

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

WN-ELT-34

HISTORIC NAME: Footbridge COUNTY: Winona
 CURRENT NAME: Footbridge CITY/TWP.: XXXXXX Elba Twp.
 LOCATION or ADDRESS:
 T R Whitewater State Park
 Rt 1 Box 256
 Altura MN 55910
 1/4 1/4 1/4 Sec.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITION: SIGNIFICANCE: Historic Context(s)
 Building Excellent X Local Rustic Architecture
 Structure X Good State X Landscape Architecture
 Object Fair National State Park Development
 District Deteriorated CCC/WPA Relief Program

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No Restricted
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes No X
 OCCUPIED: Yes No X PRESENT USE: Bridge

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1935 & revised in 1938 ORIGINAL USE: Bridge
 ORIGINAL OWNER: State of Minnesota ARCHITECT/BUILDER: (Averill) MCDO

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Non Contributing
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	_____	_____ buildings
Whitewater State Park	_____	_____ sites
FORM PREPARED BY:	1	_____ structures
DATE: May 1988 Rolf T. Anderson	_____	_____ objects
	_____	_____ Total

This handsome footbridge crosses the Whitewater River connecting an island formed by a diversion channel for the swimming beach with the west bank of the river. It connects with the trail system leading over the high bluffs across the river.

Alterations were made in 1938 to length the bridge for 13'6" and the slopes under the bridge were rip rapped on both sides. This was probably done to correct damage inflicted by heavy spring flooding. A particularly severe flood occurred in July 1935. The river channel was also widened as part of these modifications.

The foot bridge is 86' long and 6'6" wide and rises 12'6" above the Whitewater River. The bridge is constructed with 12" x 18" x 30' wooden beams which are with steel plates. The bridge deck is composed of 3" x 12" planks, 7'0" long. There is a one foot rise in the bridge from each end to the 13'6" level center section. Posts and railings are constructed with 3"x12"s and 6"x12"s.

The bridge is approached from the west via 6 limestone steps flanked by flared limestone retaining walls which support the bridge railings. The east end of the bridge terminates in a landing paved with limestone and flanked with retaining walls.

This is the only surviving bridge of this type in the park system.

Original drawings from the _____ are filed at DNR

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