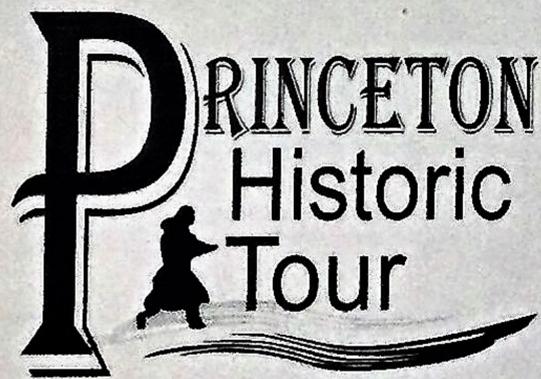


PRINCETON'S RAILROAD BRIDGE

Princeton's railroad bridge was built in 1901 when the rail line was extended from Princeton to Marshfield. The "Black Bridge", as it has become known to locals, is 189 feet long including a 30 foot approach span which was rebuilt in 1909. Designed as a "swing bridge", the bridge would be swung open by a bridge tender to allow larger boats to pass. When the railroad was discontinued in 1981, the bridge was slated for demolition, but the City of Princeton purchased a section of the line including the bridge, which preserved this historic structure. The bridge is now used as part of the snowmobile trail.



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