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## **Ófaerufoss Natural Bridge**

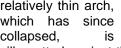
Eldgjá Chasm, Dyrhólaey

PC-RE-IS1 Austria 1993 LP: LIVING WITH THE BRIDGE Perf: Jochen Hampl (Popular)

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Notes: A classic lava bridge spanning a canyon midway down a double waterfall. This

relatively thin arch, which has since collapsed.









silhouetted against the upper falls. The lower falls spills down in the foreground. The Icelandic stamp reproduced here shows the bridge much better than the LP record cover. The photo on the left shows the site today.

Ófærufoss is a waterfall situated in the Eldgjá Chasm (Fire Gorge) in central Iceland. One source says the natural bridge collapsed in 1993 after a violent storm. (Hartzog 2008) And another source says - "The stone bridge collapsed in early June 1993 from natural causes... during winter, water freezes in cracks in the stone and when it melts, rocks come loose with it. Thus the stone bridge weakens over time." (Skúlason 2007)

Ref: Hartzog, Paul B. 2008, Ófærufoss, planetkewl

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