

Cendere Bridge

The Cendere Bridge (also known as Severan Bridge or Septimius Severus Bridge) is a Roman bridge dating from the late Imperial Roman period. It is located near the ancient city of Arsameia in southeastern Turkey. While an older bridge may have existed in the same spot, the current Cendere Bridge is dated to around 200 BCE.

A legion of the Imperial Roman army, Legio XVI Gallica, is credited with building the bridge so they could begin a war with Parthia. Four Corinthian-style columns were added to the bridge in honor of the Roman Emperor Lucius Septimius Severus (193–211), his second wife Julia Domna, and their sons Caracalla and Publius Septimius Geta.

The Cendere Bridge is now part of one of the most important national parks in Turkey, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

