

Romanesque Bridge At Zwettl Abbey

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As you enter the actual monastery grounds, you will come to the Romanesque bridge. The location on the river, typical for a Cistercian monastery, also made it necessary to build bridges at Zwettl Abbey.



The Romanesque bridge is one of the oldest technical structures in Austria.

Of all the bridges connecting the monastery grounds with the surrounding area, the Romanesque bridge, also known as the stone bridge, has the longest history. For around 850 years, it has provided a central crossing over the Kamp river and marks the entrance to the monastic grounds from the south.



Numerous alterations since the 12th century have changed the appearance of this architectural monument. A cast-iron Art Nouveau railing from 1902, which was used in the same form on Otto Wagner's Vienna City Railway, was removed again in the middle of the 20th century.

