

Gross Covered Bridge
Spans Middle Creek - Rd TR-574
Beavertown
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GROSS COVERED BRIDGE
(Beaver Springs Covered Bridge)

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Location: 3 miles west of Beavertown, on TR 574, on Middle Creek, Beaver Springs, Snyder County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: c. 1878

Present Owner: Snyder County, Pennsylvania

Present Use: Still in use

Significance: The Gross Covered Bridge is typical example of many small timber bridges built in the county during the last half of the nineteenth century. The simple timber construction of the Burr arch-truss enabled the bridge to be maintained by the neighboring farmers whose needs it served.

Only two other timber bridges are actively maintained within Snyder County. Of these three covered bridges the Gross Covered Bridge has maintained the most of its original character. Located in a rural relatively unchanged area, the Gross Covered Bridge is in good condition and is relatively unaltered.

The bridge is a 100' single span highway crossing of Middle Creek. The structure is a timber Burr arch-truss, springing from masonry abutments. The covering is of red-painted wood siding and a shingle roof. The flooring is timber with gravel covering.

The valley has maintained its agricultural character with a minimum amount of modern construction visible in the immediate vicinity. The nearest town, Beaver Springs, is located only one mile to the southeast, but is screened from the site by a large ridge.

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