

Journey Across Water

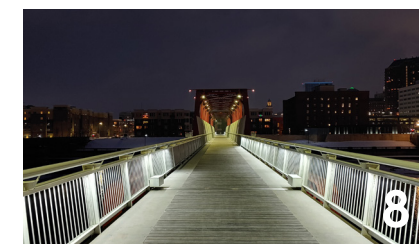
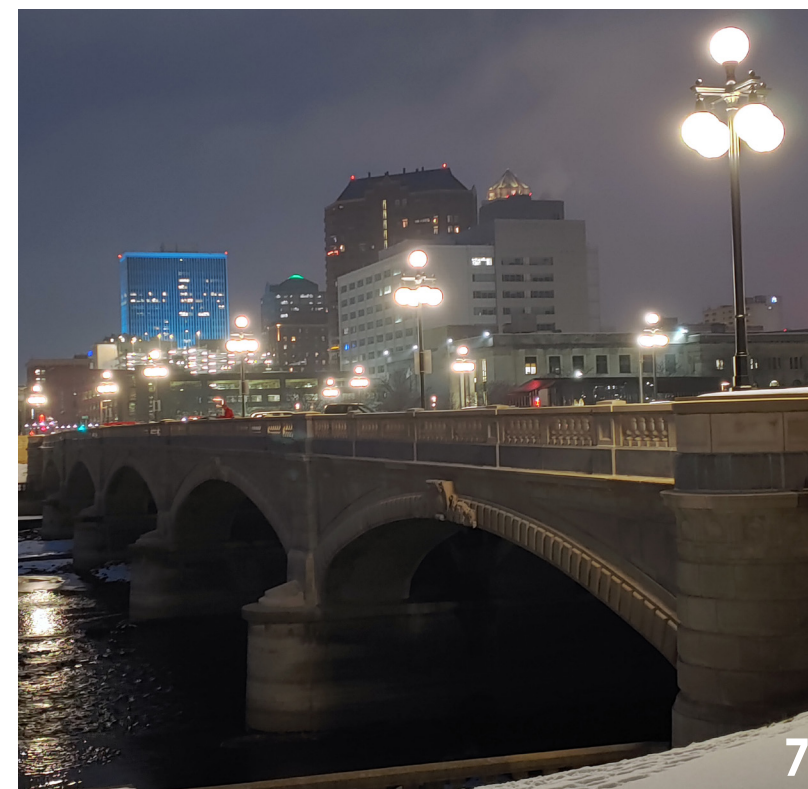
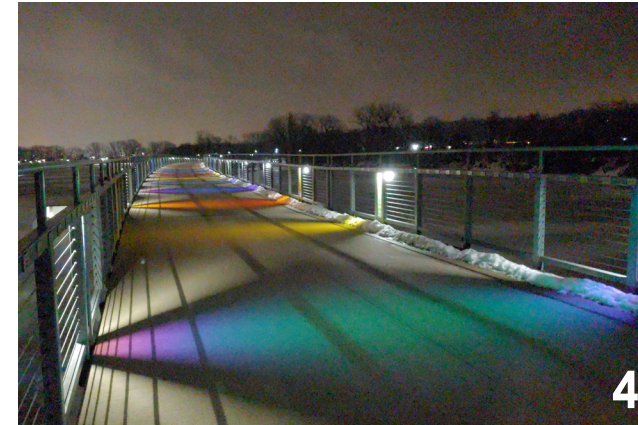
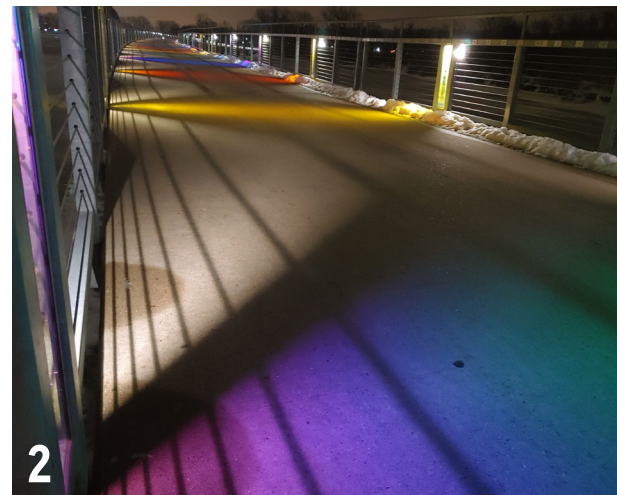
Photos & Layout | Abby Lehan

Some of the earliest bridges started out as fallen trees and as people modernize our structures do as well. Nowadays bridges are something that we see almost everywhere we go. They serve the simple purpose of helping people get over an obstacle in the way of our destination. It's not abnormal to note an interesting build of a bridge but it's important to know that every bridge has their own time to shine, and not all of them are at their best during the day. The Des Moines Metro has a multitude of bridges that strive in the moonlight with their unique designs and lighting.

1 In front of the Des Moines police station a red truss bridge crosses over the Des Moines River. The bridge is open to bicyclists and other passing and pedestrians.

2 The walking bridge stretching across Grays Lake is illuminated by numerous colorful panels placed in front of bright lights that turn on as the sun goes down.

3 While hiking on the High Trestle Trail, people may come to find a uniquely geometric bridge. During the day it may seem to be a dull, red bridge simply providing passage across a body of water. However, as night falls the squares light up if you will see a range of brightly lit blue squares spread across the high Trestle Trail Bridge.



7 The court Avenue bridge is considered a historic structure in downtown Des Moines. It was opened over 100 years ago in 1918 and was listed as historic in 1988. The bridge is open to pedestrians, vehicles and parking.

8 Long and thin wooden planks lead passerbyers to the red truss bridge. The path is lit up by evenly placed bright lights along the bridge's railing.

4 The bright array of colorful lights shines the pathway on the bridge going over Grays Lake. The lights bring in many tourists who want to see the vibrant colors crashing against the night sky.

5 The Des Moines red bridge can be seen in between two pillars from the court Avenue bridge. Both bridges go over the Des Moines River.

6 Yet another bridge going over the Des Moines River is the Women of Achievements bridge. It brightens up the dark Iowa nights with it's blue tinted lights. The bridge features names of iconic women who have made great achievements; some names include Carrie Lang Chapman Catt, Louise Rosenfeild, Sister Bernadine Pieper, and Gertrude Elzora Durden Rush..