

MP 30.6 270' – 3 spans each 90' Deck Plate Girder Timber Deck

Mile 29.6 Trail MP 28.6 Over Chartiers Creek at Peters/Cecil Township line

Built 1913 Builder's Plate removed

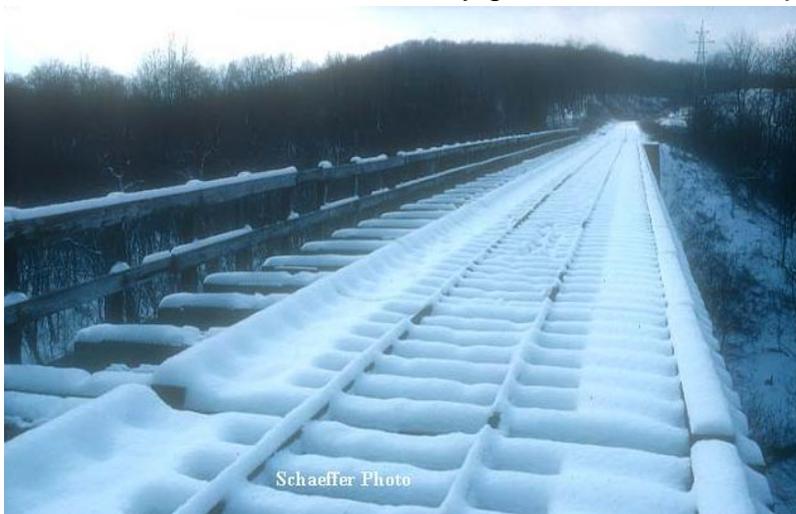
Concrete deck added by Montour Trail Council in July, 2008.

2011 view shows concrete decked bridge over Chartiers Creek carrying Montour Trail.



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January 1984, after abandonment of this section of the Montour Railroad, shows the working configuration of the bridge, with a safety walkway on the left side. The main rails have been removed and only guard rails remain in place.



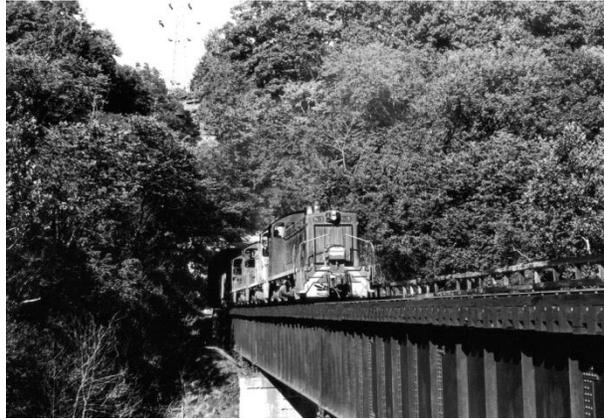
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A double-headed coal train crosses the bridge in 1950.



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29 years later, four diesel units lead another coal drag at the same location.

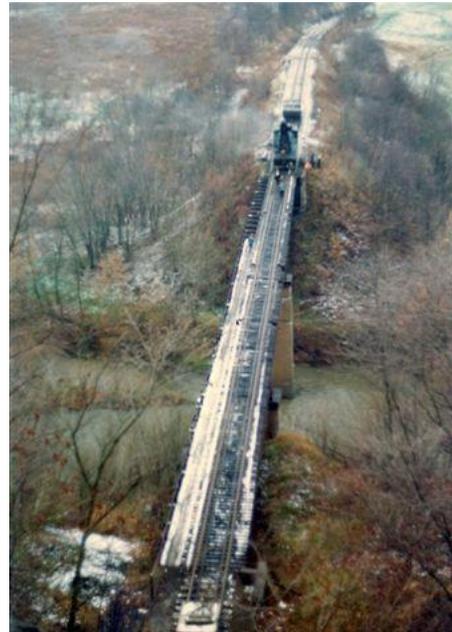


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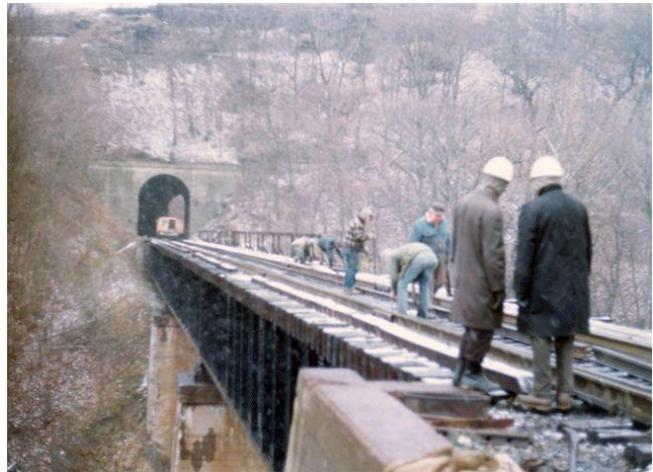
The bridge was re-decked with new timbers in 1974, with the X1 crane handling rail replacement in these scenes. A flat car with new timbers sits behind the X1 on the far side of the bridge.



