

## Covered Bridges History

Early bridges were made of wood, especially where it was a plentiful resource. Wooden bridges tended to deteriorate rapidly from exposure to the elements, having a useful lifespan of only nine years. Covering them protected their structural members, thus extending their life to 80 years or more. Covered bridges were also constructed to be used by travelers during storms and inclement weather.

There are only two Covered Bridges in Franklin County.

### Bergstresser Covered Bridge

Location: S. edge Canal Winchester over Lt Walnut Creek [off US33 on OH674, 8/10 of mile S. to Groveport Rd. E. on Groveport Rd 1+ mile to Canal Winchester & then right on Washington St. 1+mile through town to bridge which is on the right] Closed NRHP

Length: 125'

Built: 1887

### Fairgrounds Covered Bridge on fairgrounds at Hilliard.

This bridge is not an original covered bridge. It was built on the Northwest Franklin County Historical Village as a model and was constructed from pieces of old covered bridges.

Location: off I-270 via Cemetery Rd n to N Main St in Hilliard then N. 8/10 of mile

Length:31'

Built: 1993

### More on Ohio's Covered Bridges

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/se/coveredbridges/>