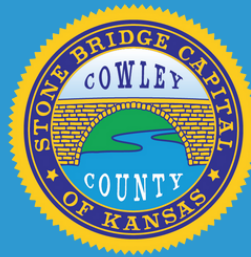


Welcome to Cowley County, KS!



People from across the globe come to Cowley County to visit the 18 stone arch bridges constructed around the 1900's.

A printable map with directions to the bridges is available at cowleycountyks.gov or simply scan QR Code below. Tourism specialists at the Arkansas City Chamber, 106 S. Summit or Winfield Chamber, 123 E. 9th can also assist you.

While visiting the stone arch bridges in Cowley County keep in mind that most locations are surrounded by private property. While the roadway is public access, the land around and under the bridge requires land owner permission to enter. We hope you enjoy your visit in Cowley County and all that our communities offer.

Happy Bridge Hunting!

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The man behind the bridges

Cowley County is the Stone Bridge Capital of Kansas with 17 bridges on a self-guided tour. Bridge pioneer Walter Sharp is responsible for many of these remaining arch bridges in Cowley. Born August 21, 1858 in Owatoma, MN and raised in Burlingame, KS, Sharp began his career in El Dorado. Sharp became one of the most prolific builders of arch bridges constructing over one hundred stone arch bridges in the state by 1904, most of them in Cowley and surrounding counties.

With much of his business in Cowley County, Walter Sharp moved to Winfield in 1912 where he remained until his passing in 1929. Sharp was a huge proponent of stone arch bridges due to their strength and ability to withstand flooding waters. Availability of the materials and workers in the area made construction cost effective.

Some of his innovative work is still in use today including the last remaining triple arch bridge in the county, Kirk Bridge, constructed south of Dexter in 1913. With a price tag of \$3350, it was one of the most expensive stone arch bridges of the time. Kirk and the double arched Silver Creek bridges are on the National Register of Historical Sites.



Rock Creek



Neer Bridge



Fromm Bridge

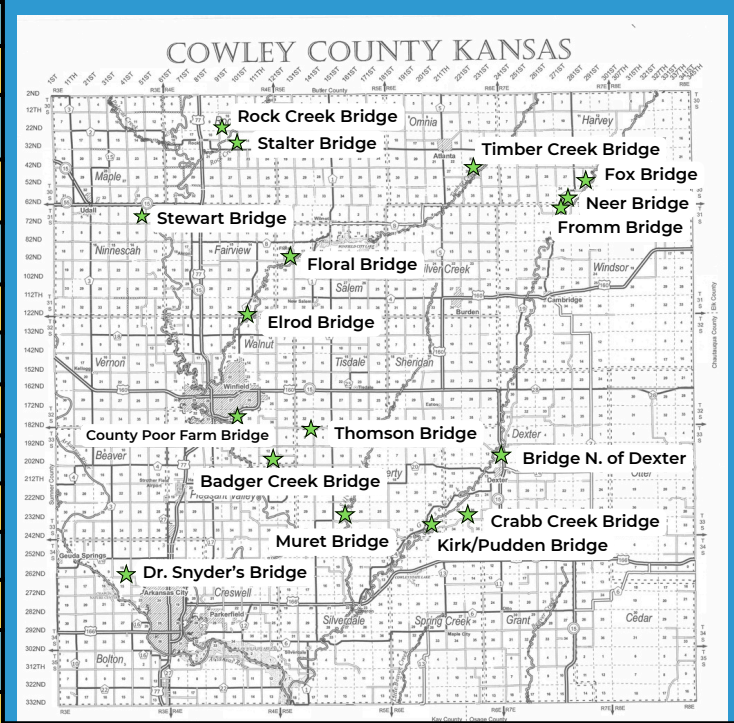


Strod Bridge



Crabb Creek

Bridge Name	Year	Arches	Driving Instructions
Elrod	1908	1	North of Winfield on Cowley 9 (101st Rd) to 122nd Rd. East on 122nd Rd. Road and bridge is closed-must walk to bridge.
Floral**	1906	1	North of Winfield on Hwy 77 to Cowley 8 (82nd Rd). Travel south onto 131st/Church Rd. south through Floral. 5 miles on 129th to 92nd; east. 2 miles. Floral Bridge spans Timber Creek.
Stewart	1904	1	North of Winfield on Hwy 77 and west on K-15. Travel 3 miles west on K-15 and .5 mile south on 51st Rd. Stewart Bridge spans Stewart Creek.
Stalter	?	1	North of Winfield on Hwy 77 and west on K-15. Travel 3 miles west on K-15 and .5 mile south on 51st Rd. Stewart Bridge spans Stewart Creek.
Rock Creek	1910	2	From Stalter Bridge travel north .6 miles to 22nd Rd-turn west 2 miles. Stalter Creek spans Rock Creek.
Timber Creek/ Woolsey	1904	1	Travel east of Atlanta 2 miles, travel south on 231st Rd 1.5 miles-spans Timber Creek.
Fromm**	1917	1	North of Cambridge on 281st Rd (Cowley 7). East of Cowley 7 on 275th Rd .3 miles-spans Grouse Creek.
Neer**	1914	2	From the Fromm Bridge continue on 275th Rd -curves to the north. Drive 1.3 miles-spans Grouse Creek.
North Dexter	1920	1	Dexter-west of K-15 to Hawkins St-north on 241st Rd 400'.
Crabb Creek	1900	1	South of Dexter on K-15, west on 232nd Rd-go about 1.5 miles-south on 223rd Rd-spans Crabb Creek.
Pudden (Esch/Kirk)	1913	3	From Crabb Creek Bridge turn around then go west on 232nd Rd-spans Grouse Creek/Crabb Creek.
Muret	1890	1	North of Hwy 166 on Cowley 1 travel north 4.5 miles; or south of Hwy 160 travel 7 miles on Cowley 1 -turn east on 232nd Rd-spans Silver Creek.
Andes (Silver Creek)**	1910	2	East of Cowley 1 on 192nd Rd-about 2 miles-spans Silver Creek.
Badger Creek**	1909	1	3.5 Miles south of Hwy 160 on 121st Rd-spans Badger Creek.
Thomson Bridge	1906	1	South of Hwy 160 on 131st Rd, east on 182nd Rd. 3 miles. Bridge spans East Badger Creek
Dr. Synder/ Spring Creek	1935	1	2.5 miles East of Hwy 77 onto Skyline Rd/262nd Rd.
County Poor Farm*	1900s	1	1 mile east of Hwy 77 and Hwy 360 intersection. South on Joel Mack Road .2 miles-road curves to the left-do not take curve but continue straight about 200 feet
Fox/ McCaw Bridge	1905	1	North of Cambridge on 281st Road until you get to 62nd Road which heads east. Go 4 miles on 62nd Rd to 285th and turn south.
Black Crook Creek	1908	1	1/4 mile south of 360 bypass on Joel Mack Road



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Map Legend

★ Stone Arch Bridge

* Point of interest-County Poor Farm Cemetery-on Joel Mack Rd.-1 mile south of Hwy 360.

**Best Bridges for viewing. Many of the others can be driven across, but cannot be seen well without trespassing on private property.