

Hannah Bridge

Hannah Bridge sits only 1 1/2 miles from the original site of the Jordan bridge. A Howe truss design built in 1936, it spans 105 feet across Thomas Creek.

The bridge is named after John Joseph Hannah, who arrived in Oregon in 1853 and was granted a 151 acre tract of land between Thomas Creek and Bilyeu Creek. Hannah built one of the first sawmills in the area, powering it with water from Bilyeu Creek.

Another covered bridge predates the current structure, having sat just east of the current bridge's site. It is said that it was dismantled and the lumber was used to build the Hannah family a tool shed and a sheep barn.

Thomas Creek, which the tour follows for the next few miles, was named for Frederick Thomas who obtained a Donation Land Claim and settled on the banks of the stream in 1846.

Today, the deep, cool pool beneath Hannah bridge is a popular swimming spot in the hot summer months. It is not uncommon to see swimmers jumping from the bridge into the pool below.