



Pennypack Creek Bridge, America's oldest stone arch bridge

1697–98: built by the early settlers at the site of an earlier ford near the high tide line, about one mile from the Delaware River.

1700–: used by travelers between Philadelphia and Bristol, Trenton and New York, some on stage coaches. Also used by farmers carrying goods to mill and market.

1781: American and French armies marched to Yorktown where they forced the British Army to surrender, ending the Revolutionary War.

1803 & 1895: paved, became a toll road, then widened downstream for streetcars.

1950: stone arches lined with concrete

1997–1998: repairs to the upstream pier noses and repointing stone; recorded by the [Historic American Engineering Record](#); listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

2009: incorporated as part of [Washington - Rochambeau National Historic Trail](#).

Total length including approaches 154 feet; 73 feet between abutments; three arches 25, 25 and 13 feet. A separate arch is over the mill race that carried water from the upstream dam to the downstream Dale-Saunders mill (built 1697).

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Saturday, October 13, 2012, Celebrate the dedication of the Pennsylvania Historical Marker

Free, all are welcome.

10 am:	Preliminary activities
11 am:	Dedication
12–2 pm:	Exhibits & Presentations Re-enactors, Historians, Environmentalists

LOCATION: Pennypack Park, Frankford Ave & Solly Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136. [Map link](#).

SEPTA: [Bus 66](#) from Frankford Transportation Center

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