

The Bridges of Rutland County

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Brown Bridge	Nicholas Powers	1860	Shrewsbury	Town Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
112'	Cold River	Upper Cold River Road

Nicholas Powers was Vermont's most famous bridge builder. His bridge at Blenheim, NY is the longest single span in the world.

It's located in a fairly secluded spot between Upper Cold River Road and Cold River Road. This is a local swimming hole, so take along your swimming suit during warm weather.

Going north on Route 7 between Clarendon and Rutland, turn right on N. Shrewsbury Rd. There is a traffic light there, and a Yamaha dealer on the left, Carrara Stone on the right. Go across the railroad tracks, stay to the left when you cross E. Clarendon Rd. After you have gone .9 miles from where you turned off Rt. 7, turn right on Cold River Rd. Go 1.6 miles and turn left on Upper Cold River Road. There is a sign that says Covered Bridge. Go .1 miles to the Brown Bridge.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Kingsley or Mill River Bridge	Unknown	1838	Clarendon	



Length	Spans	Road
	Mill River	East Street

Located very close to Route 103 heading north to Rutland, Kingsley Bridge crosses over Mill River. A waterfall and restored mill are nearby.



Going north on Route 7 near Clarendon, turn right on 7B just after crossing Mill River. Immediately veer to the right and follow Gorge Road uphill to East Street, where Kingsley Bridge crosses the Mill River.

Or from Wallingford, take Route 140 East (School St.) 1 mile and turn left on East St. Go about 4 miles and cross Kingsley Bridge.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Depot Bridge	Unknown	1840	Pittsford	Town Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
121'	Otter Creek	Depot Hill Road

Located west of Route 7 just north of the village of Pittsford

Going north on Route 7, turn left on Depot Hill Road. Bridge is .7 mile ahead.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Hammond	Asa Nourse	1843	Pittsford	Towne Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
139'	Otter Creek	Kendall Hill Road West of Route 7

The Flood of 27 left the structure a mile downstream. It was restored to its proper location during the winter of 1927-28. Vermont lost about 400 covered bridges in the flood of 1927.

A charming bridge with a green standing seam metal roof, this bridge has been bypassed by a modern bridge. It has been closed off and no traffic is allowed. The Hammond Bridge got its name from a family living nearby.



Located west of Route 7 about 2 miles north of the village of Pittsford. Turn left on Kendall Hill Road. (Hwy sign says Florence 2 miles). Bridge is about 1 mile ahead on the right side. You can park and walk across it.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Cooley	Nicholas Powers	1849	Pittsford	Towne Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
60'	Furnace Brook	Elm Street

Cooley Bridge crosses Furnace Brook in the rolling countryside between the villages of Pittsford and Proctor. Ed Barna describes Cooley Bridge as "a red-painted shortie with its distinctive overhanging gables ... a misplaced Conestoga wagon, which it indeed resembles."

The bridge earned its name for the family who owned the land around it. The family is descended from Gideon Cooley, veteran of the French and Indian Wars. Approximately 400 acres of land on the east and west sides of the brook was known as the Cooley Farm.

Going north on Route 7 in the village of Pittsford, turn left on Elm Street at Kamuda's Country Market. This turn is on a major bend in the road and will be a sharp left. Go south on Elm St. for 1.1 miles to Cooley Bridge. Keep going another .9 miles to Gorham Bridge. If you go through Gorham Bridge and keep going you will get to Proctor.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Gorham or Goodnough	Abraham Owen & Nicholas Powers	1842	Pittsford	Towne Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
114'	Otter Creek	Elm Street to Old Pittsford-Proctor Rd.

Gorham Bridge is also known as Goodnough Bridge, with both names originating from local residents of the Proctor/Pittsford area. Abraham Owens and Nicholas Powers, each bridge builders in their own right, collaborated on building this town lattice style bridge in 1842.

Washed off its foundations in the Flood of 1927, it was still in good enough shape to be hauled out of the water later and repaired.



See directions for Cooley Bridge.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Sanderson or Lower	Unknown	1838	Brandon	Town Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
132'	Otter Creek	Pearl Street

Going north on Route 7 in Brandon, watch for signs for Route 73 West. Just before you get to Route 73, turn left on Pearl Street just past the post office. Go 1.2 miles to Sanderson Bridge.

Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Twin Bridge	Nicholas Powers	1850	Rutland Town	Towne Lattice



Length	Spans	Road
60'	Formerly spanned	East Creek

One of two bridges less than 15 feet apart (after the first bridge was built, a flood cut a new channel and the second bridge was built to span it.) Both stood until the East Pittsford Dam broke in 1974. One was destroyed, this one "salvaged" and now used as a storage shed by the Town Highway Department.



Name	Built By	Year	Town	Type
Gioretti	Unknown	Unknown	Pittsfield	



Length	Spans	Road
	Tweed River	Private off Rt. 100 1/2 mile south of Pittsfield Village

Going north on Route 100 from Killington, the bridge is on the right side of the road and goes to a private residence and farm. It is closed to the public.