

Squam Covered Bridge 29-05-112—Built by Milton Graton and Sons
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NYSCBS 2019 Safari

VT and NH

September 7 & 8 , 2019

New York State Covered Bridge Society Safari

When: September 6 – 8, 2019

Where: Comfort Inn, 56 Ralph Lehman Drive, White River Junction, Vermont

Free Wi-Fi, Salt Water Pool, Fitness Center and Continental Breakfast (eggs, bacon, sausage, waffles, fruit, yogurt, muffins, toast, juices, coffee, etc.) are included in the room price.

Breakfast runs from 7 am to 10 am.

Day 1 - Saturday, September 7th we will lineup the cars at 8:45 am.

We will have a short meeting **Friday evening, September 6th at 7 pm in the breakfast room across from the main desk** and it will be for safari planning information.

Our **dinner/meeting is planned on Saturday the 7th in the evening in Room 401 at 6 pm.** Saturday evening dinner cost is \$12.50 payable at the dinner (checks written to NYSCBS). Menu (Lasagna, Grilled lemon chicken, roasted vegetables, garden salad, desert, and drinks).

Saturday lunch will be purchased on your own; we will talk about that on Friday evening.

Before we go on the safari:

- **We need to car pool whenever possible – the least amount of cars is safer and easier for us to manage.**
- **Start each day with lots of gas – Day 1 = 90 miles, Day 2 = 130 miles in length.**
- **Take lots of drinking water with you, even though we will be stopping regularly.**
- **We have magnetic NYSCBS signs for the cars and we also have 10 green flags for 10 car windows.**
- **We have walkie talkies for a hand full of cars, at least for the lead car and the caboose.**
- **If you have extra CB's please bring them with you.**
- **We need to have someone to be our designated caboose. Think about helping with that if you feel comfortable in doing so.**

Local sites you can visit on your own. Quechee Gorge, Quechee Gorge Village and Mall, King Arthur Flour Mill, Simon Pierce Store and Restaurant (19th century mill), Sugarbush Farm, Railroad Festival in White Junction that weekend.

We have succeeded for a great turnout! We have 24 signed up! If I forgot anything, let us know. Be safe! Karen and Wayne

General Information

Karen and I hope you have a great weekend of bridging and sharing time with other covered bridge enthusiasts. It is important that you review and follow the guidelines so that our weekend is safe and enjoyable. Here are some tips to help everyone get the most out of this experience.

Before we go:

- **Car pool whenever possible – the least amount of cars is safer and easier to handle.**
- **Start each day with a full tank of gas – day one is 90 miles, day two 130 miles**
- **Take lots of drinking water with you**
- **We have magnetic signs for the cars and we have 10 green flags for 10 car windows.**
- **We have walkie talkies for a hand full of cars, at least for the lead car and the caboose.**
- **We need a designated caboose and more CB's if you have them.**

Along the road:

1. Drive with your lights on. Remember to turn them off while we are stopped at each bridge.
2. Stay close to the vehicle in front of you, but not too close. This reduces the possibility of “foreigners” joining our group.
3. Be aware of the vehicle in front of you. Look ahead a little from time to time, especially at turns.
4. At some point, it may be necessary to pull off to the side of the road to let others get caught up from traffic lights or stop signs. If so, be alert when pulling back out into the road with the group.
5. When re-entering the roadway, ALL the cars, from front to back, should re-enter at the same time. This prevents “foreigners” from ending up in our group.
6. Be able to recognize the car in front and in back of you.
7. If you need to drop out of the group for any reason, please let the leader of the safari know your intentions.

At a Bridge site:

1. We plan to spend about 20 minutes at each bridge. When the signal is given to return to your car, return quickly so we can proceed timely. Always follow the leader as we may turn around at some bridges. Please, only one vehicle should cross the posted bridges at one time.
2. Only let passengers out of the car after being parked.
3. At the bridge site, please wait for the photographer's to get a few pictures before rushing into the bridge.
4. Please be courteous to others by not congregating or hanging out and socializing near the bridge portals.

Day 1 September 7, 2019– Line up at 8:30. Leaving at 8:45 AM

Quechee Covered Bridge– 45-14-A

N43° 38.721' W72° 25.133'

There is a community parking lot or if space available, handicap members can park at the small parking lot at the bridge.

