

# Lake Lure Flowering Bridge



## The Bridge

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is being developed on the historic Rocky Broad River bridge. From 1925 to 2011, the bridge carried traffic on the roadway where US 64, US 74A and NC 9 are joined from the south end of Lake Lure to Bat Cave where the three highways diverge again. In 2011, the North Carolina Department of Transportation completed a new bridge a few yards upstream from the site of the old and closed the older structure to traffic. The historic bridge is 155 feet long and 20 feet wide, and flowers will dot its entire length. Garden space will also extend beyond either end of the bridge itself.

The 1925 bridge is a three-arch span. Its original design included eight light posts topped by decorative lamps. Those were removed years ago, but an effort to locate and/or replicate them in the design of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is underway. From the bridge, the famous Chimney Rock, now part of Chimney Rock State Park, is visible upstream and Lake Lure itself is visible downstream where the Rocky Broad flows into the lake.



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Flowering Bridge Site Plan

