



## Three historic bridges available for adoption in Oklahoma

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Start off the New Year with an old bridge! Three historic bridges are now available for adoption in Oklahoma, including a structure at the Texas state line and two bridges in northeast Oklahoma.

As part of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Cultural Resources Program, these bridges will be given, at no cost, to anyone willing to relocate the structures and maintain them at a new location.

The structures include:

- A 1939 camelback pony truss bridge on SH-79 at the Red River in Jefferson County, measuring 2,255 feet in length with 21 spans.
- A 1940 K-through-truss bridge on SH-11 at Hominy Creek in Tulsa County, measuring 405 feet in length with five spans.
- A 1952 Warren Deck truss bridge on SH-10 at Spring River in Ottawa County, measuring 630 feet in length with six spans.

All bridges will be replaced with modern structures in the future.

Interested parties must submit a written statement of interest for a particular bridge, detailing how the structure will be moved and maintained. Preference will be given to applicants whose proposals clearly demonstrate an ability and commitment to complete the relocation in a timely manner. Preference will also be given to proposals that will provide public access to the structure and commit to preserving the historic integrity of the bridge.

Following federal guidelines, the ODOT Cultural Resources Program makes historic older bridges available for adoption in cases where rehabilitation is not possible and a replacement is needed. These bridges are typically smaller truss structures on the state highway and local government systems. If a successful adoption can't be arranged then the structures are demolished to make way for a new structure.

Letters of interest must be submitted by March 3, 2014, to: ODOT Cultural Resources Program, 111 E. Chesapeake, Norman OK, 73019. For more information visit [www.odotculturalresources.info/adopt-a-bridge](http://www.odotculturalresources.info/adopt-a-bridge).

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY** - The SH-79 bridge over the Red River in Jefferson County is looking for a new home. Built in 1939, the camelback pony truss bridge has 21 spans and is credited with facilitating economic growth between Texas and Oklahoma in the 1940s. As part of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Cultural Resources Program, historic bridges like this structure are offered for free to anyone willing to relocate and maintain it at another site.



**TULSA COUNTY** - The SH-11 bridge over Hominy Creek in Tulsa County is available for adoption through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Cultural Resources Program. Historic bridges are offered for free to anyone willing to relocate and maintain the bridge at another site. This "K through truss" bridge was built in 1940, and is scheduled for replacement with a new structure in 2017.





**OTTAWA COUNTY** - Built in 1952, the Spring River bridge on SH-10 in Ottawa County is available for adoption through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Cultural Resources Program. Historic bridges are offered for free to anyone willing to relocate and maintain the bridge at another site. This structure is one of only five remaining deck truss bridges in Oklahoma.