

Crawford Bridge History

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The Crawford Deck Arch Bridge crosses the West Fork River within the unincorporated community of Crawford in Lewis County, West Virginia, immediately south of Crawford Road. Built in 1923, the bridge is a simple span, solid-spandrel, concrete arch bridge with a span length of 62 feet, 4 inches and overall length of 75 feet, 6 inches. The proposed bridge replacement will replace the current bridge with a new structure just upstream of the existing alignment.

The Crawford Deck Arch Bridge is a contributing resource in the Crawford Historic District, which was recommended eligible in 1980 for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The district is significant under Criterion A (associated with events contributing to broad patterns in history) and C (embodies distinctive characteristics for methods of construction) as an example of a community comprised of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century vernacular architecture. Crawford retains many of its original one and two-story residences and commercial buildings, as well as a frame church. Built around a mill, the town is representative of the mill communities that supported the agriculture of the surrounding area during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century.



Location: Crosses the West Fork River within the community of Crawford
Type: Simple Span, Solid-Spandrel, Concrete Arch Bridge
Year constructed: 1923
Length: 75 feet 6 inches
Contractor: Unknown

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- Research and Write History Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
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