



LEGAL LOAD
LIMIT
16,000
POUNDS







TAFTSVILLE.

CLEARANCE 10 FEET






















**TAFTSVILLE
COVERED BRIDGE**

The Taftsville Covered Bridge is a
rarely surviving wooden truss covered
bridge. An entrance simulates the
Taftsville railroad station building. The
bridge's interior truss system, floor
and construction techniques are unique.
It was built and stood in 1876. At a
height of 100 feet, it is one of the
largest covered bridges in Vermont.
Built at the time of the Vermont
covered bridge boom, it is one of the
oldest bridges in Vermont.
The bridge was built by the
Taftsville Bridge Co. and was
restored in 1976. The bridge is
open to the public and is a
popular attraction for tourists.





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The Taftsville Covered Bridge is a rare example of early vernacular wooden truss covered bridges in the United States. All evidence indicates the builder, a longtime Taftsville resident named Solomon Emmons III, used no existing patented bridge truss designs, and that the design and construction techniques are unique. Constructed entirely of local wood and stone in 1836, at a cost of \$1800, it is the oldest covered bridge in Windsor County, and the third oldest in the state. At approximately 189 feet in length at the floor, and 200 feet at the roof, it is the second longest covered bridge in Vermont. On August 28, 2011, Tropical Storm Irene devastated the south abutment, closing the bridge for two years while extensive repairs and restoration efforts were made.

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