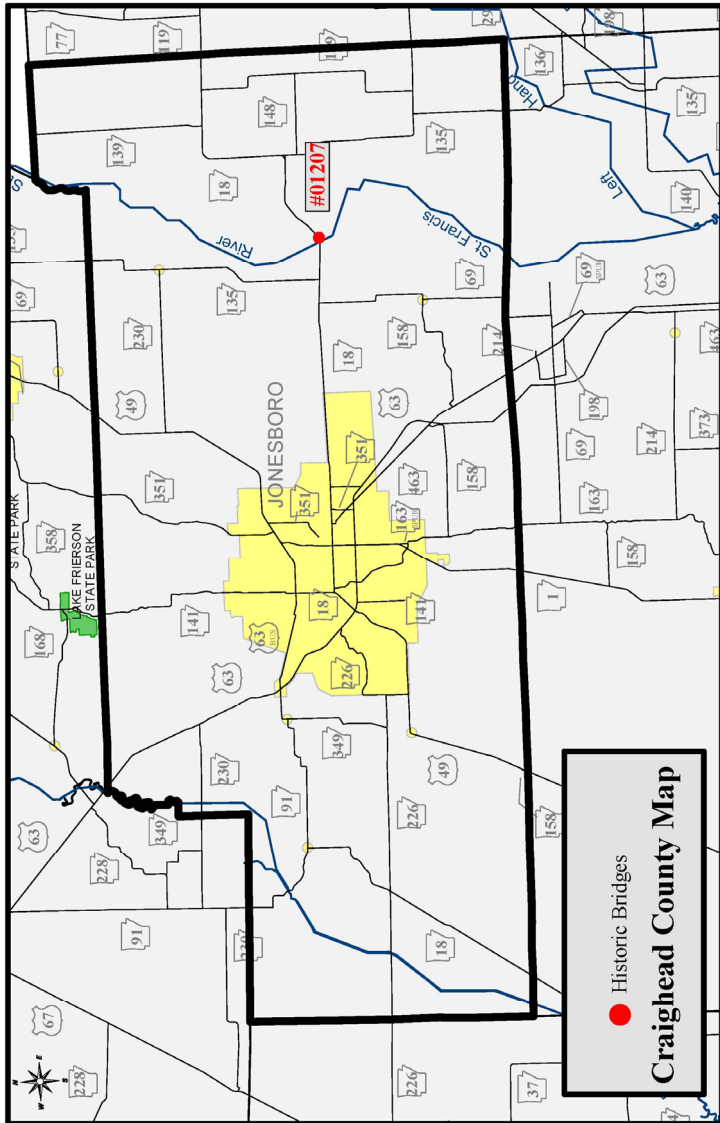
HISTORIC BRIDGES IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

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



2004

Demolished Historic Bridges



The Craighead County Road 513 Bridge was constructed by an unknown builder in 1942. The bridge was a steel deck truss and was 142 feet in length. The bridge was recently replaced by Craighead County. This Craighead County Road 513 spanned Big Slough Ditch.

Lake City Bridge #01207



The Lake City Bridge was constructed by the Vincennes Bridge Company in 1934. The Lake City Bridge is an I-beam vertical lift span bridge. The bridge is the only I-beam vertical lift span in Arkansas. Its location is important because it allowed passage from the eastern third of Craighead County across the swampy Sunken Lands to the rest of the County. The Lake City bridge is located next to State Highway 18 over the St. Francis River. This bridge was relocated during a project to build a new four-lane bridge across the St. Francis River.



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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.

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).

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