



## Land of Swinging Bridges

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Though Clay County is bent on looking forward and progressing toward a bright new future, Clay Countians everywhere keep in their heart romantic images of their past. Nothing evokes such notions as do the county's numerous swinging bridges across Goose Creek, Red Bird and the South Fork rivers. The brooding colors of the old bridges are the very stuff of soulful memories, and are worth seeking out as you drive around the county.

A suspension bridge is an early type of bridge that is supported entirely from anchors at either end, suspended from two high locations over a river or canyon. This type of bridge is also known as a rope bridge due to its historical construction based on the ancient Inca rope bridge. A good many of Clay County's historic bridges

remain, but many have succumbed to aging and are continuing to do so year after year. Keep your camera handy as you pass these reminders of a simpler time. It may be your last chance.

# Directions



**Goose Creek Bridge** - Also referred to as “The Bridge to our Future” is located in the city limits of Manchester, KY. From the 911 Center Parking lot turn right. Left turn at 2nd light onto Hwy. 2438 (Second St) Cross bridge turning left onto Hwy 2432. Goose Creek Bridge is located off the first driveway on the left.



**Frazier Road Swinging Bridge** - From the 911 Center Parking lot turn left onto Hwy 421 North. Travel 6 miles to the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 11. Turn right onto Hwy 11. Travel 4 miles to Frazier Rd on the right. As the road forks stay right. Frazier Road Swinging Bridge is on the left.



**Old Homeplace Swinging Bridge** - From the 911 Center Parking lot turn left onto Hwy 421 North. Travel 6 miles to the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 11. Turn right onto Hwy 11. Travel 5 miles to Old Homeplace Swinging Bridge on the left.



**Oneida Baptist Swinging Bridge** - From the 911 Center Parking lot turn left onto Hwy 421 North. Travel 6 miles to the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 11. Turn right onto Hwy 11. Travel 11 miles to the township of Oneida, KY. Turn right at Old Town Market. Continue on across a bridge and through farm land. Turn right at the first road on your right. Continue approx one tenth-mile to gravel driveway on the right. Oneida Baptist Swinging Bridge is at the end. (Be mindful as you are on private farm land).



**Rocky Branch Swinging Bridge** - From the 911 Center Parking lot turn left onto Hwy 421 North. Travel 6 miles to the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 11. Turn right onto Hwy 11. Travel 11 miles to the township of Oneida, KY. Turn left onto Hwy 421 North toward Booneville, KY. Continue on for approx 5 miles to Rocky Branch Road on the right. Travel 2 miles to the Rocky Branch Swinging Bridge. *This is our longest bridge spanning approx 200 feet across the South Fork of the Kentucky River.*



**Antepast Swinging Bridge** - From the 911 Center Parking lot turn left onto Hwy 421 North. Travel 6 miles to the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 11. Turn right onto Hwy 11. Travel 11 miles to the township of Oneida, KY. Turn right onto Hwy 66. Continue on for approx 5 miles to Antepast Church on the right. The swinging bridge is located at the back of the church parking lot and crosses the Red Bird River. *This is our tallest bridge with a steep ramp up to the bridge deck.*

**Farmer Road Swinging Bridge** - Turn right from 911 Center Parking lot. Continue on to Hal Rogers Parkway East toward Hazard, KY. Exit left at the intersection of Hwy 66. Continue on Hwy 66 for 4 miles. Bridge is located on the left.



# Swinging Bridges Photo Opportunities

**(Not Passable)**

The following bridges have NOT been restored but are able to view from a distance. They're very much part of the history of the Clay County swinging bridges and deserve love and respect.



**Barbourville Rd. Swinging Bridge** (Located near the Antioch Church on S. Hwy 11 near the Clay/Knox County line)



**Martin Cemetery Rd. Swinging Bridge** (Located on Hwy 66 between the communities of Big Creek and Oneida, KY)



**Laurel Branch Rd Swinging Bridge** (Located near the intersection of Laurel Branch Rd and Hwy 66 between the communities of Big Creek and Oneida, Ky. This bridge crossed the Red Bird River)



**Bullskin Creek Swinging Bridge** (Located on Hwy 1482 outside the community of Oneida, KY)



**Bar Creek Rd. Swinging Bridge** (Located near the intersection of Bar Creek Rd and Hwy 66 between the communities of Big Creek and Oneida)