

East Brady, on the Armstrong / Clarion County border

According to PennDOT, this 771 foot long bridge was originally constructed in 1885, with rehabilitation in 1953 and 1973. The four-span bridge connects Armstrong and Clarion Counties.

There is a large public boat access area just north of this bridge on the Armstrong County side of the river. On the East Brady side of the river, the highway up the hill and out of town offers a beautiful view of the river valley below from a scenic lookout area a little east of town.

The river makes a giant bend, almost cutting back on itself at this location. In fact, an historic village on the Armstrong County side of the river is called Brady's Bend. A railroad tunnel, now abandoned, was cut through the hillside a long time ago to shorten the distance around the big oxbow. The last I heard, the tunnel was closed off due to deterioration. That's too bad for the bike trail running on the abandoned railroad grade.



The East Brady Bridge is scheduled for replacement very soon. The informative **East Brady Bridge Replacement Project web site** used to state that construction of the new bridge would begin in the spring of 2003 just downstream from the existing bridge. The last time I checked, however, the site stated that final plans for the bridge are due in June of 2004. So maybe the bridge gained another year of existence.