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National Park Service**

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Roaring River State Park

Both the CCC and the WPA took part in developing Roaring River State Park, a dramatic slice of the Ozark Mountains, seven miles south of Cassville, in Barry County, Missouri. The original park, acquired in 1923, contained a lake (destroyed by a flood in 1939), a trout hatchery, and a few cabins. CCC Company 1713 arrived in the area in June 1933 and remained until November 1939. During this period, the CCC enrollees developed the hatchery, built new cabins and other park buildings, developed hiking trails, and repaired the damages of a disastrous flood. The major achievement of WPA workers at Roaring River was the construction of an impressive three-story stone and timber Lodge. An important survival in the park is Camp Smokey, which contains four original CCC officers' barracks. There is one historic district in the park: Camp Smokey-Company 1713 Historic District. Nominated as non-contiguous sites are the following: Deer Leap Trail, the lodge, the club house (bathhouse), the honeymoon cottage, the shelter and restroom (#'s 30 & 31), and the dam/spillway. District data follows; please see inventory data sheets on non-contiguous sites.

I. NAMEHISTORIC Roaring River State Park HotelAND/OR COMMON Roaring River State Park Lodge**2. LOCATION****STREET & NUMBER**

CITY, TOWN _____

VICINITY OF _____

STATE Missouri

CODE _____

29

COUNTY BarryCODE 009**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

 district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

OWNERSHIP

 public
 private
 both
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 in process
 being considered

STATUS

 occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress
ACCESSIBLE
 yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

PRESENT USE

 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other: _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME State of Missouri, Department of Natural ResourcesSTREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 176CITY, TOWN Jefferson City

VICINITY OF _____

STATE Missouri**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Department of Natural Resources
 P.O. Box 176
 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE _____ DETERMINED ELEGIBLE? _____ YES NO _____ FEDERAL STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____

Missouri State Historical Survey, 1982-1984

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

 excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

CHECK ONE

 unaltered
 altered

CHECK ONE

 original site
 moved
date Sept. 1984**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The lodge (hotel) at Roaring River State Park is a three-story edifice of native stone and wood with a full-length second-story porch that overlooks the river. A large rectangular building, the lodge has a medium-pitched gable roof with a three-story chimney at each of the gable ends. There is a shed-roofed one-story service addition in the rear. The symmetrically placed windows have stone sills and wooden lintels. Twelve-paned single-sashed windows have replaced the original casement windows. Heavy wooden struts project from the ground floor of the facade to support the second-story porch. Removal of screens has changed the appearance, but not the basic structure of the porch. Exterior wall treatment is rough coursed ashlar on the gable ends and the ground floor of the facade and horizontal wood siding (painted brown) in the rear and on the upper stories of the facade. A massive stone retaining wall extends north approximately eighty feet from the northwest corner of the building. Another stone retaining wall runs along the hillside at the rear of the building. The ground floor of the structure, set into the hillside, contains rest rooms and offices. The second floor, now housing the park

8. SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology - prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology - historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social / |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900 - | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Recreation |

SPECIFIC DATES 1938 BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____ WPA/NPS _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The lodge (hotel) at Roaring River State Park is exceptionally significant under Criteria A and C in that it was the product of an important New Deal relief program aimed at providing work relief for unemployed men while developing parks and recreational areas in the states and also in that it exemplifies the ideals of rustic park architecture promoted by the National Park Service in the years before World War II. The lodge was constructed by New Deal relief workers under the Works Projects Administration. Large and imposing, the lodge is unique among Depression-Era structures in the Missouri state park system. The CCC-built dining lodges at Bennett Spring State Park and Sam A. Baker State Park approach this building in size, but were never intended for use as hotels. Architecture: The use of native stone and heavy timber, with rugged details such as the heavy struts supporting the porch, place this building within the tradition of National Park Service rustic architecture. Politics/Government: Construction of this hotel resulted from the cooperation of the state and federal government in an ambitious park development project involving the labor of both CCC and WPA relief workers. Social/Humanitarian: This project provided meaningful work relief for WPA laborers between December 1936 and January 1938, during the depths of the Great Depression. Recreation: The imposing lodge continues to function as a vital part of a popular Missouri state park.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Roaring River Ripples, January 23, 1938.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY QUADRANGLE NAME Eagle Rock, Mo. SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES *Less than one acre

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|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | <u>15</u> | <u>425400</u> | <u>4049550</u> | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property is contained within a rectangle centered on the above UTM reference point. The west line runs parallel to and 10' from the west wall of the building; the north line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building; the east wall runs parallel

