History of

The **Thaddeus Kosciusko Bridge**

The **Thaddeus Kosciusko Bridge**, commonly referred to as the **Twin Bridges**, or just "The Twins", located in the [United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), is a pair of identical [through arch bridges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Through_arch_bridge), made of [steel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steel), which span the [Mohawk River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohawk_River)between the [towns](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Town_(New_York)) of [Colonie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonie_(town),_New_York" \o "Colonie (town), New York), [Albany County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albany_County,_New_York) and [Halfmoon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halfmoon,_New_York" \o "Halfmoon, New York), [Saratoga County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saratoga_County,_New_York), in [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York)'s [Capital District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital_District). Each span carries three northbound and southbound lanes of [Interstate 87](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_87) between exits 7 and 8. The [toll-free](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toll_bridge) bridge opened in 1959 as part of the [Adirondack Northway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adirondack_Northway), a 176-mile highway linking [Albany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albany,_New_York) and the [Canada-United States border](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada-United_States_border) at [Champlain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Champlain,_New_York). The Interstate 87 section of the highway was formally inaugurated by Governor [Nelson Rockefeller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nelson_Rockefeller) on May 26, 1961.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaddeus_Kosciusko_Bridge#cite_note-1)

The bridge is named (using an anglicized form) in honor of [Tadeusz Kościuszko](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tadeusz_Ko%C5%9Bciuszko" \o "Tadeusz Kościuszko) (1746–1817), the preeminent national figure in [Poland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland)'s [fight for independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ko%C5%9Bciuszko_Uprising). Kościuszko arrived in [Colonial America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_America) a month after the July 4, 1776 [Declaration of Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence) and remained a notable military leader throughout the [Revolutionary War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutionary_War), attaining the rank of general as well as honorary American citizenship. He returned to Poland in July 1784.