

THE HISTORY OF THE GHOST RIVER BRIDGE



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Today's low-sided Ghost River Bridge overlooking the popular marina has a deceptive aspect.

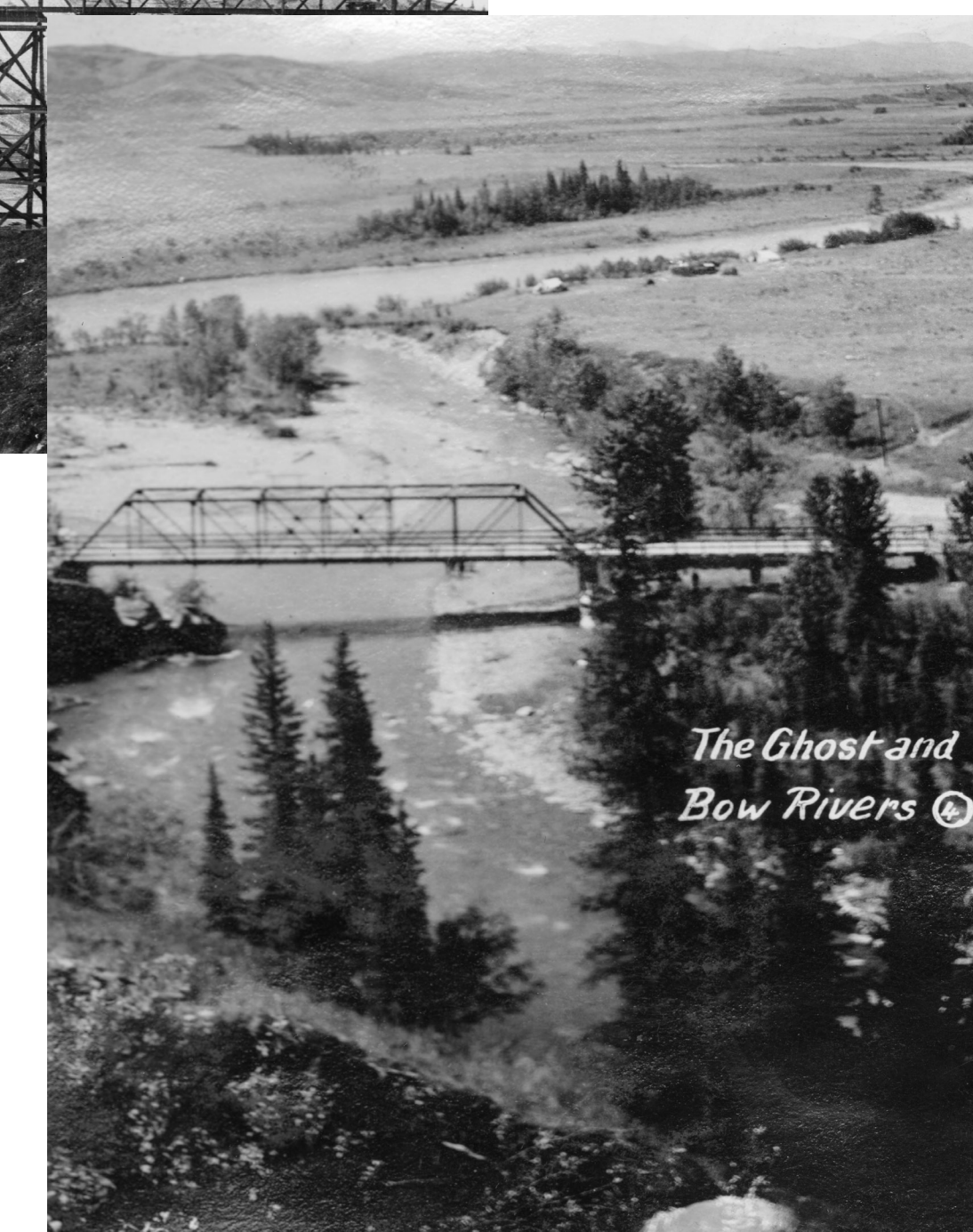
This photograph taken July 1st, 1928 shows the original Ghost River's route. It is glacier and snowmelt fed from miles upstream forming the headwaters at Mount Aylmer, where there is still another quarter of mile to flow into the Bow River.

The bridge's base supports is surprisingly deep and incorporates a Pratt truss design, popular between 1844 and the early 20th century. Originally made of wood and later metal (notably steel), the Pratt was extensively used by railroad companies, as each individual span could measure up to 250 feet (76 metres).

Today's current bridge was constructed from 1927 to 1928 at the same time the Ghost Lake Dam was created to provide hydro-electric power.



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