

OAK GROVE BRIDGE
Sequoia & King's Canyon National Parks
Sequoia National Park Roads & Bridges

Three Rivers
Tulare County
California

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LOCATION: Spanning the East Fork of the Kaweah River at Mineral King Road, 6.6 miles east of Highway 198, Tulare County, Three Rivers, California.

UTM: 11/339390/4035080

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1923

CONTRACTOR: Nate Lovelace

SIGNIFICANCE: Oak Grove Bridge, an arched bridge made of reinforced concrete, is situated on Mineral King Road, which has long served as an approach road to Sequoia National Park. The modern quality of this bridge contrasts greatly with those located within the park. As part of an effort to create an aesthetic in which structures fit in with the natural environment, the National Park Service had bridges built with a rustic quality. This was achieved through the choice of building materials: Lodgepole and Clover Creek Bridges (HAER Nos. CA-104A and CA-140B) had a stone veneer over a reinforced concrete arch design, while the Marble Fork Bridge (HAER No. CA-141) had a deck-truss log design.

PROJECT INFORMATION: For an overview of Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park, and for photographs and a drawing of Oak Grove Bridge, see HAER No. CA-140. Transmitted by Justine Christianson, HAER Historian, 2002.