

Wisconsin Historical Society: Palm Tree Road Bridge listed on the State Register of Historic Places

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Town of Marshfield, WI. – The Wisconsin Historical Society announces the listing of the Palm Tree Road Bridge in the Town of Marshfield, Fond du Lac County, on the State Register of Historic Places.

The Palm Tree Road Bridge has been added to the State Register for its architectural significance as a stone bridge. It was designed with a Roman profile, composed of limestone and mortar. A simple design, the bridge is a continuous nine-span structure with metal railings that extends across the Sheboygan River. The symmetrical plan features a large, central arch flanked by four spans with decreasing sizes, each framed by voussoirs. Constructed in 1901, it still retains a high degree of structural and architectural integrity.

Also known as the Nine-Arch Bridge, it was constructed by Alphonse Halter, a local stone mason. Located in a rural area, it was recently converted to pedestrian and bicycle traffic only. The Palm Tree Road Bridge is significant for its classical design at the turn-of-the-twentieth-century as the largest known stone bridge in the State of Wisconsin.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

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