

# Rockdale County's Covered Bridge

THIS BRIDGE IS 150 FEET LONG  
AND 36 FEET WIDE. IT WAS  
BUILT IN 1997 BY APAC AND IS  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IT'S  
TRUSS IS STYLED WITH  
DECORATIVE LATTICE. IT GOES  
OVER MILL ROCK CREEK.  
THERE IS A PARKING AREA AT  
THIS BRIDGE.



## History

Formerly known as Haralson Mill Bridge, it is not historic, but it exemplifies the interest the public still has in covered bridges. Built in 1997, the covered wooden bridge replaces a historic ford, which crossed Haralson Mill Road, formerly an unimproved dirt road in North Rockdale County.

This bridge is the first of its kind to be built in Georgia since the 1890s. Originally designed as a pre-stressed concrete bridge, county planners decided to make this bridge a landmark, adding a large wooden superstructure and rock facing to the underlying concrete bridge. Total cost of the redesigned bridge: \$880,000

The wooden bridge was chosen, as opposed to the conventional concrete and steel structures commonly seen throughout the state, due to its historical significance. In order to retain the required attributes of the area, bridge designs from the early 1880's were considered.



## Design

The structure emulates a covered bridge design similar to the 1820's era Town Lattice Truss design patented by Connecticut architect Ithiel Town.

The innovative design of this deck type is unlike any method previously used in the State of Georgia. The deck is built with two inch lumber standing on edge and spanning perpendicular to the travel lanes for the complete width of the bridge. Each panel is assembled with high strength bolts torqued to 700 foot-pounds.

Come see this beautiful bridge for yourself at:

**4400 Haralson Mill Road  
Conyers, GA 30013**

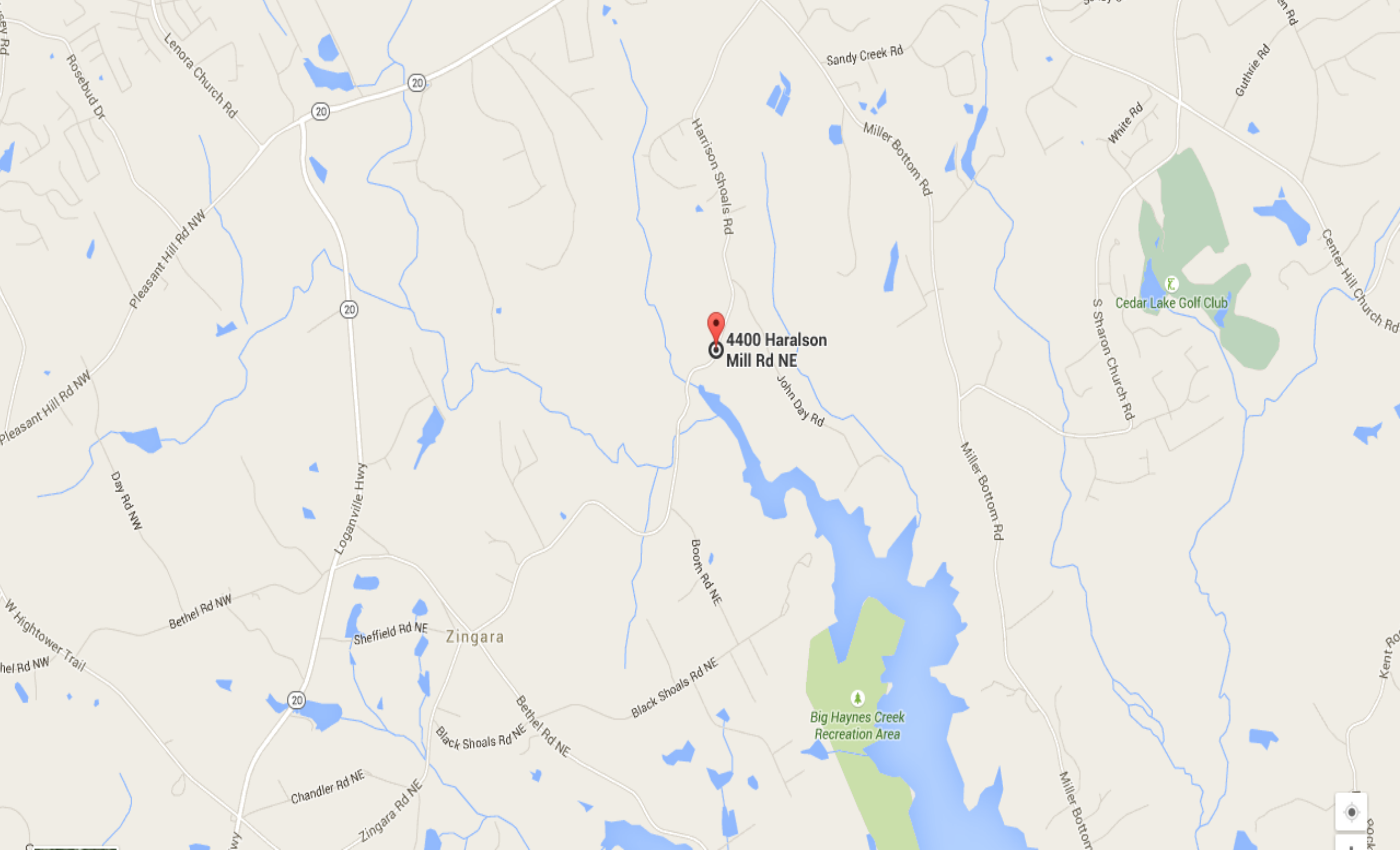
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