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Bonnie Wright

ORGANIZATION _____

DATE _____

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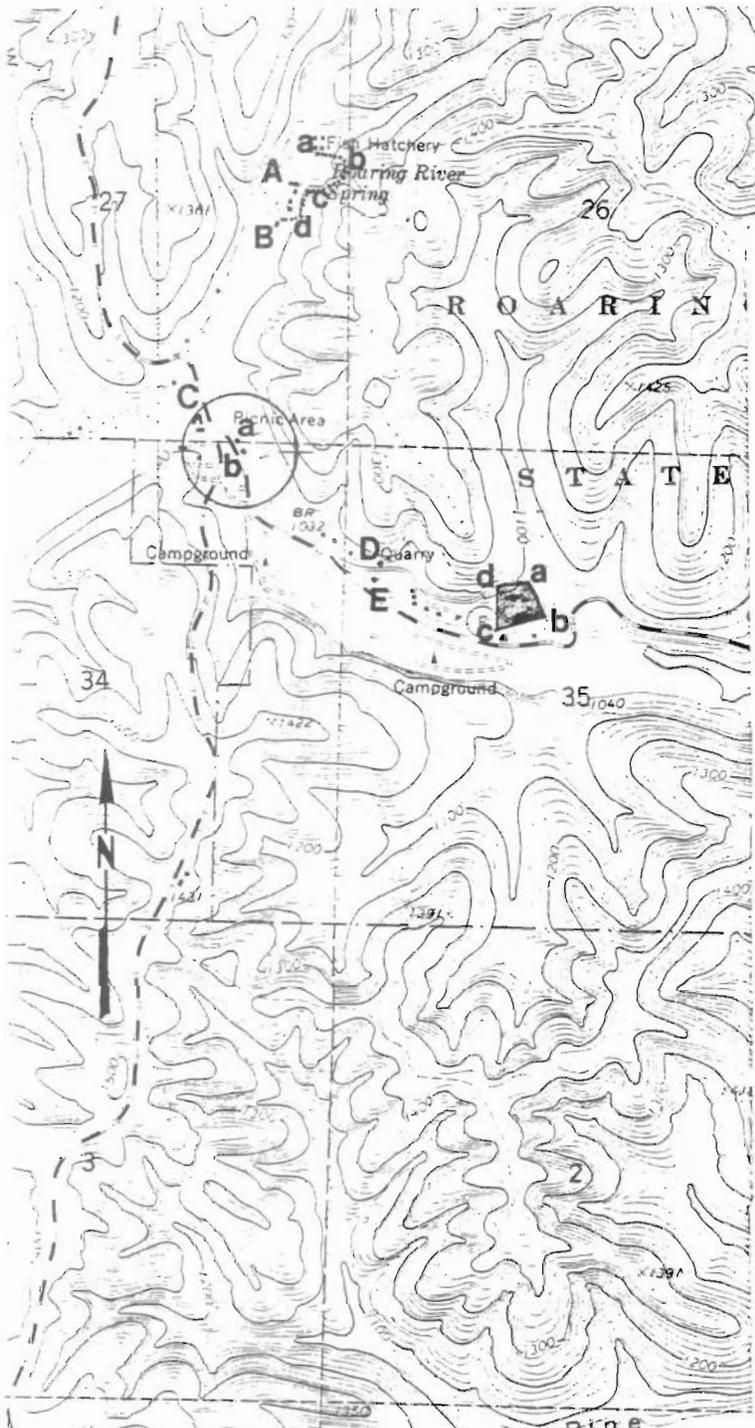
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store, originally served as a kitchen and dining room and occasionally as a ball room. The third floor contains eleven rooms that originally housed overnight guests. Plans have been formulated to return the second story to its original use and convert the third floor to additional dining space. With the exception of a new roof (1973) and the installation of new, but compatible, windows, the exterior remains substantially as it was in 1938, upon completion of the project by the WPA.

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and ten feet from the east wall of the building; and the south line runs parallel to and ten feet from the south wall of the building. The resulting rectangle, which measures 94' north-south by 70' east-west, forms a compact and convenient boundary for the building which is nestled against a steep bluff (on the eastern side of the building).



EMERGENCY CONSERVATION WORK ARCHITECTURE
IN MISSOURI STATE PARKS, (1933-1942) T.R.

Roaring River State Park
Barry County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Scale 1:24,000
EAGLE ROCK, MO Quadrangle (1974)

DEER LEAP TRAIL

- a. 15/425530/4049770
- b. 15/425630/4049710
- c. 15/425500/4049650
- d. 15/425480/4049570

HATCHERY DAM

- A. 15/425450/4049680

ROARING RIVER LODGE

- B. 15/425400/4049550

PICNIC AREA

- C. a. Rest Room 15/425280/4048810
- b. Shelter 15/425300/4048770

HONEYMOON CABIN

- D. 15/425740/4048400

CLUBHOUSE

- E. 15/425720/4048340

CAMP SMOKEY HISTORIC DISTRICT

- a. 15/426240/4048320
- b. 15/426290/4048210
- c. 15/426120/4048170
- d. 15/426140/4048310

