

Caldwell Bridge



General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. CW27	Type: Camelback Through Truss
Ownership: County of Wellington	Span: Single
Construction Date: 1955	Dimensions: 50m x 10m (LxW)
Water Crossing: Grand River	Materials: Steel



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 Caldwell Bridge is located on Wellington Road 43 (Gartshore Street), 0.7 km north of Wellington Road 18 in the Village of Fergus. It was constructed in 1955 and is one of five remaining steel truss bridges in the Township of Centre Wellington, three of which are through trusses.

The Metcalfe Street Bridge is a rivet-connected camelback through truss. Contractor, A.H. MacLellan and the Dominion Bridge Company Limited of Toronto, with County Engineer, W.H. Keith, constructed the bridge and are noted in plaques located on the bridge. MacLellan and Keith were also responsible for the construction of the Metcalfe Street Bridge (Badley Bridge), a similar truss built two years earlier in the nearby Village of Elora.

This bridge represents a landmark in the Village and a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge allows for consistent use by both vehicles and pedestrians.

Source: Township of Centre Wellington 2008 Structure Inventory Data

