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**CHESTER COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE TOUR
FROM WEST CHESTER**

Take Route 3 to left on Strasburg Road. Continue on Goshen Road. [bridge on right]

1. Bartram's Bridge (1860)

Continue to Route 252. Turn left. Follow to Valley Forge area. Road goes above Route 202. Turn left on Yellow Springs Road. In Valley Forge Park

2. Knox Bridge (1851)

Reverse thru bridge. Turn left on Route 252 (Valley Creek Road).

Turn left on Route 23. Proceed thru Phoenixville. Go left on Rapp's Dam Road

3. Rapp's Dam Bridge (1866) [Just renovated and reopened spring 2012]

***** Good place to get out, walk and get closer**

Go right on Camp Council Road. Go left on Hares Hill Road. Go right on Seven Stars Road.

4. Kennedy Bridge (1856)

Proceed thru. Turn left on Lucas Road. Turn left on French Creek Road. Turn right on Pughtown Road. Turn left on Hollow Road.

5. Sheeder-Hall Bridge (1850)

Stay on Hollow Road. Turn left on Horseshoe Trail. Turn right on Chester Springs Road. Turn right on Eagle Farms Road. Turn left on Station Blvd. Go to Graphite Mine Road (Route 100-Eagle bypass). (bridge over dry creek bed on a walking trail between Byers Station development & Graphite Mine Rd (bridge moved from original location over Marsh Creek)

6. Larkin Bridge (1881)

LUNCH - EXTON AREA

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Go south on Route 100 to Route 30 bypass West. Exit at Business 30 (1st exit).

Go left on Route 30 to left on Quarry Road and right on Boot Road.

Turn left on Skelp level Road. Turn right on Harmony Hill Road.

7. Gibson Bridge (1872) [Parking area; walking trails; old trolley route etc. converted to trails]

***** Ray usually adds info here about the trolley route**

Cross bridge and go left on Route 322. Go right on Sugars Bridge Road. Turn right on Telegraph Road. Bear right on Strasburg Road. Go left on Buck Run Road.

Turn left on Route 82. Turn left on Covered Bridge Road.

8. Speakman #1 Bridge (1881) Bridge had extensive damage done in fall 2011 and is closed; vandalism, etc continues]

***** Good place to get out, walk, and get closer**

Return to Route 82. Go right on RT. 82. Turn left soon on Rokeby Road (ignore road closed sign). Go right on Springdell Road.

***** At this point Ray often takes a side trip to the Springdell area; see limestone kilns; see property, etc. that is owned and farmed by the owner of Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, and Terrain; see the pub "The Whip", and see St. Malachi Catholic church and surrounding area.**

Turn left on Buck Run Road. Bear right on Gum Tree Road. Bear right on Friendship Church Road. Turn right on Route 10. Turn left on Highland Road. Cross Route 41. Turn right on Bailey Crossroads Road (before Moccasin Run Golf Club).

9. Mercer's Mill Bridge (1880)

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Return to corner by Moccasin Run. Go straight on Bailey Crossroads. Turn right on Steelville Road. Go left on Bryson Road. Bear right on Homeville Road. Go right on Street Road. Cross the Octorara Creek. Go left on Bell Road. Turn left on Mount Eden Road (go short distance) and it becomes Scroggy Road. Continue to right on Street Road. Turn right on Forge Road.

10. Pine Grove Bridge (1884) (Original built in 1816)

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Return to street Road. Turn right on Route 472. Go to Oxford and pass firehouse on Market Street. Make slight right on Route 472 to Hickory Hill Road. Turn left on Kings Row Road.

11. Linton Stevens Bridge (1884)

Go back to route 472 on Kings Row Road. Turn left on Route 472; Go to Camp Bonsul Road (at curve go straight).

12. Rudolph & Arthur Bridge (1880)

Return to Route 472. Make left on Glen Hope Road. Make left at Hickory Hill Road.

12. Glen Hope Bridge (1889)

Continue on Hickory Hill Road. At Route 273 turn left. Go on Rt. 273 to entrance #3 at Fair Hill on right. Turn right at #3. At deadend turn left. At dead end, turn left and cross bridge to Tawes Road. Go down Tawes Road to Bridge.

13. Foxcatcher Bridge (1850-1860)

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Return to Route 273 and turn left. Turn left on Dr. Miller Road. At Route 272 turn left. The bridge is off the road on the left. Parking lot is on south end.

14. Gilpin Falls (1859-60)

[Recently taken down and rebuilt]

***** Good place to get out and study**

DINNER - NORTH EAST, MARYLAND

DEPENDING ON LIGHT AND TIME:

THE DELAWARE BRIDGES:

WOODALE BRIDGE

ASHLAND BRIDGE

SMITH BRIDGE