

Clarkson-Legg Bridge

Leave K-Mart plaza by turning right on highway 20 and heading West.

Merge onto 565.

Exit onto 65 South heading towards Birmingham.

Drive south on 65 to exit 308. (33 miles)

Take Exit 308 and turn right onto 278.

Drive on 278 to a flashing caution light and turn right. (9 miles)

Turn left at the green sign (1 mile)

Turn right into bridge parking lot (0.5 miles)

Built in 1908 the Clarkson-Legg Bridge stretches 250 feet across a gorge cut by Crooked Creek. James Wordlaw Legg donated all the materials for the bridge including timber, nails, sand, and rock. Legg was a local mail carrier for the Clarkson post office who realized the need to improve transportation in the area.

Johnnys BBQ

Turn left out of the bridge parking lot.

Turn Right at stop.

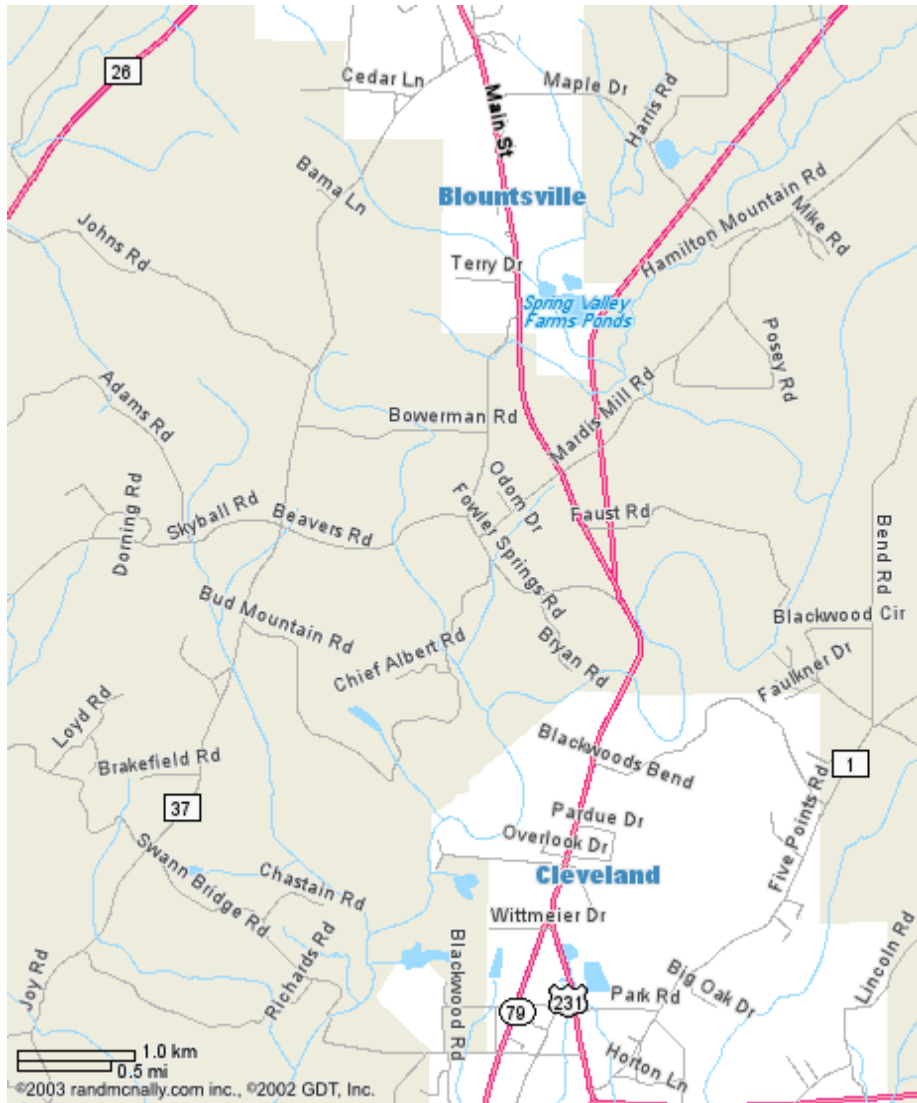
Turn Left at stop onto 278.

Drive on 278 East to Johnnys BBQ. (11 miles)

Turn left into Johnnys.



Swann Bridge



Turn left out of Johnny's parking lot onto 278 East.

Follow 278 being careful to follow the turns through town to a stop sign at 231 (20 miles).

Turn right at the stop onto 231 south.

Turn right onto Joy Road (9 miles). Watch carefully for this street.

