

Wisconsin Historical Society: The Glen Park Suspension Footbridge listed in national register of historic places

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River Falls, WI – The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge in River Falls, Pierce County, in the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation provides access to certain benefits, including qualification for grants and for rehabilitation income tax credits, while it does not restrict private property owners in the use of their property.

The Glen Park Suspension Footbridge has statewide significance as a well-designed, graceful and rare example of a cable suspension bridge in the State of Wisconsin. Constructed in 1925 by the Minneapolis Bridge Company, the subject bridge utilizes a pair of reinforced concrete towers, spun steel suspender cables and steel suspension rods to carry a wooden deck over the high rocky banks of the South Fork Kinnickinnic River. This picturesque bridge, located within Glen Park, draws visitors and is well-loved in the community. Wisconsin has only five of this type of bridge, this being one of the most intact and well-designed examples. The rarity of a cable suspension bridge in Wisconsin brings further distinction to the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S.

Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.