

## Covered Bridges

**PITTSBURG-CLARKSVILLE:** Situated south of US 3, 1 mile west of Pittsburg Village is the most northerly covered bridge to cross the Connecticut River. Its date of origin is unknown. Of Burr truss design, it has lattice sides open halfway down and added laminated arches. It is 91 feet long and 19 1/2 feet wide. This is also the longest of the 3 existing bridges in Pittsburg.

**PITTSBURG-HAPPY CORNER:** Happy Corner sits 1 mile south of US 3, 6 miles northeast of Pittsburg Village. It spans Perry Stream. Although the exact year it was built is unknown. It is believed to be one of the oldest covered bridges in 'northern' New Hampshire. It's Paddleford construction with added arch is 86 feet long and 19 1/2 feet wide. It is said that the name derived from the number of happy young people living in its vicinity at one time.

**PITTSBURG-RIVER ROAD:** South Of US 3, 5 1/2 miles northeast of Pittsburg Village, this bridge also spans Perry Stream. Its date of origin is unknown. It is a Queen post truss design, 57 feet long and 16 1/2 feet wide. It is the farthest and one of the smallest covered bridges in New Hampshire.

**LINCOLN-FLUME:** This bridge is east of US 3 in the Flume Reservation in Franconia Notch State Park on the road to the Flume Gorge. Some claim this is one of the oldest bridges in New Hampshire but others say it was built in 1886. This Paddleford-type structure spans the Pemigewasset River. It is maintained by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and is for foot traffic only.

**LINCOLN-SENTINEL PINE:** To reach this bridge, continue following the path from the Lincoln-Flume to the pool in Flume Gorge. Built in 1939 for sightseers wishing to cross the Flume, it is only a few feet wide and is for foot travel only.

**WOODSTOCK:** This bridge, once located east of US 3 at Woodstock, burned in 1971. A replica, though, is on display at the Jack O'Lantern Motel. The original, erected in 1878, was of Town design, 190 feet long and 21 feet wide, spanned the Pemigewasset River, and was known as the 'Old Lattice Bridge'.

**CAMPTON-BLAIR:** The oldest and longest of 3 bridges in Campton can be found east of US 3, 2 miles north of Livermore Falls. Constructed in 1828, it crosses the Pemigewasset River. It's a 2-span, long truss design with an added arch and is 300 feet long and 20 1/2 feet wide. It was built in 1828 after almost losing the town doctor one stormy night as he tried to forge the river on horseback. He survived but his horse was swept from under him and drowned.

**CAMPTON-TURKEY JIM'S:** Turkey Jim's is located 1/2 mile east of US 3 at Campton. Constructed in 1883, it spans the West Branch Brook. It is a Queen post truss design, 60 feet long and 15 feet wide. Its real name is Stevens Bridge but it is better known as Turkey Jim's because it connected an island turkey farm with the mainland. In 1927 flood waters swept over the island drowning hundreds of turkeys.

**CAMPTON-BUMP:** Find this bridge 1 mile east of NH 175 at Campton Hollow. It was built in 1837 and crosses the Beebe River. It is a Queen post arch construction and is 70 feet long, 14 feet wide. An unusual feature of this bridge is that the structure rests on horses rather than the normal stone foundations and the clapboards run lengthwise in-stead of up and down.

**BARTLETT:** This bridge is located west of US 302, 4 1/2 miles east of Bartlett. It is believed to have been built in the 1850's but the actual date is unknown. It spans the Saco River. It is a Paddleford truss design, 183 feet long and 20 feet wide. It was closed to traffic when the highway by passed it in 1939. It is now privately owned and houses a Gift and Antique shop that has been built inside it.

**CONWAY-SWIFTRIVER:** Situated 1/4 mile north of NH 16 at Conway Village, this bridge extends over the Swift River. The original bridge was built in 1850 and washed away by floods in 1869. The present bridge was rebuilt in 1869. A Paddleford truss design with added arch, it is 144 feet long and 21 feet wide.

**CONWAY-SACO RIVER:** From Conway Village 1/2 mile north on NH 16, this bridge spans the Saco River. Erected in 1890 it is a 2-span Paddleford construction with arches that were added later. It is 240 feet long and 30 feet wide including a sidewalk on each side. This is the third bridge built on this site. It allows foot traffic only.

**JACKSON:** Follow NH 16A to the junction with NH 16 at Jackson village to view this bridge known as the 'Honeymoon Bridge' that was built in 1876 and spans the Ellis River. It's Paddleford structure has open lattice more than halfway down and a covered walk along one side. It is 138 feet long and 26 feet wide and was repaired and widened in 1939.

**ALBANY:** This bridge is north of the Kancamagus Highway, 6 miles west of Conway Village within the White Mountains National Forest. The first bridge built on this site was started in 1857 but destroyed by a wind storm. The present bridge was built in 1858 and extends over the Swift river. At 136 feet long, this Paddleford construction has a wide shallow arch and sharply raked front. The wood floor was replaced with steel stringers by the Forest Service.