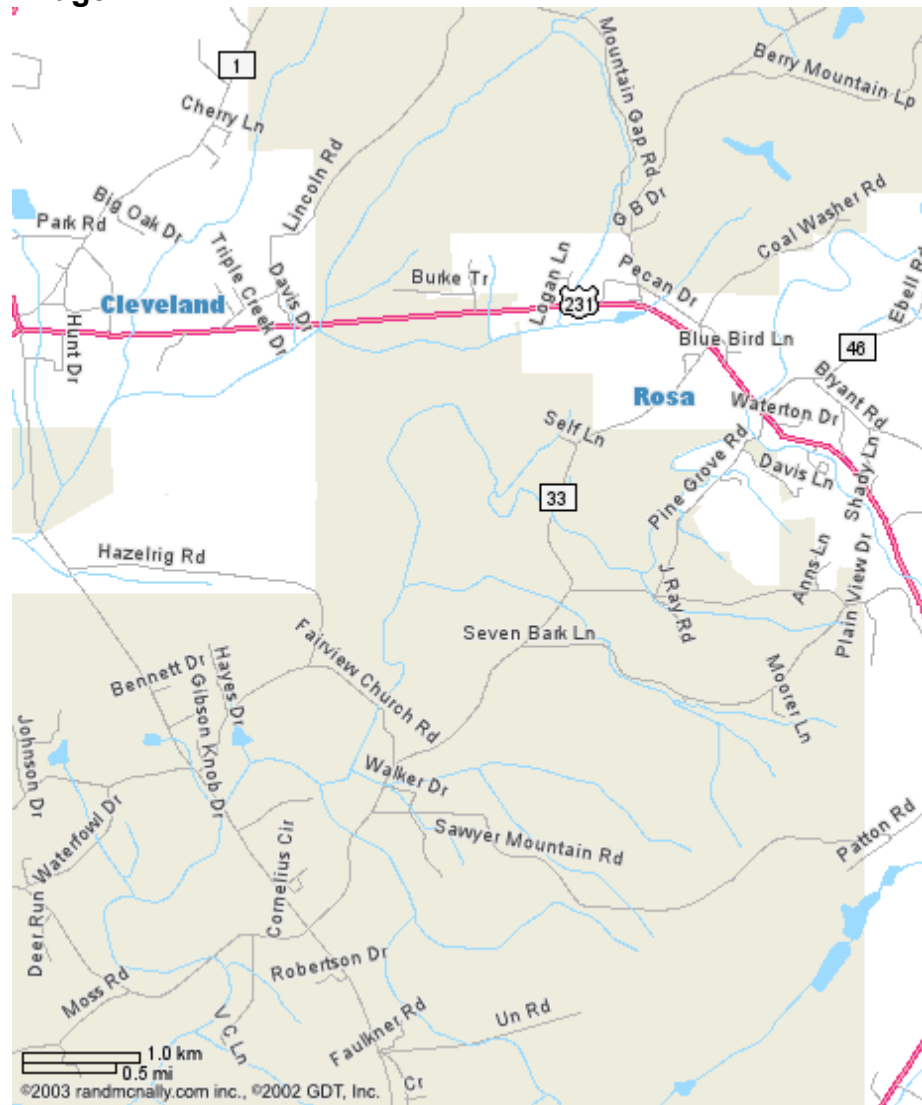
Right onto Joy Road (C37) - to Swann Bridge Road (4.7 miles)

Left onto Swann Bridge Road (not marked, small barn on corner).

Proceed straight on Swann Bridge Road to Swann Covered Bridge (1.5 miles)

The Swann-Joy Bridge built in 1933 is 324 feet in length and is the longest surviving covered bridge in Alabama. It spans Locust Fork on the Warrior River in Blount County. It was built on the Swann farm to provide access to the Joy community.

Easley Bridge



Continue straight on Swann Bridge Road to ST79 stop sign. (1.2 miles)

Proceed Straight onto Austin Creek Rd to US231 stop sign (0.5 miles)

Turn right onto US231 CAUTION high traffic - to C1 stop sign (0.3 miles)

Proceed straight to C33 (3.6 miles)

Left onto C33 - to Easley Bridge Road (2.4 miles)

Right onto Easley Bridge Road (not marked, small road with treed canopy)

Follow Easley Bridge Road to Easley Covered Bridge (0.4 miles)

The Easley Bridge was built in 1927 and is the oldest of the three remaining covered bridges in Blount County all of which are still in use. Located in the Rosa community, the bridge spans the Dub Branch. Members of the Tidwell family built all of the Blount County bridges.

Horton Mill Bridge



Left After bridge onto Pine Grove Road.

Follow Pine Grove Road to Pine Grove Church at US231 (1.2 miles)

Stop here to regroup.

Cross US231 to Ebell Road.

Follow Ebell Road to Horton Mill Road (2.1 miles).

Continue straight onto Horton Mill Road - to Horton Mill Covered Bridge (2.4 miles).

Turn left onto bridge. Continue to parking area after bridge on left.

The Horton Mill bridge towers of a deep gorge cut by the Warrior River and is the highest covered bridge built over water in the US. Talmedge Horton, a descendant of the family that founded the gristmill for which the bridge is named, helped construct the bridge. He says it took "fifteen men working from sunup to sundown for a year and a half" to build it.

Huntsville

Turn Left onto 75

Follow 75 to a stop sign at 278. (11 miles)

Turn right into the convenience store for a rest stop.

Leave convenience store and turn left onto 278 heading west.

Left on 278 to a stop sign at 231. (8 miles)

Turn right onto 231 North to Huntsville. (35 miles)

Thanks for coming and enjoy the rest of your weekend!

