

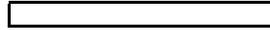
Parker Bridge of Armstrong and Clarion Counties



According to a collection of **Armstrong County facts** that I read, Parker is the smallest city in the United States. It's nice to have a distinction!

The four-span steel bridge spans the Allegheny River at Parker, connecting Armstrong County with Clarion County. There is quite a pronounced slope to this bridge. It's especially noticeable when traveling down the slope to the Parker side of the river where a stop sign at the 'T' in the road immediately past the end of the bridge probably proves troublesome for some on icy days!

There is a flagpole with the American flag flying above a giant hillside boulder on the Clarion County side of the river. I've been told the rock is known as Indian Rock. The Flag and Rock are visible from the bridge, just upstream. A light, mounted on a pole next to the railroad grade way down below, is pointed at the rock, so I assume the flag is visible at night.



A bridge like this can only be fully experienced by both walking and driving across a couple of times! Taking in the view from way down below is also recommended. A road on the Clarion County side of the river, just over the bridge, leads down to the abandoned railroad grade below the bridge. The railroad grade is used as a bicycle trail. There is plenty of space for parking just below the bridge. A semi-hidden path leads up to the flagpole rock.



Sign along the river at the Parker Bridge

An idea for a wonderful regional bridge appreciation tour that involves this bridge plus the ones at Foxburg, the Clarion River, Emlenton and a couple out in the boonies is described on our **Foxburg Bridge** on the Allegheny River Page.