

Dunloup Creek Bridge #9

Fayette County



The Dunloup Creek Bridge #9 is located on County Route 25 over Meadow Fork Creek, between Glen Jean and Thurmond in Fayette County, West Virginia. Positioned near the western edge of the New River, the bridge sits adjacent to a hiking trailhead and serves as a key entry point for visitors to historic Thurmond.

The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with early-twentieth-century transportation legislation and funding and under Criterion C for its association with an engineering master. The bridge was built in 1917 as a part of the Glen Jean-Thurmond Road, a 7.5-mile-long and 14ft-wide road (initially referred to as the Loop Creek Road). Constructed by the Luten Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania, the bridge spans 65 feet in length with an arch rising 10 feet high.

It is a single-span, closed-spandrel, reinforced concrete arch bridge, featuring a barrel arch, solid spandrels, and solid parapets that function as structural members. The parapets are adorned with incised rectangular ornamentation, and the arch is accented with a curved decorative bevel around its bottom edge.

Standing in its original location, the bridge continues to function as a symbolic gateway to Historic Thurmond and the surrounding recreational areas, including hiking trails and a nearby boat launch.

The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2026.

Photo Credit: Thomas Lucy, Michael Baker International, Inc., 2023.



Dunloup Creek Bridge #9's plaque showing the builder and construction date.



Dunloup Creek Bridge #9's plaque listing the members of the County Court Advisory Committee members involved in the construction.

Contact Us

Division of Highways
Technical Support
Division NEPA
Compliance and
Permitting Section
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Building 5, Room 820
Charleston, WV 25305

Randy Epperly
Historical Resources
Unit Leader
(304)-414-6439
randy.t.epperly@wv.gov

This bridge is documented on WVDOT's historic bridge website,
www.highwaysthroughhistory.com