Cross that bridge when you come to it? That could very tiring in Pittsburgh. (2006, Aug 28) Alaska News Retrieved. All the bridges reflect only a small fraction of the spans that crisscross this city. An author visited a professor at UP believes he has come up with a definitive number 446. That could put Pittsburgh over Venice. According to Bob Regan the author of the bridges of Pittsburgh, said he believes Pittsburgh has the greatest variety of bridges anywhere “and they are all beautiful”.

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Affectionately known as the city of bridges. When the first European settlers arrived in the 1700s, they had to cross streams and climb steep hillside just to travel around the region.

The city’s first river crossing bridge, the Monongahela Bridge was built in 1818 on the site of what is today the Smithfield Street Bridge. Increasing weight from additional traffic resulted in the closure of Roebling’s Smithfield Street Bridge in 1881.

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