

The BRIDGES of PENNSYLVANIA Covered Bridges Tour

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The Allentown area is blessed to have seven covered bridges in the immediate vicinity, six in Lehigh County and the seventh in Northampton County. The 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to tour these historic bridges and has determined that because of all the activities at the Buglari Complex and the various bus tours, this should be a “true” self-guided tour. Everyone is invited to participate at their own pace and time.

HOW TO TOUR THE BRIDGES

“Discover Lehigh Valley” has developed a brochure detailing a self-guided tour of the bridges. The brochure is available on-line and copies will also be available at registration. The discoverlehighvalley.com website will direct you to the brochure which can be downloaded with a map and driving instructions for all seven bridges. The pacoveredbridges.com site (then search for Lehigh County and Northampton County where one bridge is located) provides a description and GPS coordinates for each bridge. To avoid delays while driving, you might want to print items from the websites.

The entire tour is approximately 50 miles, but because it is slow country driving, you should allow two hours, or more with any prolonged stop. Getting through the city of Allentown might pose a traffic problem but most of the bridges are on country roads and will be slow-driving.

There are (lower sight level) road signs directing you to the next bridge. Because these are all narrow bridges you should be aware of possible oncoming and “turn around” traffic. We suggest that you avoid the usual rush hour traffic in the morning and afternoon. Start and end the tour at any point depending where your accommodations are located, or consider doing the tour in reverse. There are several areas which will accommodate a number of cars so that you can take sandwiches and beverages and have a picnic. It would be best to limit groups to about ten cars to avoid losing cars at intersections.



Bogart's Bridge



Manasses Guth's Bridge



Rex's Bridge



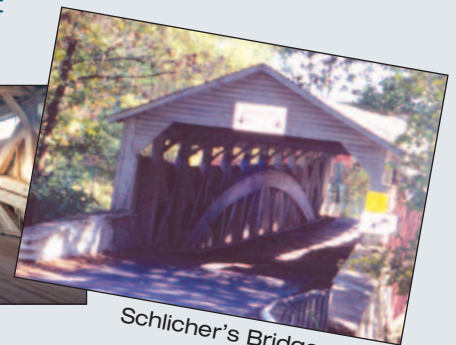
Kreidersville Bridge



Geiger's Bridge



Wehr's Bridge



Schlicher's Bridge

BONUS!

Old Spokes Auto Museum, located at 10399 Old Route 22, New Smithville (Kutztown) features a number of Hudson autos along with other memorabilia. More information at www.oldspokes.com. The museum is normally open only by prior arrangement, but will be open the later part of the week, likely from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Admission is \$8.00. Please call ahead for hours: Bernie Thompson, 484-554-7517.

RIDE SHARING

What can be more fun than gathering a few friends, or perhaps find someone you do not know and just take a ride. If you have a sedan and can accommodate someone that does not have a car at the meet, especially our members from outside the United States, or to make a new friend, please offer someone a ride. To facilitate this I am planning to have a board at the registration area where anyone can leave a name, mobile phone number, how many passengers they can carry and date/time they plan to leave — or those who would like a ride can leave a name, number of passengers and a contact phone number. I will do my best to be a “matchmaker.”

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

In addition to the brochures, we plan to have updated information and any possible road construction information, along with some detailed maps and instructions on departing the Bulgari Complex. You can reach me now and during the meet on my mobile phone at 860-558-6764 between the hours of 9 AM and 9 PM. I can also be contacted by email at j.scheib@comcast.net.