## BAYOU TECHE AT CHARENTON BRIDGE

ST. MARY **PARISH** ARKANSAS **BAYOU TECH** CHARENTON BRIDGE MI SSI SSI PPI BEAUREGARD - BAYOU TECHE CALCASIEU ST. MARY PARISH LA 83 **LOCATION MAP** Latitude: 29.88709 North LOUISIANA Longitude: -90.52269 West CHARENTON

The Bayou Teche at Charenton Bridge (Bridge Recall No. 009130), designed by the Louisiana Highway Commission and constructed in 1935, is a Warren pony truss swing bridge significant as an example of a movable swing bridge. Its significance is demonstrated by the presence of distinctive engineering and design features, which is characterized by the polygonal Warren truss configuration, center-bearing turning mechanism, pivot pier, and operator's house. This bridge was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 2013 under Criterion C: Design/Engineering at the state level of significance.

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These measured drawings were prepared based on a site visit to complete laser scanning of the bridge, with selective hand measuring in the field to verify measurements.





