



36th Annual Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival

Downtown Jefferson

East Jefferson Street from Chestnut Street going East to the Railroad Tracks

OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9 AM - NOON Pancake Breakfast - Jefferson
United Methodist Church

9 AM - 12:15 PM Queens Luncheon @ A-Tech
(visiting royalty only)

10 AM Festival/Craft Building Open

10 AM - 4 PM Car Show @ Giddings Park

10 AM - 10:30 AM Children's Choir from
Jefferson UMC

11 AM - NOON Scribbles and Giggles
strolling grounds

11 PM - 4 PM John King as Abe Lincoln
strolling grounds

12:30 PM Parade Lineup starts at
High School

1 PM - 4 PM 1890 tours at Jefferson Depot

1:30 PM Parade Leaves High School

1:45 PM Parade Arrives at Giddings Park

2 PM Parade & Visiting Royalty
Announcements

3 PM - 3:30 PM The Spoon Man

5 PM - 7 PM Country Redford

7 PM Festival Closes

Sunday, October 13, 2019

9 AM - NOON Pancake Breakfast - Jefferson
United Methodist Church

10 AM Festival/Craft Building Open

10 AM - 11 AM Church Service by JUMC

NOON - 1:30 PM The Two Kings

NOON - 4:00 PM John King as Abe Lincoln
strolling grounds

NOON - 1:00 PM Scribbles and Giggles

2 PM - 2:30 PM The Spoon Man

1 PM - 4 PM 1890 tours at Jefferson Depot

3 PM - 5 PM O'Needers

5 PM Festival Closes

Festival Highlights

- Official Souvenirs
- Crafts
- Entertainment
- Demonstrations
- Contests
- Great Food
- Kids Activities
- Free Admission

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1. Netcher

1544 Netcher Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE: 14' 6" (2.7 mi. from Center of Jefferson) The bridge over Mill Creek was open to traffic in 1999. It features a timber arch with inverted Haupt Trusses. The "Neo Victorian" designed structure is 110' long, 22' wide, and 14' 6" high.



2. South Denmark

2670 South Denmark Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE: 9'0" (2.7 mi. from Netcher Rd Bridge) Built in 1890, this Town lattice bridge spans Mill Creek. The 81-foot structure was bypassed in 1975.



3. Caine

4699 Caine Rd, Pierpont Township

CLEARANCE: 11'0" (6.7 mi. from S. Denmark Rd Bridge) This first Pratt Truss bridge in Ohio was built in 1886 in honor of Ashtabula County's 175th Anniversary. The 124-foot long bridge traverses the west branch of the Ashtabula River.



4. Graham

4646 Graham Rd, Pierpont Township

BYPASS (5.9 mi. from Caine Rd Bridge) Built from remnants of a bridge washed downstream in the 1913 flood, the bridge now sits in a small park on the south side of the road.



5. Root

4680 Root Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE: 8'4" (3.9 mi. from Graham Rd Bridge) A 114-foot-long Town lattice built in 1868, Root Rd Bridge was raised 18" during the rehabilitation in 1982/83. New laminated girders and a center concrete pier were also added.



6. Middle

910 Middle Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE: 13'6" (8.3 mi. from Root Rd Bridge) This 136-foot-long Howe Truss bridge was built in 1868 over Conneaut Creek, which is a favorite Stealhead Steam. It was rehabilitated in 1984 with the help of 7 volunteers.



7. Conneaut Creek

5899 State Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE: 16'2" (5.1 mi. from Middle Rd Bridge) Containing 97,000' of southern pine and oak, the State Rd Bridge was erected in 1983 across Conneaut Creek. This 152-foot-long Town lattice was the first covered bridge designed and built by County Engineer, John W. Smolen, Jr. A 4' opening spans the length.



8. Creek

371 Creek Rd, Conneaut

CLEARANCE: 11'4" (3.4 mi. from State Rd Bridge) The construction date of this 125-foot-long Town lattice bridge is unknown. It sits 25' above Conneaut Creek and was renovated in 1994.



9. Benetka

4500 Bennetka Rd, Sheffield Township

CLEARANCE: 11'0" (11.5 mi. from Creek Rd Bridge) A 138-foot-long Town lattice with Arch bridge, Benetka was built about 1900. It was renovated in 1985 when a laminated arch 9" wide, 38" thick, spanning the length of the bridge, was added.



10. Olin

1880 Dewey Rd, Plymouth Township

CLEARANCE: 12'0" (2.5 mi. from Benetka Rd Bridge) Olin's have owned property next to the bridge since it was built in 1873. The 115-foot-long Town lattice structure over the Ashtabula River was renovated in 1985.

