

New River Gorge Bridge  
Spanning New River Gorge  
Fayetteville Vicinity  
Fayette County  
West Virginia

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**Location:** Spanning the New River near Fayetteville, in Fayette County, West Virginia.

**Date of Construction:** The contract to build a bridge across the New River Gorge was awarded to The American Bridge Division of the United Steel Corporation on June 21, 1973 for \$11,000,000. The bridge did not open ~~to~~ to the public, however, until October 22, 1977.

**Present Owners:** National Park Service *State of West Virginia*

**The Bridge:** The New River Gorge Bridge is a arch span bridge stretching 1,700 feet across the New River Gorge, and is located 875 feet above the bottom of the gorge.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>All information was taken from the pamphlet, "The Bridge" by Denise Light.