

Grand Junction Railway Bridge

About 1870 a tied-arch truss bridge was built here to extend a railway line to Bridgenorth from the Ashburnham station. From 1880 until 1898 it served successively the Grand Junction, the Midland, and the Peterborough & Chemong railways. Across the river the rail line continued above the present intersection of Parkhill Road and Water Street to cross over the Midland Railway line just west of George Street. Until the Midland Railway built another bridge over the Otonabee downstream, it served during the early 1880s as an awkward link via Bethune Street to the Midland Railway station at Charlotte and Bethune Streets. Submerged foundations of this bridge remain and are still visible at low water levels.