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Opened in 1870, Cavenagh Bridge is the third bridge built in Singapore and is the only suspension bridge in Singapore. It is also the oldest bridge in Singapore that exists in its original form.

Constructed in 1869, it was used to allay the inconvenience of crossing the Singapore River by boat. When Cavenagh Bridge became unable to cope with the increasing traffic into town and its low draught was insufficient for the passage of boats at high tide, the British colonial government decided to build the Anderson Bridge in 1910 to replace Cavenagh Bridge.

Cavenagh Bridge is currently a pedestrian bridge, with lighting added in the 1990s to accentuate its architectural features at nightfall.