

Blair Stone Arch

(Abandoned Arch)



Spanning the Generations, 2004

General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. C4	Type: Stone Masonry Arch
Ownership: City of Cambridge	Span: Single
Construction Date: Unknown	Dimensions: Unknown
Water Crossing: Bowman Creek/Blair Creek	Materials: Masonry



Evaluation Form	Check
Design/Physical Value	
I. Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	✓
II. Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	
III. Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	
Historic/Associative Value	
I. Has direct association with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to the community	✓
II. Yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community or culture	
III. Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, engineer, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	
Contextual Value	
I. Is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	✓
II. Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	✓
III. Is a landmark	✓

General Description

The Blair Stone Arch is an abandoned stone masonry arch bridge located over Bowman Creek/Blair Creek, 25 m west of the intersection of Blair Road and Fountain Street in the City of Cambridge. Based on the unique design of the bridge and the materials used, it is likely of very early construction. In Ontario, several stone bridges were built around the turn of the century, however masonry was not used in excess due to the time, money and skill that was required. Concrete quickly became a more popular building material. As a result, the Blair Stone Arch represents a rare survivor in the watershed and the province.

The bridge appears to have been abandoned for a number of years and is now only suitable for pedestrian use.

Sources: GRCA Heritage Bridge Inventory
 Spanning the Generations, Phase 1, 2004
 Discovering Heritage Bridges on Ontario Roads, David Cuming, 1983