Quechee CB is one span 70' long steel stringer bridge over the Ottauquechee River. Built in 1970. Builder unknown.

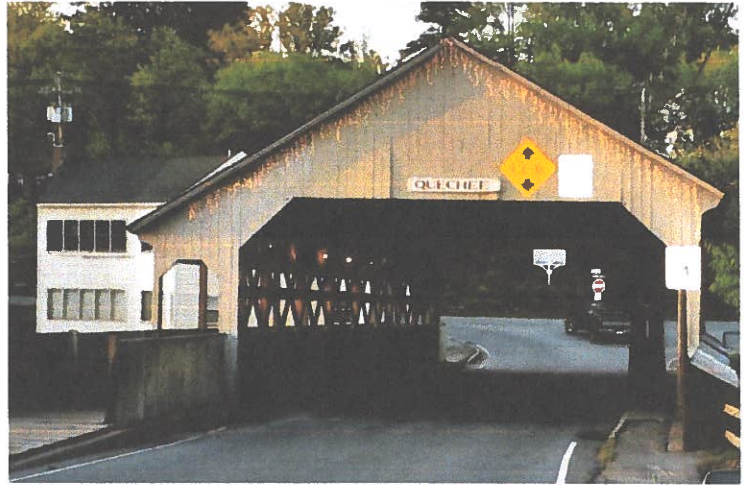


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Taftsville Covered Bridge– 45-14-12

N43° 37.842' W072° 28.088'

The Taftsville CB was built in 1836 by Salmond Emmons III. It has 2 spans with a total length of 189'. It's truss is a multiple kingpost and queen with an arch. It crosses the Ottauquechee River.

We will be approaching the bridge from the upper River Road and make a sharp turn to the lower River Road parking along the roadway.

When leaving, go through the CB and we will be making a right, **with much caution as we enter East Woodstock Road**

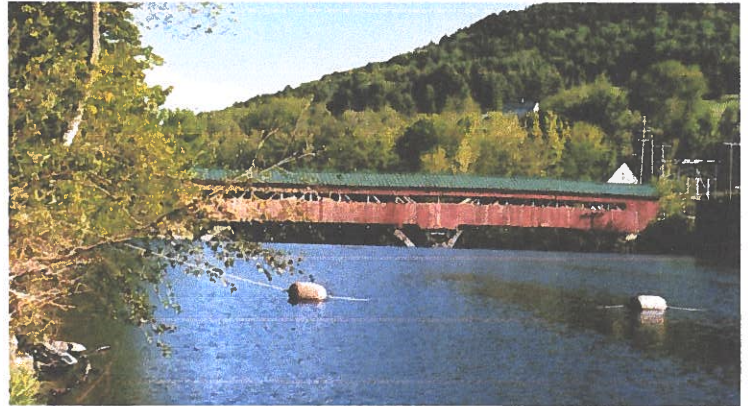


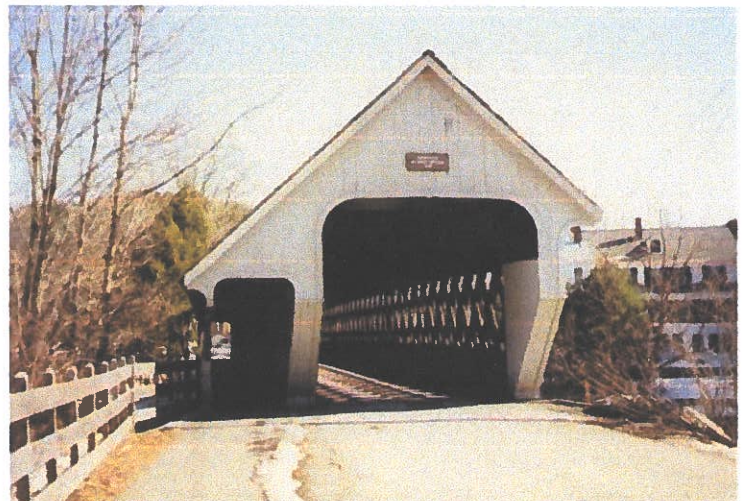
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Middle or Union Street Covered Bridge 45-14-15

N43° 37.480' W072° 31.236'

Originally built in 1870 then rebuilt in 1969 by Milton Graton. This 139' town truss CB spans the Ottauquechee River. It is located in the center of the town of Woodstock.

