

93 River Road Covered Bridge

River Road, Pittsburg, New Hampshire

In 1858 the River Road Covered Bridge was built to span Perry Stream, one mile east of Route 3 and seven miles north of Pittsburg, New Hampshire. One of three remaining bridges in Pittsburg, this bridge is bypassed and closed to traffic but still open to pedestrians. Very little is known about this bridge, with no town records of its builder and subsequent volunteer upkeep over the years. The bridge has a clear span of 41'9" and its total length is 41'9". Overall it is 16'10" wide, while the road is 13'5" wide and the vertical clearance is 11'2".

The River Road Covered Bridge is an example of a queen-post bridge, which implements two "queen posts" about one-third of the way from each bank, connected by a beam and having diagonal braces. This differs from the king-post truss bridge which only uses one central king post, and thus cannot span as far of a gap as the queen-post style with two uprights. The bridge is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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