

Architecture In Connecticut:

A Pictorial History

MERRITT PARKWAY

Wadsworth Atheneum Hartford, CT

The Connecticut Architectural Society
and the Wadsworth Atheneum
are sponsoring an exhibition
featuring the bridges of the Merritt Parkway.

This parkway commemorates
its 73 year in operation. Still serving its purpose
of an pleasurable driving experience. The
Exhibition is being held
at the Wadsworth Atheneum
February 28 - March 7, 2013.



New Canaan
Bridge No. 708
Concrete frame
Length: 73'
Width: 27.3'
Built in 1937



Ponus Ridge

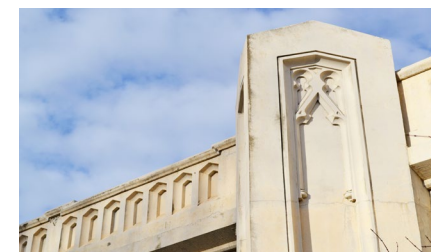
ROAD BRIDGE

*Architect George Dunkelburger
designed the bridges
incorporating Neo-Classical
and Modernistic design.*

Historical Native American, early Puritan and Connecticut symbols were included in its construction. This is truly a legacy that stretches across the state of Connecticut.



New Canaan
Bridge No. 738
Concrete continuous frame
Length: 85'
Width: 27.3'
Built in 1939



New Canaan

ROAD BRIDGE

The purpose of the Merritt was to reduce traffic along the shoreline. For a pleasurable driving experience.

With the restriction of commercial vehicles and the constant road construction this made the Merritt Parkway a stress free driving experience from the Greenwich to Meriden.

JAMIES FAARM ROAD BRIDGE



Stratford

Bridge No. 759

Concrete Arch

Length: 88'

Width: 26.6'

Built In 1940



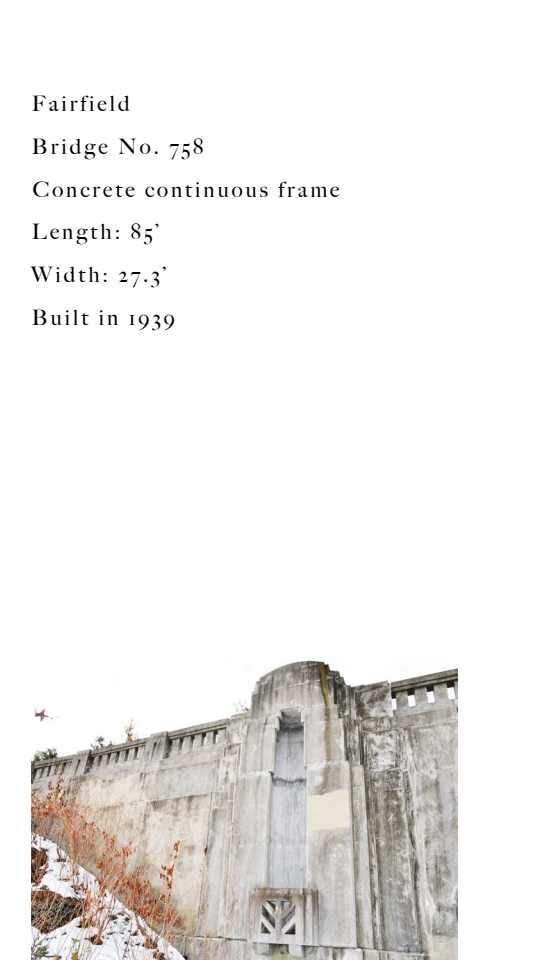
Fairfield
Bridge No. 742
Concrete continuous frame
Length: 85'
Width: 27.3'
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JELLIAH MILL ROAD BRIDGE

*70 bridges had to be made
to keep the parkway without
intersections or grade.*

Since there was to be so many bridges, it was decided to incorporate the bridges as part of the experience. With all of them unique and different made them an added attraction. With Connecticut's rolling hills, native trees and shrubs combined modern day traveling system made this a model structure.



Fairfield
 Bridge No. 758
 Concrete continuous frame
 Length: 85'
 Width: 27.3'
 Built in 1939

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T U R N P I K E B R I D G E

The Merritt Parkway is the greatest public works project that was initiated during the depression.

It was completed in 6 years from 1934 - 1940. The cost of the parkway was 21 million dollars and took a crew of 2000 workers. The parkway only stretches 38 miles. The Merritt Parkway was recently named one of Americas most endangered historic places.

GUINEA ROAD BRIDGE

Stamford

Bridge No. 700

Concrete frame

Length: 100'

Width: 31.6'

Built in 1937





New Canaan
 Bridge No. 5811
 Prestressed concrete multiple box
 beam or girders
 Length: 73'
 Width: 30'
 Rebuilt in 1989



MARVIN RIDGE

ROAD BRIDGE

*Technologically, the bridges of
 the Merritt Parkway
 are mostly of rigid-frame rein-
 forced-concrete construction.*

This technique, which makes the hori-
 zontal axis of the bridge continuous
 with the vertical supports at the ends.
 This method was the most ideal for
 the design of the sculpted bridges.

MOREHOUSE HIGHWAY BRIDGE

Fairfield
Bridge No. 742
Concrete Continuous Frame
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Width: 27.3'
Built In 1939





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