

VOLUNTEERS CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Many long-term Town of Guilford residents remember High Bridge. It was a one-lane vehicular bridge over Kent Creek connecting High Bridge Road with the intersection of Campmeeting and Creek Fred Smith Roads. It was built in 1894 and torn down by Chenango County in 1990.

What was left behind were beautifully-constructed stone abutments. A group of volunteers, aided by the Town of Guilford highway crew, have now built a pedestrian bridge that now stands in the place of the old High Bridge. The new structure is 84 feet long and 5 feet wide, with metal trusswork on the bottom, and treated lumber sides and deck.

Those who remember the old bridge will also remember that it gave visitors a view of a lovely waterfall and small gorge some 40 feet below.

In a separate location on this website, you can see several phases of the bridge being built and lifted into place by Payne's Cranes of Bainbridge.

This coming Spring volunteers will complete the entry ramps to the bridge and landscaping around those entrances. At that point, individuals in wheelchairs will be able to access the new bridge from either side.

Everyone is encouraged to visit and see a newly-accessible example of Guilford's beauty.