

Old Sublimity Bridge

Bee Rock Recreation Area sprawls along the banks of the Rockcastle River on the Daniel Boone National Forest.

At the entrance to the campground on either the eastern or western edge of the river is the Old Sublimity Bridge. The bridge was constructed to carry the historic alignment of KY 192 over the Rockcastle River. The bridge's stone abutments and central pier were constructed by members of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Company 3552.



Construction on the stone support structures was completed in 1942. Jim Wallace served as the senior foreman for the bridge project and Denes Rizardi, an Italian stonemason, served as the foreman for the abutment/pillar construction. The red sandstone for the support structures was quarried from two nearby locations: the top of the hill on the Laurel County side of the river and below the Bee Cliff on the Pulaski County side.

The Old Sublimity Bridge was converted to a pedestrian bridge following KY 192's realignment and the construction of a new bridge over Rockcastle River to the west of the existing truss bridge in 1963. In 2019, a February flooding event submerged the bridge, leaving it covered with debris. Following the floods, an unattended campfire set on the bridge's deck burned through a portion of the decking, leaving an approximate 10-ft hole.

