Multi-span trestle with built-up steel deck girder

- Span number: 20
- Span length: 30' 0"
- Overall length: 651' 0"
- Roadway width: 40' 0"
- Tallest tower: 91' 10"

In 1887, the Colorado Midland Railroad raced with the Denver and Rio Grande to be the first to extend rail lines into the mining town of Aspen. The latter reached the town in mid-October, and the former reached the Maroon Creek crossing just to the west of town in December. There the Midland hit a snag, as steel for the superstructure of the immense Maroon Creek trestle was delayed from the fabricator in the east. When it did arrive later that month, the railroad bridge crew began construction, completing it early in February 1888. The bridge remained in use by the railroad until it quit operations in...


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