

1. Mat Thompson's Favorite Bridges



These are two of the three bridges on my HO scale Oregon Coast Railroad. The mainline spans Fish Hawk Creek with a single-track steel truss bridge by Walthers. It is appropriate for a 1950s layout of 40' and 50' cars pulled by small steam engines and first generation diesel road switchers.

The upper bridge is a Campbell Howe Truss bridge I build more than 40 years ago. The kit was a pleasure to build -- quality instructions, templates, and materials, and is still available on eBay. In the timber-rich forests of Oregon, bridges like this were common on logging branches. **Mat Thompson, MMR**