

Lauzun's Legion Bridge



Lauzun's Legion Bridge (Le Pont de la Légion de Lauzun) est un pont d'arcs en béton qui relie les quartiers de 'Georgetown' et 'Dupont Circle' à Washington D.C. aux Etats-Unis.

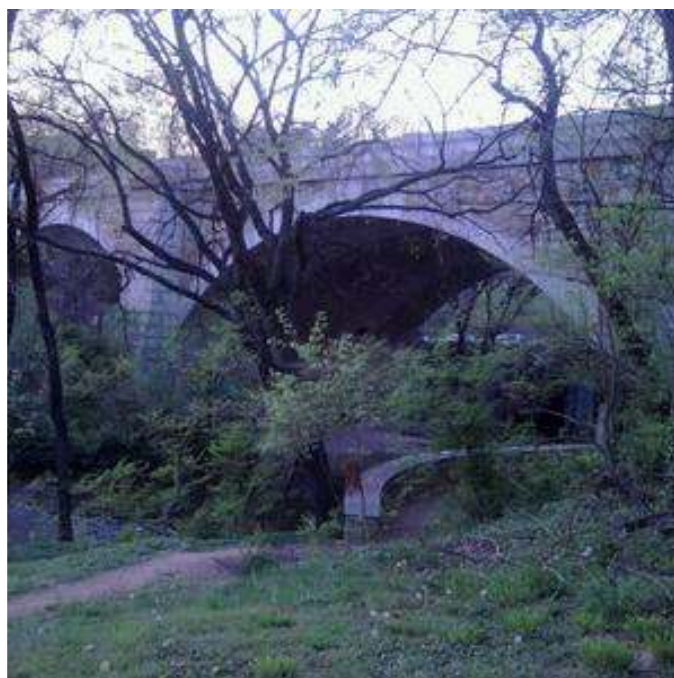
Le premier pont construit sur cet emplacement date de 1855 mais la structure actuelle est de 1935. Le 14 octobre 2006 grâce au projet du 'Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission' et pour célébrer le 225^e anniversaire de la fin de la guerre de l'indépendance des Etats-Unis, le pont, alors appelé 'P Street Bridge' reçu lors d'une cérémonie sa nouvelle appellation **Lauzun's Legion Bridge** en honneur aux *Volontaires-étrangers de Lauzun* une unité spéciale créée le 5 mars 1780 à partir de divers détachements de l'armée et de la marine française et commandée par Armand Louis de Gontaut, Duc de Lauzun lors du siège de la ville de Yorktown.



Présents à la cérémonie étaient l'ambassadeur de France, Jean-David Levitte, M. Jacques Bossiere et des représentants des 'D.C. Daughters of the American Revolution' et des 'D.C. Children of the American Revolution'.



The **P Street Bridge** is a 336-foot (102 m) concrete arch bridge that conveys P Street across Rock Creek and Rock Creek Park between the Georgetown and Dupont Circle neighborhoods of Northwest Washington, D.C. The first bridge at this site was constructed in 1855 and was replaced in 1935 by the current structure.



The bridge reopened on July 15, 2004, after a year-long, \$3.5-million reconstruction project, the first since its completion in 1935.^[3]

In June 2006, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (2B) discussed a proposal to give the bridge a ceremonial designation to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the end of the American Revolutionary War.^[4] On October 14, 2006, the P Street Bridge was ceremonially renamed **Lauzun's Legion Bridge** for Lauzun's Legion (French: *Volontaires-etrangers de Lauzun*), a specially constructed unit that was formed on March 5, 1780, from various detachments of the French Army and Navy commanded by Armand Louis de Gontaut, Duc de Lauzun at the Siege of Yorktown. Present at the renaming ceremony were French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte, Jacques Bossiere, and representatives of the D.C. Daughters of the American Revolution and D.C. Children of the American Revolution.

