

# Bosworth Bridge



General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. ML5	Type: Howe Camelback Pony Truss
Ownership: Township of Mapleton	Span: Single
Construction Date: 1949	Dimensions: 42.1m x 8.6m (LxW)
Water Crossing: Conestogo River	Materials: Steel, Reinforced Concrete



Evaluation Form		Check
<b>Design/Physical Value</b>		
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		
<b>Historic/Associative Value</b>		
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		
<b>Contextual Value</b>		
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 Bosworth Bridge is located on County Road 7, 0.90 km east of Wellington County Road 11 in the community of Bosworth. It was constructed in 1949 and is one of six remaining steel truss bridges in the Township of Mapleton, five of which are pony trusses. In addition to the Bosworth Bridge, the group of pony truss bridges includes: Mallet River, Simmon's, Flax, Moorefield and Rothsay Bridges, all of which were constructed between 1949 and 1954, with the exception of the Mallet River Bridge, which was constructed in 1910.

This steel Howe camelback pony truss bridge was constructed by the Hamilton Bridge Company Ltd. for the County of Wellington. This company was established in 1872 and responsible for the fabrication and erection of many steel bridges in Ontario. Nearly all of the steel for bridges made by this company came from producers in the United States. Contractor A.H. MacLellan and County Engineer, W.H. Keith, are credited with working on this bridge and many other truss bridges in the County. The Bosworth Bridge underwent repairs in 1987.

Sources: GRCA Heritage Bridge Inventory  
County of Wellington, 2007 Bridge Appraisals

