

Alvord Lake Bridge  
San Francisco  
San Francisco County  
California

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Location: Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

Date of Construction: 1889

Engineer: Ernest L. Ransome

Present Owner: City of San Francisco

Significance: This structure is the first reinforced concrete bridge in America. Though only 20 feet in span, the bridge utilized Ransome twisted steel bars and served as predecessor for thousands of reinforced concrete bridges built in the 20th century.

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