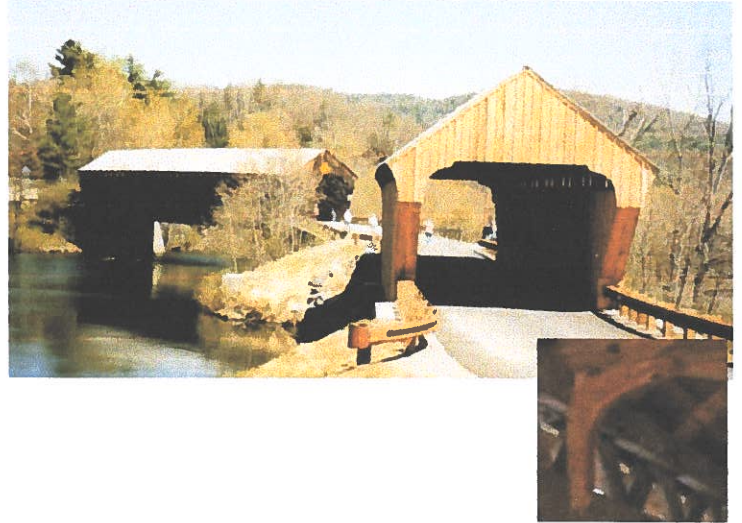
Parking is along the Main thoroughfare and are metered, however, the police department has agreed to give us free parking from 10:00-10:30 AM.



Pit Stop: Cumberland Farms service center and market.

**Willard or North Hartland Twin Bridges—
45-14-02
N43° 35.626' W072° 20.977'**

The Willard bridge was built in a town lattice truss in 1870 and is 128' long. The new twin was built in 2001 and is 82'. It has ship's knee braces and made out of tamarack and spruce trees. It was put on the Nation Register of Historic Places and spans the Ottauquechee River.



We go through the bridges, park on the right then....turn around at the garage parking lot just up the road to go back through the bridges

**Martin's Mill or Martinsville
Covered Bridge-45-14-01
N43° 31.954' W072° 23.756'**

Martin's Mill CB crosses Lulls Brook and is a single span of 142'. It was built in 1881 Town Truss. A sawmill on the east side was operated using waterpower until 1960. Also listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.



Go through the bridge and park on the road.

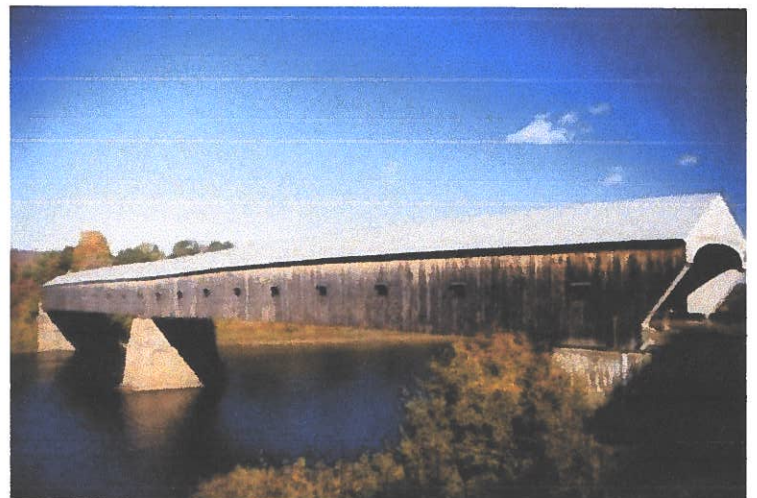
Pit Stop: Lunch time, Cumberland Farms for sandwich or gas. OR you can pack a lunch We will take our lunch to the fairgrounds and eat at the small pavilion (189 Rt 44, Windsor) or picturesque Mill Pond. Both have a single outhouse.

**Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge 45-14-#2
or 29-10-09#2
N43° 28.373' W072° 22.962'**

The Cornish Windsor CB crosses into New Hampshire over the Connecticut River. This Town Truss, two spans covered bridge is 460'.

Originally built in 1866, it was reconstructed in 1989.

Go through the bridge and park in the lot on the right.



Dingleton Covered Bridge 29-10-02
N43° 27.871' W072° 22.155'

The Dingleton CB crosses Mill Brook and is 78' built in 1882, Multiple King truss.

