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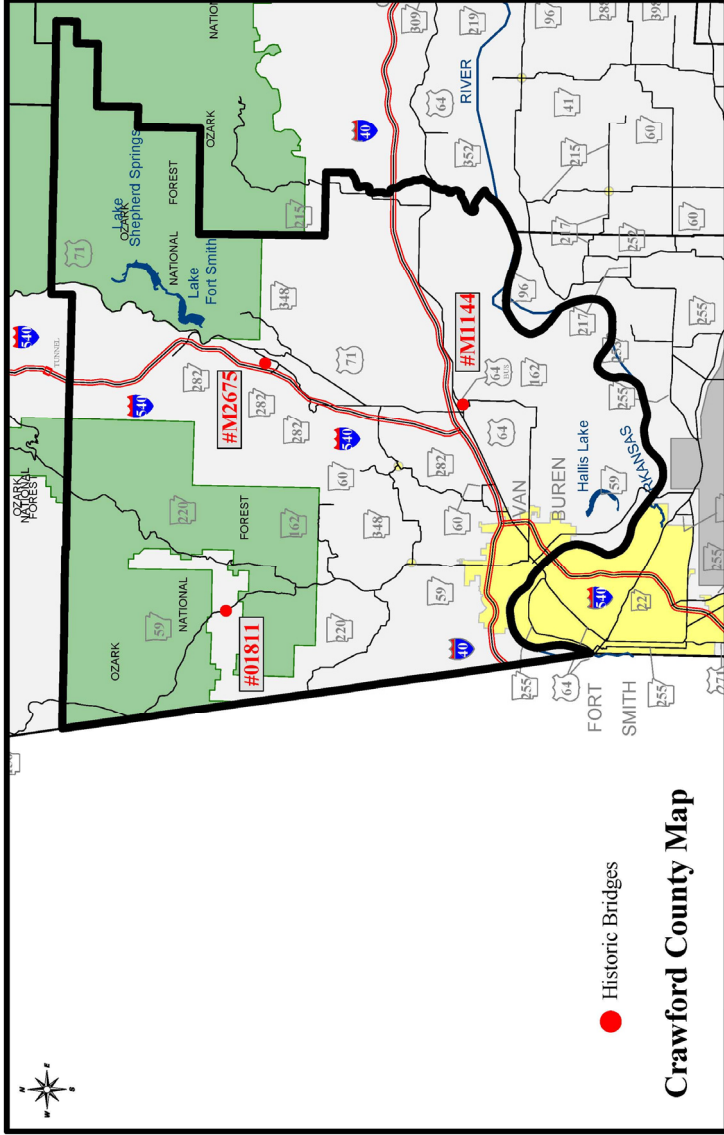
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# HISTORIC BRIDGES IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

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



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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.

## *Demolished Historic Bridges*



The Crawford County Road 32 Bridge was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1937 and is a steel multi-beam Bridge. It crossed Cove Creek and was owned by the US Forrest Service. The Bridge was destroyed by fire in 2003.



The Lee Creek Bridge was constructed in 1938, probably by the WPA and is a Camelback through truss. It was located on State Highway 220 over Lee Creek. It was demolished in 1995, when that section of State Highway 220 was bypassed.

The Cedar Creek Bridge was constructed in 1938 by the WPA and is a Pratt through truss. The bridge was located on State Highway 348 over Cedar Creek west of the town of Rudy. It was demolished in 1995, when a new bridge was constructed. No pictures exist for this bridge.

*Frog Bayou Bridge #M2675*

The Frog Bayou Bridge was constructed in 1942 by an unknown builder. The bridge is a one span, Camelback though steel truss. The Frog Bayou Bridge is one of two Camelback though truss bridges left in Arkansas and the only one surviving in Crawford County. As part of the project to construct Interstate 540 from Alma to Fayetteville the Frog Bayou Bridge was bypass with a new road. The section of State Highway 282 that contained Frog Bayou Bridge was left in place and turned over to the Crawford County Judge in 1994.



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).

*Lee Creek Bridge #01811*

The Lee Creek Bridge (Natural Dam Bridge) was designed by AHTD and built by the N.E. Gillioz Company in 1934. The bridge is a two span, through Pennsylvania steel truss bridge. The Lee Creek Bridge is one of two Pennsylvania through truss bridges remaining in Arkansas. This bridge was built as part of a bridge improvement project over Lee Creek. It is an excellent example of its type and clearly demonstrates the advancements made by AHTD in steel truss design and technology by the 1930s. The Lee Creek bridge is located on State Highway 59 across Lee Creek approximately one mile north of the community of Natural Dam.

*Little Frog Bayou Bridge #M1144*

The Little Frog Bayou Bridge was constructed by an unknown builder in 1929. The Bridge is one of twenty-three Warren pony truss bridges currently surviving in the State and is the only surviving Warren pony truss bridge in Crawford County. The bridge is located on US 64B as it crosses Little Frog Bayou in the town of Alma.

