

# Willamette River Bridges

## Sellwood Bridge

Built in 1925 – Main river spans: 1,092 feet long – Warren deck truss  
Portland's first fixed span Willamette River bridge  
Busiest two-lane bridge in Oregon  
Gustav Lindenthal, bridge designer

## Hawthorne Bridge

Built in 1910 – Main river spans: 1,383 feet long – Steel through truss bridge  
Oldest vertical lift bridge in United States  
Most frequently opened bridge in Portland  
Waddell and Harrington, bridge designers

## Morrison Bridge

Built in 1958 – Main river spans: 760 feet long –  
Steel double-leaf Chicago-style trunnion bascule drawbridge  
Third bridge in this location (precursors 1887, 1905)  
Busiest bridge maintained by Multnomah County (50,000 vehicles/day)  
Sverdrup & Parcel, bridge designers

## Burnside Bridge

Built in 1926 – Main river spans: 788 feet long – Steel double-leaf Strauss bascule drawbridge  
First county bridge to get a seismic upgrade  
Regional emergency "lifeline" route  
Ira Hedrick, Robert Kremers, Gustav Lindenthal, bridge designers

## Broadway Bridge

Built in 1913—Main river spans: 1,613 feet long – Double-leaf Rall bascule drawbridge  
Lift span counterweights mounted above roadway  
Longest drawbridge in Portland  
Ralph Modjeski, bridge designer

## Sauvie Island Bridge

Built in 1950 – Main river spans: 1,198 feet long – Steel riveted trusses and  
reinforced concrete girders  
Only bridge to Sauvie Island  
Oregon State Highway Commission, bridge designers



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