Park on both sides of the bridge.



We are going a short distance to our next bridge but only five cars can view it at a time due to limited parking. The balance of the cars will wait at the Cornish Town Hall just up the road and we will come and get you.

Blacksmith Shop or Kenyon Hill Covered Bridge— 29-10-01
N43° 27.768' W072° 21.241'

The multiple king truss CB built in 1881 is off an abandoned road. It is 96' long and crosses Mill Brook. The Blacksmith Shop Bridge was built by James Tasker. The bridge was used by only one family and given its name because of its close proximity to a local blacksmith shop that once stood in an area know as Slab City. Milton Graton repaired and restored the bridge in 1963. The southern end was raised two feet and the northern end one foot. The floor and sheathing were replaced. It is on the National Register of Historic Places

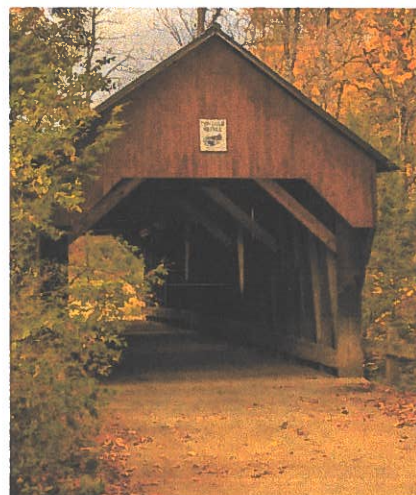


This is quite a well traveled road so please be careful. You will need to walk down to the bridge from the abandon road for photos.

Blow-Me-Down or Bayliss Covered Bridge
29-10-10 N43° 31.022 W072° 22.445'

This 86' multiple king truss CB was built around 1877 crossing the Blow-Me-Down Brook. It was repaired by Arnold Graton in 1980. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places.

Go through the bridge and park on the right hand side.



Meriden or Mill Covered Bridge 29-10-08
N43° 33.200' W072° 15.929'

This 1880 Multiple King truss CB spans Blood's Brook. It is 80' and 1+ span. The present bridge was built by James Tasker. Levi Sanderson built the bridge abutments. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. There have been several occasions where the bridge had to be repaired for ice damage, hurricane and other weather related incidence.

Park in the lot next to the bridge. We will retrace our drive to head to our last bridge of the day.



Packard Hill Covered Bridge
29-05-50#2
N43° 38.316' W072° 13.341

Built in 1991 by Arnold Graton the 76' Howe Truss CB spans the Mascoma River.

We would like to have a group picture at this location.

We will have about 10 minute ride back to the Comfort Inn. Please make sure you fill up with gas for tomorrow!



Reminder: Dinner is at 6:00 PM in rm #401

Day 2 September 8,,2019– Line up at 7:45. Leaving at 8:00AM

Today we travel about 130 miles. If you're returning to the Comfort Inn there will be an additional 55 miles. Make sure you've fueled up!

Corbin Covered Bridge-29-10-05#2
N43°23.455' W072° 11.693'

Corbin CB spans the Croydon Branch, of Sugar River in Newport. This town truss is 102' and built in 1895. A fire destroyed it in 1993 and was rebuilt in 1994. **We would like to take a group photo.**

Park on either side of the bridge. To go to next bridge we go through the bridge.

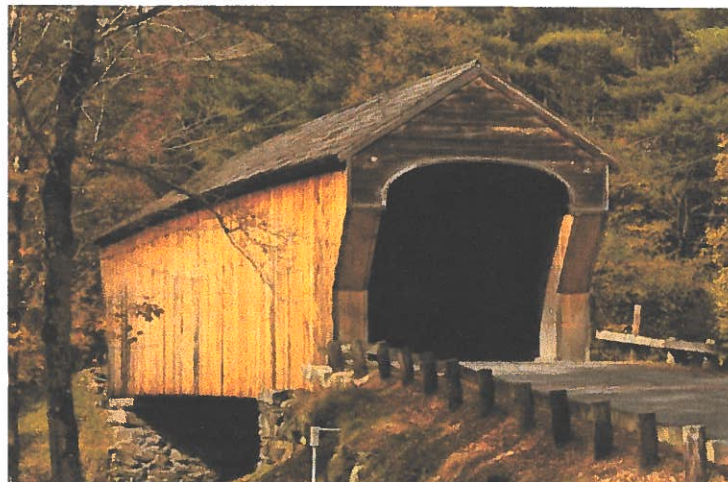


Photo by Liz Mackney Photography

Pier or Chandler Railroad Bridge-29-10-03#2
N43° 21.724' W072° 14.515'

Built in 1896 over the Sugar River, the old Concord-Claremount Railroad line ran through it's double Town Truss spanning 228'.

