

4 Creamery Bridge

Guilford Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

At one time Brattleboro, Vermont was known for its variety of covered railroad and highway bridges. Today, Creamery Bridge, so named for its location adjacent to the old Brattleboro Creamery, is the lone surviving wooden covered bridge in the town.

Built in 1879 from spruce lumber, at a cost of \$1,037.80, the single span bridge crosses 80 feet of Whestone Brook with a width of 19 feet. The bridge is supported by two flanking timber Town lattice



trusses, which was a popular design in covered bridges throughout New England. The timbers are fastened to one another and to the cords at the top and bottom by wooden pins. A 1920 renovation added the covered sidewalk on one side along with a slate roof to replace the original shingles.

Creamery Bridge is clearly visible from Route 9, the main east-west route across southern Vermont, due to its bold barn red color, which defies the traditional white of covered bridges throughout the country. Creamery Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

Sources:

JilMac. "Creamery Bridge, Brattleboro, Vermont." Vermont Cobble Project. Web. Accessed September 24, 2013. <https://sites.google.com/site/vermontcobbleproject/covered-bridges>

Henry, Hugh. "Creamery Covered Bridge." *Connecticut River Joint Commission, Inc.* Connecticut River Joint Commission, Inc., May 1997. Web. Accessed September 24, 2013, <http://www.crtc.org/heritage/V02-9.htm>

<http://www.coveredbridgesite.com/vt/creamery.html>