Tim Sposato photos



Work continues on the re-deck project. The push cart carries lumber and supplies, while a snow shower during the day gives the bridge area a light dusting. Note the water barrels sunk into the ground at the corner of the abutment at each end of the bridge. In steam days, the barrels held water to be used for fighting fires on the bridge.



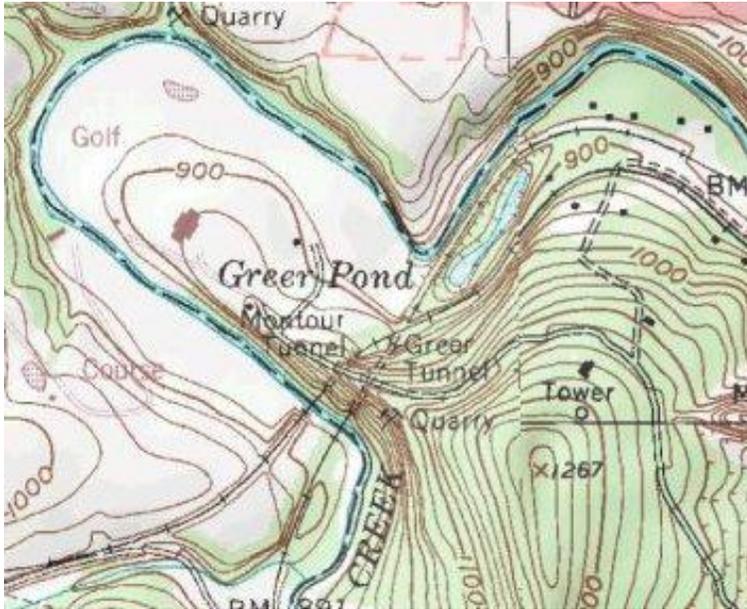
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The bridge was re-decked again in 2008, with a concrete floor and steel side railings, to carry the Montour Trail over Chartiers Creek.



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The Topo map shows the bridge over Chartiers Creek near center frame, below the “Montour Tunnel” marker. An adjacent bridge carries the Pittsburgh & Ohio Central on a lower level. This map has the tunnels mislabeled, as the “Montour Tunnel” is actually Greers Tunnel, and the adjacent “Greer Tunnel” is actually Bells Tunnel on the former PRR branch.

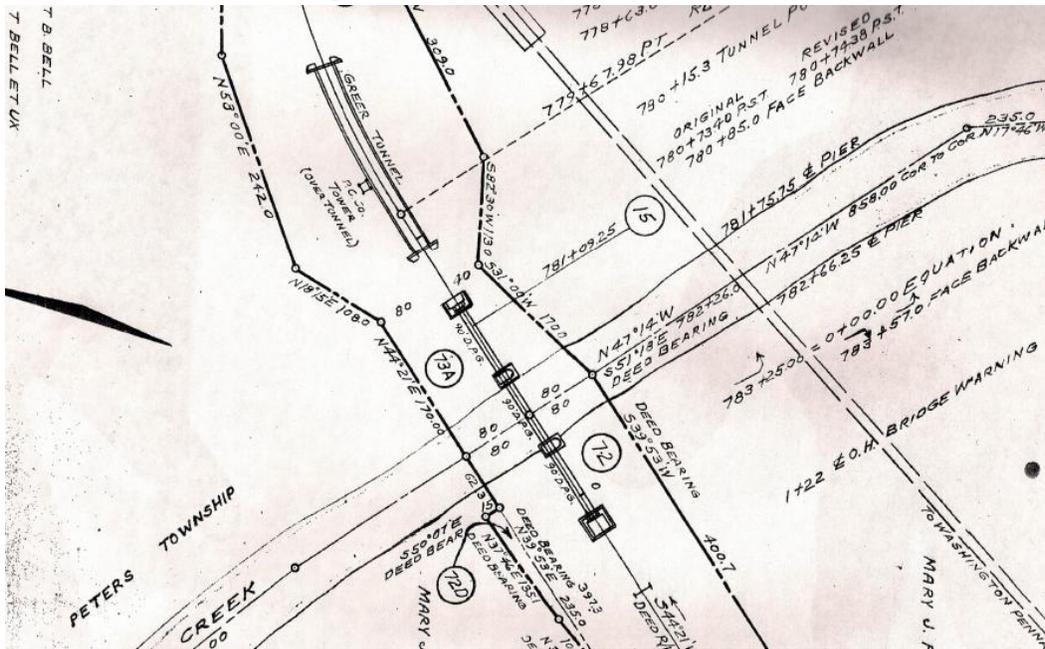


Courtesy Bob Ciminell / USGS

Satellite view shows the bridge at center, spanning Chartiers Creek. The P&OHC RR bridge to the right is about 30 feet lower. Hidden Valley Road runs across top of frame.



Valuation Plans show the bridge with three 90 foot Deck Plate Girder spans over Chartiers Creek, leading into Greer Tunnel.



Courtesy Greg Corcoran

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