The bridge is incorporated into a walking trail.

Park along the road, use steps to get down to the bridge.

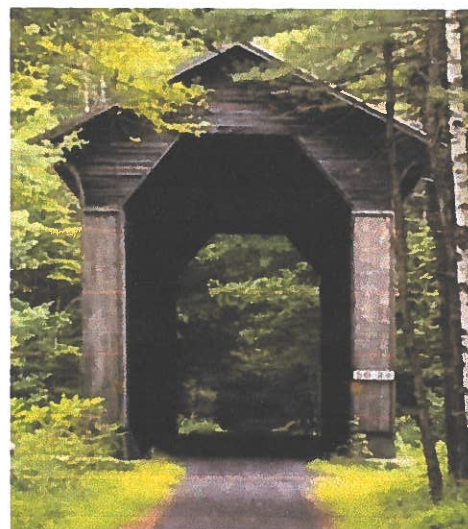
Wright Railroad Covered Bridge
29-10-04#2

N43° 21.539' W072° 15.513'

We will need to walk about 4/10th of a mile.

This 1895 bridge was architected by the Boston & Maine RR. It's double town truss with reinforced laminated arches spans 124' over the Sugar River. It is named for S. K. Wright, who sold this portion of the railroad right-of-way in 1871. This beauty rests on granite abutments.

Turn around in horseshoe driveway to head to next bridge.



Photos by Karen Marshfield August 10, 2019

There will be a pit stop at McDonald's in Newport.

Cilleyville or Bog Covered Bridge 29-07-01
N43° 25.853' W071° 52.086'

This 53' town truss spans across Blackwater River. Built in 1887 it was rebuilt in 2003. The builder was a local carpenter by the name of Print Atwood. He was assisted by Al Emerson and Charles Wilson and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We will park in the parking lot AFTER turning around in the driveway of the house that is for sale.

We will have lunch at the Irving Gas Station with groceries and few tables.

Keniston Covered Bridge 29-07-02
N43° 26.094' W071° 50.181'

This 1882 Town Truss spans the Blackwater River. It is 65' long and rehabilitated in 1981. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built by Albert R. Hamilton, it was named after a prominent family of that name who lived for many years in one of the old homesteads in town.

Parking is on both sides of the bridge. We will need to come back out to the main thoroughfare and make a right so you will need to turn around.

Sulphite Railroad Covered Bridge 29-07-09
N43° 26.702' W071 38.128'

This is a Platt-Truss design the bridge is also known locally as the Upside-Down Covered Bridge is a historic railroad bridge in Franklin, New Hampshire. The bridge was built c. 1896 by Robert Fletcher & Johnathan Parker Snow for the Boston and Maine Railroad across the Winnepesaukee River between Franklin and Tilton.

Parking will be in the municipal parking lot and walk, cross road and then walk 1/4 mile.



Squam Covered Bridge 29-05-112
N43° 43.125' W071° 37.123'

The scenic 61' town truss covered bridge was constructed by Milton Graton and Sons in 1990. Located at the outlet of the Squam Lake, the movie "On Golden Pond" was filmed in this vicinity with Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda.

We park in a large beach parking lot. We will go back through the bridge.

We will have a pit stop in Plymouth at McDonalds.

