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Few places in the US have covered bridges set in more picturesque settings and with more variety than Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

Twelve of our fourteen bridges are Burr Truss (named after their designer, Theodore Burr). These bridges feature a large wooden arch. Two bridges are Kingpost Truss designs.

Locating the 14 Bridges


All bridges are shown on the map (inside). Some bridges are easy to find...others are more remote. We provide some very basic directions in some of the covered bridge descriptions.

Covered Bridge Driving Tour

An easy-to-follow driving tour is available in our Bedford County Visitors Guide. Call us if you'd like a copy. This self-guided driving tour passes 8 bridges in about 100 minutes.



1-JACKSON'S MILL




GPS LOCATION
N39 58.290 W78 16.299
MAP POSITION: D5
LENGTH: 96'
WIDTH: 12' 3"

From Rt. 30, turn south onto South Breezewood Road. Drive .6 mile and turn right onto Est Mattie Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Jackson Road. Drive about a mile to the bridge (on Covered Bridge Road).

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2-FELTEN'S MILL



GPS LOCATION
N39 58.381 W78 17.369
MAP POSITION: D5
LENGTH: 106'
WIDTH: 12' 10"

From the Jackson's Mill Bridge, continue on the gravel road. At the top of the hill, turn right on East Mattie Road. At the bottom of the hill, before the concrete bridge, there is a small lane to the right. Do not block the lane and please do not disturb the livestock nearby.

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3-HEWITT

GPS LOCATION
N39 45.262 W78 30.668
MAP POSITION: G3
LENGTH: 88'
WIDTH: 13' 10"

Built in 1879, the Hewitt crosses Town Creek near Rt. 326. From Rt. 326, turn onto Town Creek Road. Drive 4/10 miles and turn left again onto Covered Bridge Road. Refurbished in 2000.

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6-TURNER

GPS LOCATION
N40 00.562 W78 38.918
MAP POSITION: D1
LENGTH: 86'
WIDTH: 12' 10"

You'll find this bridge along Rt. 31, west of Manns Choice, PA. This is a Burr Truss design with low side panels and open sides. From Rt. 31, turn north onto Faupel Road. This is a gravel road.

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4-PALO ALTO

GPS LOCATION
N39 45.969 W78 45.441
MAP POSITION: G1
LENGTH: 56'
WIDTH: 13' 4"

Also known as the "Fitchner Bridge", named for builder Jacob or Jonathan Fitchner. This multiple kingpost bridge was built in 1880. It crosses Gladdens Run near Rt. 96, four miles south of Hyndman.

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7-COLVIN

GPS LOCATION
N40 02.298 W78 39.252
MAP POSITION: D1
LENGTH: 70'
WIDTH: 12' 1"

This multiple kingpost bridge crosses Shawnee Creek along Mill Road. From Rt. 30, just west of the traffic light in Schellsburg, turn south onto Mill Road. Built between 1866 and 1880. Refurbished in 1997.

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5-HERLINE

GPS LOCATION
N40 00.996 W78 35.567
MAP POSITION: D2
LENGTH: 56'
WIDTH: 13' 4"

This is the longest covered bridge in the county. It is a 136 foot long Burr Truss, built in 1906, refurbished in 1996. From Rt. 31, turn west onto Watson Road (a couple miles south of the Jean Bonnet Tavern).

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8-CUPPETT

GPS LOCATION
N40 06.958 W78 38.367
MAP POSITION: C1
LENGTH: 70'
WIDTH: 12' 1"

Built in 1882, this Butt Truss design has unusually low arches and open sides. It spans Dunning's Creek just north of New Paris on Rt. 96. William and Phillip Cuppett owned the land when this bridge was built.

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9-RYOT

GPS LOCATION
N40 08.541 W78 37.484
MAP POSITION: B2
LENGTH: 81'
WIDTH: 12' 2"

Lost to fire in 2002, the Ryot Bridge was rebuilt in 2004. From Rt. 56, turn west onto Dunnings Creek Road. After passing the Kniseley Bridge, drive 2.4 miles and notice the bridge to your right on Bowser Road.

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12-BOWSER

GPS LOCATION
N40 10.629 W78 32.471
MAP POSITION: B2
LENGTH: 97'
WIDTH: 12' 5"

This Burr Truss design was bypassed many years ago, but still spans Bob's Creek. From I-99, take Rt. 869 west past Osterburg. The bridge is about a mile west of town along Covered Bridge Road.

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10-KNISELEY

GPS LOCATION
N40 09.914 W78 35.480
MAP POSITION: B2
LENGTH: 86'
WIDTH: 12' 10"

Built to cross Dunnings Creek on what was the main road to Johnstown. Built in the 1880's, this setting is excellent for photographs. From Rt. 56, turn southwest onto Dunnings Creek Rd. Drive 200 yards to the bridge.

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13-CLAYCOMB

GPS LOCATION
N40 02.435 W78 30.393
MAP POSITION: C3
LENGTH: 126'
WIDTH: 14' 1"

Moved from Reynoldsdale in 1975 to the entrance of Old Bedford Village, the Claycomb Bridge now spans the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. Located just off of Bus. Rt. 220, 1 1/2 miles north of Bedford.

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11-SNOOK

GPS LOCATION
N40 10.133 W78 34.791
MAP POSITION: B2
LENGTH: 80'
WIDTH: 12' 9"

Built in 1883, Snooks Bridge spans Dunnings Creek. From Rt. 56., turn northeast onto Chestnut Ridge Market Road. It is an 82 foot bridge.

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14-HALL'S MILL

GPS LOCATION
N40 07.460 W78 19.019
MAP POSITION: B4
LENGTH: 95'
WIDTH: 12' 10"

This is the last of seven bridges built at this location in the 1860's, 1870's and 1880's. It spans Yellow Creek. From Rt. 26, turn onto SR 1022. You'll see the bridge from this road.

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