

The Bridges of La Plata County

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What could be more exciting than the prowess and poise of a well-made bridge? A feat of engineering, bridges encompass man's ability to conquer earth's most formidable natural barriers. And bridges themselves are about as diverse as the landscapes in which they are built. From the steel beam trestle to the dangling wood plank and cable, these artificial spans can be found just about anywhere humans have inhabited. Here's a gander at just a few of our own:



This small suspension bridge carries foot traffic from neighborhoods to the Animas River Trail. A long-time local's favorite.



Built around 1881, the La Boca Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Trestle is sure to excite even the most discerning bridge buffs.



Folks can easily cross the Animas River on foot in various locations, thanks to bridges.



Close-up look at the Farmington Trestle.



Built in 1905, this wood beam train trestle serviced coal deliveries from Durango to Farmington, among other things.