



82A-035 Chew's Bridge

Van Wagner Road at

Conrail Railroad

Upper Marlboro vicinity

Constructed in 1898, Chew's Bridge is a wood and iron bridge, 90 feet long and 14 feet wide, with a heavy plank road surface on a heavy wooden trestle structure. The horizontal structure is supported by upright posts constructed of iron Phoenix sections. The first bridge in this location was built circa 1870 to span the tracks of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and connect the two parts of Judge Chew's Ellerslie farm. The current structure is the only known bridge surviving from the early years of this railroad line.