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11. SMOLEN-GULF

7001 State Rd, Ashtabula

CLEARANCE: 14'6" (2.6 mi. from Olin Bridge) The longest covered bridge in the U.S. is of Pratt Truss construction. Engineering and structural design by John W. Smolen, Jr. (former County Engineer) and architectural design was done by Timothy J. Martin (current County Engineer). Dedicated in 2008, it is 613' long and stands 93' above the River. With clear width of 30' it will support full legal load traffic and has a life expectancy of 100 years.



12. Riverview

Indian Trails Park, 4761 State Rd, Ashtabula

This bridge is 150' long and 14' wide, making it one of the larger bridges, yet it carries only pedestrian traffic. It mirrors the Pratt arch design of its big brother, Smolen-Gulf, which rises above. Both cross the Ashtabula River at Indian Trails Park. Riverview, dedicated in 2016, provides exercise trails and a place to enjoy the beautiful river scenery.



13. Giddings

1400 Giddings Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE: 15'6" (8 mi. from Smolen-Gulf Bridge) Pratt Truss construction was used for this 107-foot-long bridge built in 1995. It crosses Mill Creek in Jefferson Township. At this point, the tour returns to Jefferson (3.5 miles back) via Jones Rd, Rt 167 and Rt 46.



14. Doyle

1300 Doyle Rd, Jefferson

CLEARANCE: 13'6" (1.8 mi. from Jefferson) A 94-foot-long Town lattice bridge built in 1868, Doyle spans Mill Creek, a tributary of the Grand River. This bridge was renovated in 1987 when a laminated arch was added.



15. West Liberty

94 West Liberty St, Geneva

CLEARANCE: 15' (10.6 mi. from Doyle Rd Bridge) The shortest covered bridge in the U.S., Liberty spans only 18'. The structure is supported by a single Kingpost and its roof is a scissor Truss which gives the bridge a light, open feeling. Timber for this bridge was harvested from county land owners. The bridge was modularly constructed by students of Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School (now A-Tech).



16. Harpersfield

1122 Harpersfield Rd, Geneva

CLEARANCE: 10'9" (3 mi. from Liberty St Bridge) This two-span Howe Truss bridge is 228' long and is the second longest bridge in Ohio. Built in 1868, it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A 1913 flood altered the river, requiring a steel bridge to link the covered bridge to the north approach. A walkway was added in 1992.



17. Mechanicsville

1153 mechanicsville Rd, Geneva

CLEARANCE: 10' (4.6 mi. from Harpersfield Bridge) Longest single-span Covered Bridge in Ashtabula County, this 156' long Howe Truss with arch was built in 1867. The arch is 15 layers of 2 x 8 lumber and encased by large beams which form the X's of the Howe Truss. Believed to be the oldest of the County's bridges, it was renovated in 2003.



18. Riverdale

3349 Riverdale Rd, Rock Creek

CLEARANCE: 9'6" (9.2 mi. from Mechanicsville Bridge) This 114-foot-long Town lattice bridge sits high above the Grand River. Center steel bracing was added in 1945, and in 1981, the floor was rebuilt and glue laminated girders added to the interior. This creates a bridge-within-a-bridge and narrows the passageway. The road at the east end of the bridge washed out in 1987 and a new concrete abutment was built.



19. Windsor Mills

7696 Warner Hollow Rd, Windsor

CLEARANCE: 11'3" (14.5 mi. from Riverdale Bridge) Windsor Mills is 120' long and spans Phelps Creek, a tributary of the Grand River. Built in 1867, the Town lattice bridge rests on abutments of sandstone (quarried nearby) and creek stone. The field stone center pier was replaced with stone-look concrete when it was renovated in 2002-03.

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The mission of the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival is to promote Ashtabula County, to help in the preservation & maintenance of it's bridges by planning an annual family oriented festival in a rural community atmosphere and by providing education to the public about its historic covered bridges.

The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival is held the 2nd weekend in October. We have 19 bridges in all. The shortest and the longest in the USA.

Daily Attractions

On The Village Green - Giddings Park	Official Covered Bridge Festival Souvenirs	Community Center (11 E. Jefferson St.)	Museum Displays
	Food Vendors		Inside Crafters
	Ashtabula County Bi-Centennial Bell	Giddings Hall	Inside Crafters
	The Mini Bridge	Jefferson Historical Society	Historical Displays
	Antique Cars	Jefferson Depot	Bean Soup by Rotary
	Antique Engines	Henderson Memorial Public Library	1890 Tours from 1:00-4:00 both days
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