

Mahoning Creek Trestle  
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway  
Spanning Mahoning Creek  
1 mile W of Goodville  
Goodville Vicinity  
Indiana  
Pennsylvania

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Location: CSXT Railroad spanning Mahoning Creek, 1 mile West of Goodville, West Mahoning Township, Goodville Vicinity, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

USGS Quad: Dayton (1:24000)  
UTM: 17/650970/427640

Date of Construction: 1899

Builder: unknown

Present Owner: CSXT Railroad

Present Use: Railroad trestle

Significance: The Mahoning Creek Trestle is the largest structure of its type in Indiana County and played a large part in the county's transportation history.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair, Cambria and Indiana counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Indiana County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1993), edited by Ken Rose and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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History:

DESCRIPTION: This immense structure carries the CSXT Railroad over Mahoning Creek in northwest West Mahoning Township. This 1899 iron trestle bears a single track line across nine spans for 1000'; the trestle is roughly 20' wide. There are nine spans, with the length of the main span measuring 120'. All spans but the central span are deck girder sections, and the center span is a Warren deck truss. The latticework iron bents rest on reinforced concrete piers. Stone abutments at the sides anchor the trestle to either bank. A farm road crosses under the west side of the trestle.

HISTORY: This trestle was built for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway by A&P Roberts, Pencoyd Iron Works, in Pencoyd, Pennsylvania. It is the largest structure of its type in Indiana County, and significant in the county's transportation history. The line it carries was part of a BR&P line connecting Punxsutawney and Dayton that was constructed in 1899.

Sources:

Plaque on bridge.

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