Smith Millennium or the Tulip Covered Bridge– 29-05-10#2
N43° 46.527' W071° 44.356'

Built in 2001, the Smith Millennium Covered Bridge is a Long Truss with an arch and 167' over the Baker River. This bridge replaced a covered bridge built in 1850 which was destroyed by fire on April 16, 1993. It takes over 2,000 cars a day. (Unadilla Laminated Products)

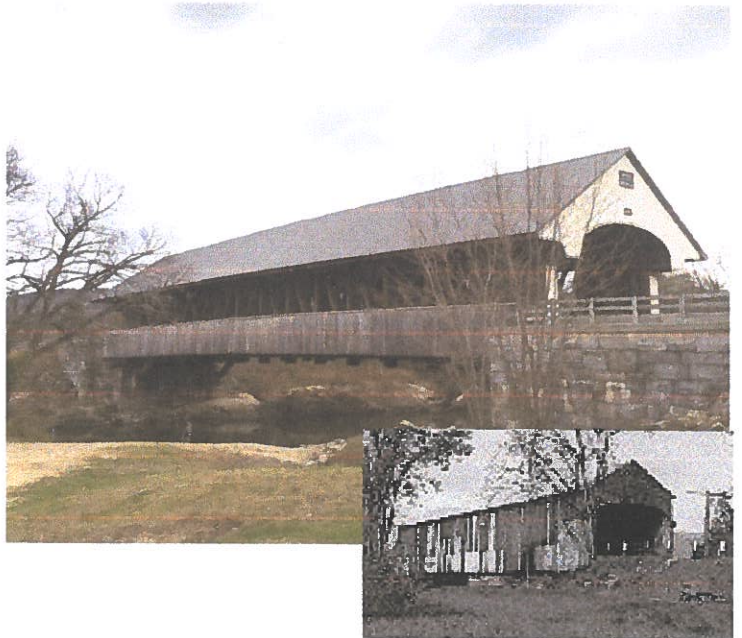
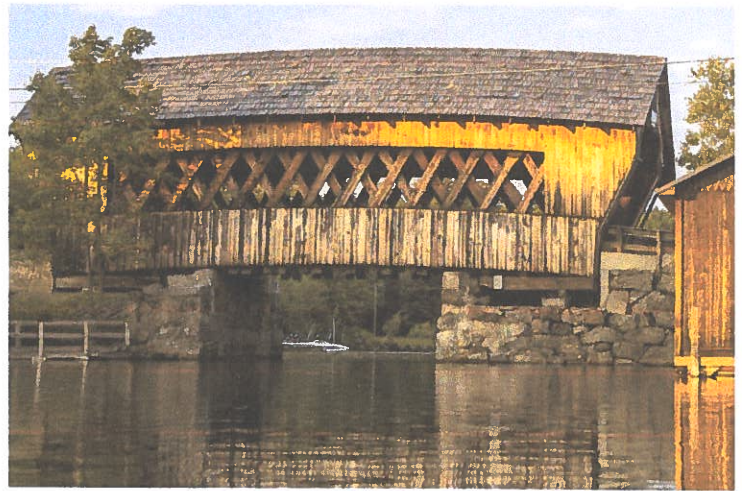
This is an opportunity for a photo shot.

Go through the bridge and park in parking lot on the right.

Blair Covered Bridge 29-05-09
N43° 48.615' W071° 39.986'

Another example of a long truss with an arch, the Blair CB was built in 1869 and spans in 293' the Pemigewasset River. The original was burnt. It was rebuilt by Milton Graton and his son Arnold in 1977. It's a possibility that Arnold Graton may be able to join us here for a moment!

We park along the road before or after going through but beware of RR tracks.



Bump or Webber Covered Bridge 29-5-08#2
N43° 48.866 W071° 37.313'

The original Queenpost structure at this site was built in 1877. The current structure was built by Arnold Graton in 1972 after it was determined all of the bottom framing was rotten and there was nothing that could be repaired. The bridge rests on timber bents instead of the more commonly used stone abutments.



Park along the road before going through the bridge. After viewing the bridge, we will need to turn around one at a time to Perch Pond Rd.

Turkey Jim Covered Bridge 29-5-7#2
N43° 51.148' W071° 39.575'

The original CB was built in 1874. Turkey Jim CB is located in the Branch Brook Campgroup over the West Bank Brook. This bridge was replaced in 1958 by Milton Graton but washed downstream in 1964 and retrieved and returned to its site. It is 61' long and a Queen Truss. The name was arrived at by the farmers name back in the 1800's.



This concludes our 2019 NYSCBS Safari. For those staying in the White River Comfort Inn tonight, it is a ride back of one hour and 10 mins or about 55 miles.

We hope you enjoyed the Safari and the variety of bridges we were able to see even though today was a lot of time on the road. Thanks for your patience. Karen and Wayne